



# Annual Report 2002-2003

## Conductive Education® Children's Programs

### Key Developments

□ Ontario March of Dimes took over administration in April, 2002, at the request of the P.A.C.E.® Board, which then resigned.

□ For a third consecutive year, TD Canada Trust committed \$25,000 to fund the administration of P.A.C.E.® programs across Ontario.

□ In January, Ontario March of Dimes received a \$37,675 grant to help finance two, ten-week P.A.C.E.® programs in Ottawa for children with physical disabilities. The grant was made by CitiFinancial, a company that has been helping Canadians realize their financial goals since 1912. This grant will operate over two fiscal years.

□ The Toronto summer program was expanded in 2002 and CE is now offered year-round to children with physical disabilities.

□ The Early Years Challenge Fund, a program of the government of Ontario for kids six years old and under, committed \$46,000 to a Conductive Education® initiative. This grant will operate over two fiscal years.



Through P.A.C.E.®, Conductive Education® is continuing to expand in Ontario, offering more services to children with physical disabilities.

Forty-six children participated in Conductive Education®

summer camps of P.A.C.E.® in 2002-2003. The camps, which were offered through the support of Ontario March of Dimes, assisted children ages 3 to 13 achieve greater mobility and independence.

Ontario March of Dimes continues to provide support provincially to P.A.C.E.® and its chapters located in Oshawa, Ottawa, London and Toronto. Through the organization's administrative support and guidance, 15 conductors were brought over from England and Hungary to deliver month-long and long-term P.A.C.E.® programs.

These Children's program would not have been made possible without the generous financial support and contributions of many organizations, including **TD Canada Trust**, **CitiFinancial** and the **Government of Ontario's** Early Years Challenge Fund.

Thanks to their support, Conductive Education® can continue to help children with motor disorders such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, acquired brain injury and other motor based conditions.

### Goals 2003-2004

□ Continuation of the Toronto Early Years Pilot Program year-round.

□ Continuation of the children's program in Ottawa and further fostering the relationship with CitiFinancial.

□ Market CE to make it available to children with developmental apraxia, a new initiative that has achieved great success in the United Kingdom.

□ Increase participant numbers with the support of TD Canada Trust.