



**P.A.C.E.**  
**Positive Action for Conductive Education®**  
**Annual Report 2001 - 2002**

## **Conductive Education® Children's Program**

Forty-three children with physical disabilities had the unique opportunity to participate in Conductive Education® Summer Camps in 2001-02. The camps were offered through chapters of Positive Action for Conductive Education in Ontario (P.A.C.E.) with the assistance of Ontario March of Dimes.

Ontario March of Dimes is providing administrative support and guidance to the seven P.A.C.E. in Ontario Chapters (located in Sudbury, Oshawa, Ottawa, London, Toronto, Mississauga and Niagara Falls). The administrative support includes: the creation of chapter guidelines and handbooks, the creation of application forms, the distribution of application forms and information packages to parents, relatives and friends, the sourcing and hiring of foreign conductors for the program, guidance on fundraising activities, organizing immigration and work visas for all of the conductors and the processing of applications, fees and donations.

Fourteen conductors were brought over from England and Hungary by Ontario March of Dimes on behalf of P.A.C.E. in Ontario to teach in the month-long programs.

This program would not have been possible without the generous financial assistance of the Toronto Dominion Bank which, for the second year in a row, donated \$20,000 to help Ontario March of Dimes provide administrative support to P.A.C.E. Ontario and to promote Conductive Education® programs for children in Ontario.

## **Key Developments**

- A half-day morning Conductive Education® program for toddlers with disabilities called, "Moms and Tots" introduced parents to the principles of Conductive Education® at the PACE Toronto Camp. The toddlers worked on important first steps towards independence which included: potty-training, independent sitting and the first steps towards walking with canes or a walker. This is the second year for this highly successful Early Years Intervention program and has prepared the pre-schoolers for kindergarten.
- The London PACE Chapter launched a long-term Conductive Education® program with a six-month pilot project with one conductor starting in April, 2001. The conductor has stayed in Canada and continues to offer small Parent and Child programs twice weekly and individual sessions for school-aged children with physical disabilities. The London Chapter hopes to continue this year-round program in a new facility next year with two full-time conductors.
- The Ottawa Chapter, in its second year, had 10 participants, many of whom have significant disabilities. Seven of the ten children returned from the 2000 Camp, and it was an exciting and tearful reunion for the parents and the children.
- The Durham Region Chapter ran the largest program with five conductors returning from the previous year. The Durham Chapter ended their summer program with a pool-party and pot-luck dinner.

## **2002-2003 Goals**

- OMOD to take over full operation of PACE in April 2002, at the request of the PACE Board.
- Expansion of the Early Years Initiative with funding from the Ministry of Community and Family Service in Toronto and CitiFinancial in Ottawa.
- Integration of the PACE program into OMOD facilities in Toronto and Ottawa to improve support to the programs.
- Expansion of children's services in Toronto beyond the summer months Fall, 2002.

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## Summary Financial Information

<i>Year ended March 31, 2002</i>	<b>2002</b>		2001
<b>Balance Sheet</b>			
Current assets	\$ 19,121	\$	27,462
Current Liabilities	(1,999)		(882)
Working Capital	\$ 17,122	\$	28,580
Capital Assets	\$ 1,915	\$	2,394
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>19,037</b>		<b>28,974</b>

**Board of Directors:**

Suzanne Clancy, *Chair*  
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**Executive Director:** Jerry Lucas

<b>Revenues</b>	\$ 95,940	\$	89,680
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 105,876	\$	87,368
Excess of expenses over revenues	\$ (9,936)	\$	2,312

Audited financial statements are available upon request.

