2004 - 2005 Annual Report

POSITIVE ACTION FOR CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION (P.A.C.E.)

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#### Year in Review

**O**ntario March of Dimes currently runs one of the largest Conductive Education<sup>®</sup> (CE) programs in respect to concentration of Conductors internationally, according to Andrew Sutton of the National Institute of Conductive Education. CE merges elements of educational theory and rehabilitation to assist children and adults with motor neurological disorders maximize their independence and mobility.

During the 2004-2005 fiscal year P.A.C.E. has not only continued to offer summer camp programs to children with physical disabilities, but continued to run and expand year round programs in Toronto, London, Woodstock and Ottawa. Not only was a new March Break program offered in Toronto, London and Woodstock, but also Intensive and Individual Programs during September, December and June. An office space was located and established as a permanent location for the London program. The CE summer camp programs were a success, numbers increasing from 48 children the previous year to 83 this fiscal year. Programs were held in Toronto, London, Woodstock, Keswick, Ottawa and the Durham Region. Thirty-three children participated in Toronto, 9 in Durham, 18 in London and Woodstock, 3 in Keswick, 11 in Ottawa and 9 in the Durham Region.

The Ottawa Chapter experienced some difficulties due to the lack of a Conductor. An Intensive Program was run for 4 children in December by a Toronto Conductor to compensate families, and a new Conductor for Ottawa was hired to start during the 2005-2006 summer program. Additionally, \$5,000 was received from Minto Corporation for the Ottawa program. In Kingston, \$33,500 was donated by CitiFinancial, a company that has been helping Canadians realize their financial goals since 1912. Their funds originally started a six-month children's program and this partnership has continued since 2002. In Kingston, a pilot was run in which 2 children and 1 adult participated. Plans for the next fiscal year include having the Ottawa Conductor travel to Kingston to continue to provide CE to this community.

In general, it was a very busy year for the CE Department. End of session reports were standardized and the first set are planned to go out from all locations the beginning of the new fiscal year. Reports must include goals that are set out before the beginning of the session. As well, restructuring within the CE program now includes creating and hiring for the position of Provincial Lead Conductor. Plans were formulated and are to be carried into the next fiscal year regarding re-structuring of positions, re-building and strengthening of P.A.C.E. Advisory Committees and updating the P.A.C.E. Advisory Committee Handbook. Staff numbers also continued to increase to meet demand, two Conductors were hired for the London/Woodstock Chapter and an additional Conductor was added to the Toronto team.

While P.A.C.E. has been expanding provincially it has also started expanding nationally. Presentations were given to groups in Vancouver and Halifax, and interest was expressed by numerous individuals to start programs. The next fiscal year will see P.A.C.E. and Ontario March of Dimes continue to market CE provincially and nationally, and establish permanent locations.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Clancy Chair

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Jerry Lucas President and C.E.O

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## **Financial Report**

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

#### POSITIVE ACTION FOR CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION

Summarized Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances March 31, 2005, with comparative figures for 2004

	2005	2004
Revenue	\$261,181	\$119,083
Expenses	272,773	\$122,460
Excess of revenue over expenses	(11,592)	(3,377)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	(14,337)	(10,960)
Excess of revenue over expenses	(25,929)	(14,337)
Fund balances, end of year consists of:		
Operating Fund	23,605	12,964
London Chapter	(53,192)	(17,318)
Ottawa Chapter	(7,025)	(6,699)
Toronto Chapter	10,787	2,671
Durham Chapter	(105)	(5,955)
	(25,929)	(14,337)



Left to Right: Kalea, Kristen, Alex, Laurie and Eszter



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Front to Back: Cameron & Charlie



Left to Right: Asha and Megan

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