

2015 Annual Report



EMPOWERING
people with disabilities



Caleb Hitchcock, 2015 Give a Kid a Lift recipient

2015 Highlights



MISSION

We provide services that foster inclusion, independence and recreation for individuals with disabilities and medical conditions.

CEO Message

In 2015, we celebrated many milestones including a 50th Anniversary at Easter Seals Camp Horizon, the 40th Anniversary at Easter Seals McQueen Residence, and the launch of a new event in partnership with the Children's Hospital Aid Society called *Woman2Warrior* in Calgary.

Construction of the second dormitory at Easter Seals Camp Horizon finished just in-time for our annual Christmas Camp where 59 adults with disabilities had the chance to experience the magic of the holiday season including a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

It's incredible to think that over 50 years ago, a small group of volunteers with the Kinsmen Club of Calgary were looking for somewhere to build a specialized camp for kids in the foothills of Rocky Mountains; over 40 years ago the first group home for people with physical disabilities in Canada opened its doors; and how many lives have been changed because of the generosity and dedication of our staff, volunteers, donors, community partners and supporters who have made a difference.

2015 also brought a season of economic change – the province suffered a major downturn and many of our long-term corporate and individual friends, supporters and event participants have been impacted negatively. We pledge to strive

to continue to provide service to those who need it and trust that others will come along to make it financially viable to do so until we have weathered this recession.

We also lost a champion in 2015 with the passing of our Honorary Chairman, JC Anderson. He lived a long, passionate and wonderful life and we consider ourselves very privileged to have had his generous support to redevelop our camp. His legacy will live on and be honoured through the joy experienced by the campers in the beautiful facilities his leadership has enabled and through his annual golf tournament to continue the vision he had for Easter Seals.

We are "better together" and we look forward to 2016 with deep appreciation for all of the staff, volunteers, Board members and sponsors, donors and supporters who are determined to ensure we continue to inspire potential, build community and enrich the lives of the Albertans with disabilities and medical conditions. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of you. The evidence of our success lies in the smiles of the campers, clients and families we serve.

Susan Boivin
EASTER SEALS ALBERTA, CEO



VISION

Inspiring Potential
Building Community
Enriching Lives



Programs

The **Easter Seals Equipment and Support Services Program (ESS)** is a core service of the organization providing individuals of all ages with vital equipment needed to enhance mobility and provide independence and community integration. We were able to provide clients with 216 pieces of equipment including power wheelchairs, scooters, hospital beds, lift assist chairs, porch lifts, and stair lifts at a cost of \$460,100. Eighty-eight of those items were recycled at a cost of \$45,615

resulting in a cost savings of more than \$288,719.

The **Give a Kid a Lift Program** entered its fifth year. The Hitchcock family received an elevator in their home for their six-year-old son Caleb through the Give a Kid a Lift program. Caleb was born with a condition called "Polymicrogyria", an atypical brain malformation which causes Caleb to have multiple types of seizures and he requires a

2015 Highlights



Easter Seals
Camp Horizon
celebrated it's
50th Anniversary
in 2015.

Programs (continued)

wheelchair for mobility. Now Caleb can access all of the levels of his home safely thanks to our community partners: Canwest Elevator & Lifts, Garaventa Lifts, Manson Construction and Rewind Custom Homes and Renovations.

Easter Seals McQueen Residence continues to be the home of nine adults with physical disabilities in Edmonton. Plans for a newly renovated kitchen are still in the works and we are actively fundraising.

Easter Seals Camp Horizon saw hundreds of familiar camper faces as well as many new ones. Société Camp Liberté Society – Canadian Dermatology Association and Camp Everest South – Pediatric Neurosurgery Alberta Children's Hospital joined us as new partner organizations. For the first time we hosted youth aged 7 – 17 who have been a part of the Alberta's Children's Hospital Neurosurgery department. We also hosted Camp Liberté, a specialized camp program for campers who have dermatological conditions.

The **Phyllis Davidson Scholarship Program** offers post-secondary academic scholarships to students living with physical disabilities. The scholarship was created in loving memory of Phyllis Davidson and helps ease the financial responsibility of post-secondary schooling.

Eleven scholarship recipients are pursuing various studies including community rehabilitation, psychology, political science, natural sciences, and communications and human resources.

Our **Speakers in Schools Program** was delivered to 1,537 students in 23 different schools and venues. This program brings people with physical disabilities into Alberta High Schools to speak to grade 11 students about the importance of staying in school, overcoming adversity and how to interact with people who have a disability. Students come away with a greater understanding and compassion for everyone living in their community.



Easter Seals Youth Ambassadors

Every year our organization chooses two ambassadors – one for Northern Alberta and one for Southern Alberta to tell our story at events and help build awareness from a personal point of view on the difference Easter Seals is making in people's lives every day.

In 2015, we were very well represented by Alessandro Simpatico and Nicole Wuetherick who attended dozens of events with donors, volunteers, fundraising participants and media partners, and did a stellar job of putting a face to the services Easter Seals provides.



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2015 Financial Statements

Independent Auditor's Report

February 1, 2016, Edmonton, Alberta

To the Directors of
Easter Seals Alberta Society:

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at October 31, 2015, and the summary results from operations for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of the Easter Seals Alberta Society for the year ended October 31, 2015. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated February 1, 2016.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Easter Seals Alberta Society.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis described in Note 1.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Easter Seals Alberta Society for the year ended October 31, 2015 are a fair summary of those financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1.

Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP

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Chartered Accountants

Summary Financial Statements

Easter Seals Alberta Society Year ended October 31, 2015

RESULTS FROM OPERATIONS	2015	2014 RESTATED
REVENUES		
Fundraising campaigns and events	\$ 2,802,266	\$ 2,824,699
Recreation camp	926,797	837,191
Residential home	798,037	790,247
Equipment Support Services	303,263	298,322
Investment income	56,012	101,093
Other revenue	3,697	2,387
Estates/bequests		119,852
	4,890,072	4,973,791

EXPENDITURES		
Programs and services	3,178,035	3,003,362
Fundraising campaigns and events	772,689	709,923
General administration	642,800	563,938
Amortization	516,251	544,715
Contributions to registered charitable organizations	186,547	125,287
	5,296,322	4,947,225

(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (406,250)	\$ 26,566
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FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 3,035,848	\$ 5,388,481
Other current assets	349,783	427,820
Property and equipment	7,968,901	5,567,459
Estates/bequest investments	157,349	148,959
	\$ 11,511,881	\$ 11,532,719

LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 231,666	\$ 295,235
Deferred revenue	7,757,073	5,361,723
Externally restricted contributions	1,860,631	3,807,000
	9,849,370	9,463,958

NET ASSETS

Stabilization reserve fund	590,000	590,000
Investment in property and equipment	243,403	250,758
Estate/bequest contributions internally restricted	724,108	1,123,003
Endowment funds	105,000	105,000
	1,662,511	2,068,761
	\$ 11,511,881	\$ 11,532,719

NOTE 1

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements. The summary financial statements are comprised of the summary statement of financial position and the summary results of operations, and do not include any other schedules, a summary of significant accounting policies or the notes to the financial statements. The summary statement of financial position and the summary results of operations are presented with the same amounts as the audited financial statements, but certain balances have been combined and all the note referencing has been removed.

Finances

Easter Seals Alberta Society Year ended October 31, 2015

The Financial Statements of Easter Seals Alberta Society for the year ended October 31, 2015 are audited by Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP, Chartered Accountants.

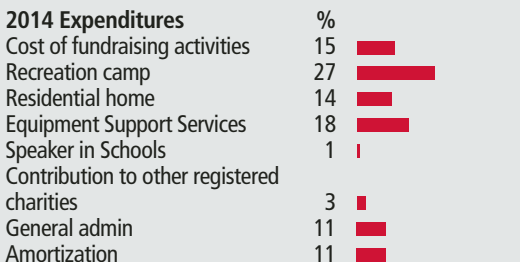
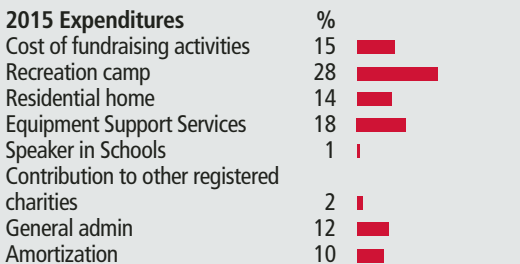
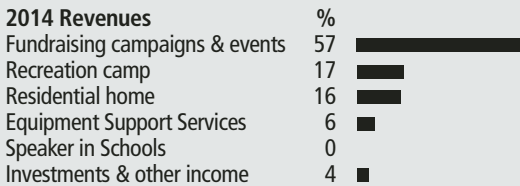
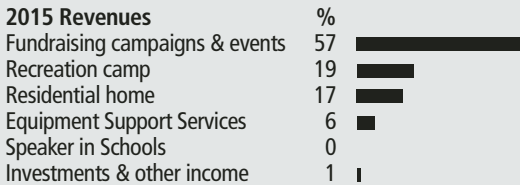
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The tables and charts below summarize the operating results and distribution of revenue and expenditures.

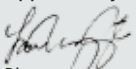
SUMMARY OF OPERATING RESULTS (\$-000's) 2015 2014

Total revenue	4,889	4,974
Total expenditures	5,296	4,947
(Deficit) / surplus	(407)	27

DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM / SERVICES



Approved by the Board


Director


Director

2015 Board of Directors

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2015 Annual Awards

GLEN MATHESON AWARD

The Tenaquip Foundation

BARRY MAGUIRE ORDER OF MERIT

Edmonton Community Foundation

CORPORATE AWARDS

Lloyd Sadd Insurance Brokers Ltd.

Shoppers Home Health Care

Booster Juice

PLAQUES OF RECOGNITION

Harriet Tinka

William D. Cuts Junior High School

Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable

Assistance Fund

JOHN KITTLER VOLUNTEERISM AWARD

Kevin Karius

FORMER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF

ALBERTA HONOURABLE NORMAN

KWONG AWARD

John Barlow

PRESIDENTS' AWARD (2014)

Kinsmen Club of Calgary

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP AWARD

Krystal Maher

Jill McCann

Thank You For Your Support

LEGACY GIFTS

Estate of Albert Barker
Estate of Gabe Dube
Estate of Dennett Arnold
Estate of William Rebeyka

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS

Alberta Culture & Tourism, Community Initiatives Program
Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission
Alberta Health Services, Supportive Living
Alberta Human Services, Disability Services
Canada Summer Jobs, Government of Canada
Enabling Accessibility Fund, Government of Canada

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Anonymous
Anonymous Family Legacy Fund at The Calgary Foundation
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ATB Financial
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Calgary Home Builders Foundation
Friends of We Care Foundation Inc.
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LEADERSHIP

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Booster Juice
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Darrell & Laurie Szczerba
Douglas W. Davidson
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Edmonton Community Foundation
Global Calgary TV
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The Tenaquip Foundation

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98.5 VIRGIN Radio and Funny 1060 AM
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Motion Specialties Calgary
Paul Kane High School
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Petroamerica Oil Corp.
Prism Flow Products Inc.
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Seashell Foundation at the Aqueduct Foundation
Glenn & Kathy Sorensen
Robert Holmes
St. Paul's Foundation
SynCon Management Ltd.
Telus Corporation
Vogogo Inc.

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Calgary Catholic Teachers Charities Association
Calgary Co-Operative Association Ltd.
Campers Village
Canadian Real Estate Investment Trust (CREIT)
Dale & Diane Briske
Dian & N.K. Eldeiry
The Dinner Optimist Club of Calgary
Donmar Foundation
Michael Dyer
Edmonton Castledowns Lions Club
Enerplus Corporation
Evolution Presentation Technologies Ltd.
The Foundation for Seniors' Care – Hearts of Excellence
The Harold E. Ballard Foundation
Robert J. Holmes
Kinsmen Club of Okotoks
Lignum Interiors Inc.
Lloyd Sadd Insurance Brokers
OPUS Corporation
Peavey Mart Division of Peavey Industries Limited
Rotary Club of Calgary North
Shaw Media Inc.
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