

Foundation Annual Report 2010-2011



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A Message from the Foundation President

The past year was one of change for the Foundation. In January 2011 we welcomed our new Fund Development Officer, Erin Helmer. Erin has had much success in raising support for very worthy causes in the health and arts fields and is very enthusiastic about being a bridge for change between our generous donors and children with special needs in our community.

This year we continued to build partnerships to raise funds supporting the work of Lansdowne Children's Centre. The Foundation was able to continue to support the Every Kids Counts program through donations of approx \$215,000. In addition we continue to raise funds for the Courtyard Playground Equipment Renewal Project.

Through the leadership of the Fund Development Officer new partnerships, revenue and gift streams continue to be established, including the generous "third party events" people hold for us.

Our recent 7th Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride continued with success. Despite threatening weather and a date right after Friday the 13th, we attracted over 200 participants. With their support, and that of many corporate sponsors we raised close to \$40,000.

We are very pleased to have wonderful support from the local media including Brant News, The Expositor, CKPC AM and FM. We are especially thankful for Brant News' support in hosting our first ever Auction. We are planning a second annual auction this fall and look forward to your participation.

A year doesn't go by that we don't receive overwhelming support from the Rotary Club of Brantford. Once again the "Great Northern Ride" led by our Culligan Man and friend Bob Caissie was a resounding success raising over \$150,000, with much of the proceeds supporting our Every Kid Counts Program. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Rotary Club of Brantford and their commitment to making a difference in the lives of the children and families in need of our services.

I would also like to thank the Foundation Board for their commitment to continuing to make a difference in the lives of the children and youth with special needs served by Lansdowne Children's Centre. As a Foundation board member I feel truly blessed to be part of this team. I get to see first hand everyday miracles and the pure joy that a child has when reaching a milestone. I have been there to witness triumphs and at time struggles that "our kids" experience everyday.

The past year was one of continued building for the Foundation. It takes time to build a program of consistent community support through various events and programs. We are well on our way, but there is still much to be done. Please continue to think of Lansdowne Children's Centre when deciding where your generosity should be placed. Every dollar raised goes to help many amazing children and youth to reach their full potential.

With warmest regards,

Bernard Neziol
LCC Foundation Board of Directors



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A Year In Review...

We are always amazed by the generous spirit and passion of Lansdowne Children's Centre donors. This was another inspiring year where donors made such a great difference in the lives of children and youth with special needs.

Although many Lansdowne Children's Centre programs and services are sustained by government funding the foundation's main focus is to support non-government funded programs like our Every Kid Counts (EKC) Program. EKC allows children and youth with special needs to have an equal opportunity to participate in local recreational programs of their choice.

Everyone should be able to try new things, challenge themselves and make new friends. EKC lets participants have a great time at summer camps, play little league, learn to cannonball into the water at swimming lessons, sell cookies at girl guides, make new friends in after school programs and get in touch with their creative side in an art class.



The Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation appreciates the many donors who generously support our kids. We are always grateful to The Rotary Club of Brantford for their support year after year and as well to the many donors who give corporately, individually or through a foundation grant. The LCC Foundation is also grateful to have a dedicated team of volunteers committed to families in our community.

On a special note we were delighted to benefit from the 11th Annual Great Northern Ride in memory of Amber Pelzer and are thrilled that Bob Caissie will keep this trek alive by leading the riders to Newfoundland in 2012!

It truly does not matter how large or small one's support is of the Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation. Every donation is used wisely to support "our kids". Our hopes are that in 2011-2012 we will be able to do more – and put even more big smiles on many wonderful little faces.

Memorials

The Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation gratefully acknowledges gifts received in memory and in honour of the following individuals:

In Memory

Cheryl McDermid, Amber Pelzer, George Mote, Isabel Solski, James Donald Deane

In Honour

Andy Foster

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The Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation respects the privacy of our donors and will only publicly acknowledge those donors who have provided consent. While every effort is taken to ensure the accuracy of our donor information, the Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation sincerely apologizes for any unintentional errors or omissions.

Mission Statement

The Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation supports Lansdowne Children's Centre by raising public awareness and the necessary funds to help children and youth with special needs and their families realize optimal potential.



The Lansdowne Children's Centre is a member of Imagine Canada's Ethical Code Program.

We value our donors and their contributions and are committed to safeguarding donor rights to the highest degree and ensuring our accountability in fundraising and financial practices.