

2003-2004 ANNUAL REPORT



Year in Review

Ontario March of Dimes is one of the few organizations in the world to offer Conductive Education® (CE). The innovative program, that originated in Europe over 50 years ago, merges elements of education and rehabilitation to help people with motor disorders increase their independence and mobility.

In 1993, the organization assisted parents in organizing Positive Action for Conductive Education® (P.A.C.E.®) to promote, develop and deliver CE programs to children with physical disabilities across Ontario. Every summer, P.A.C.E.® chapters organize and operate programs in communities across the province. In 2003-2004, 48 children participated in CE summer camps in Toronto, Durham, London and Ottawa.

For the second consecutive year, the Toronto program expanded, offering year-round classes to children with physical disabilities, with new year-round programs established in London and Woodstock.

In the past fiscal year, financial and community support for the P.A.C.E.® program remained strong. CitiFinancial, a company that has been helping Canadians realize their financial goals since 1912, donated \$24,000 to the Ottawa program to help finance a ten-week class. This is in addition to their 2002 gift of \$37,675 to help administer and offer CE to more kids with physical disabilities. In the next fiscal year, the company will donate another \$33,500 to help start a six-month children's program in Kingston.

The Early Years Challenge Fund, a Government of Ontario program for children six-years-old and under, also provided funding support for CE. In total, the government has contributed \$46,000 over the past two fiscal years to help administer CE across the province.

In the next fiscal year, P.A.C.E.® and Ontario March of Dimes will begin to market CE aggressively to help create awareness both provincially and nationally. A television commercial featuring Leslie Nielsen, will be released as part of an overall plan to attract both clients and funders, especially where there is a need for CE programs. Plans are already in the works to launch children's programs in Windsor and Kingston in 2005-06.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Clancy
Chair

Jerry Lucas
President & C.E.O.

Financial Report

(A complete Auditor's Report is available upon request)

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004	2004	2003
Revenue	\$119,083	\$85,117
Expenses	122,460	115,114
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	(\$3,377)	(\$29,997)
Fund balances, beginning of year	(10,960)	19,037
Fund balances, end of year	(\$14,337)	(\$10,960)
Fund balances, end of year consists of:		
Operating Fund	12,964	12,302
London Chapter	(17,318)	(2,559)
Ottawa Chapter	(6,699)	(9,632)
Toronto Chapter	2,671	(12,086)
Durham Chapter	(5,995)	1,015
	(\$14,377)	(\$10,960)



Charlie Morgan, lead Conductor helps **Tony Barros** during a CE Class

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Wesley (center) is a participant in a Conductive Education® Class

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