

Prism Centre
for Audiology & Children's Rehabilitation

2008
Annual
Report

1948 - 2008

Celebrating
60 years!



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It gives me great pleasure to extend best wishes to all – on this special occasion, the PRISM Centre's 60th Anniversary.

As the new medical director (for the past year) of the PRISM Centre, I am proud of the many services offered here for our community. When I first came to the Chatham-Kent area 11 years ago – the presence of a children's rehabilitation and treatment centre in town was a key feature in my decision to make Chatham my preferred place to practice medicine. I have not been disappointed.

The staff at the PRISM Centre continue to shine in their enthusiasm and ability to make a difference in the lives of children and their caregivers. As one of the four paediatricians in Chatham-Kent, I think I speak for all of us, when I say that we are proud to be a part of such a dynamic centre.



Kent County Cerebral Palsy Training Centre was the originated in 1948, located on Tweedsmuir Street in Chat-

Chairperson of the Board—Guyanne Smoke

In 1948 the Parents Association for Cerebral Palsied Children was founded by a group of parents. Today, I am so proud to be part of the 60th anniversary celebration of what we now recognize as the Prism Centre for Audiology and Children's Rehabilitation.

This year, the Centre has demonstrated its commitment to increasing community capacity building while simultaneously increasing the use of the facility, such as making our therapeutic pool available to diverse groups and members of our community.

Donna Litwin-Makey has had a full year as our Executive Director and as expected she has proven to be a remarkable leader for the Centre. Thank you Donna; your multi-tasking abilities and devotion are invaluable to us.

Many thanks to each of our supporters, volunteers and devoted staff. Your generosity and dedication throughout the years ensures on-going availability and expansion of programs and services.

I would like to acknowledge and thank every member of the Foundation. Their commitment has been demonstrated through their continued development, their tireless efforts and successful fundraising initiatives. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to our Board of Directors. We have addressed some wonderful, sometimes frightening but always exciting transformations within the Centre as a cohesive team. I look forward to working with all of you in the next year.

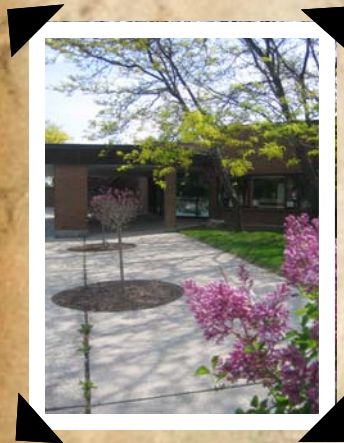
Executive Director—Donna Litwin-Makey

In the spirit of our birthday and further growth, the Centre has reached a new milestone with a record 3,063 different individuals receiving service this past year. This growth coincides with implementation of a significant outreach program through Best Start. Therapy staff have reorganized into geographical teams for a combination of both centre and rural services covering 2,470 square kilometers.

With support from the Ministry and Municipality, and strengthened by the Prism Foundation, the Centre has been confident in welcoming new staff while expanding and integrating services. Inspired by client and family goals, we look forward to celebrating abilities with our community and continuing our growth to form a Centre of Excellence.



The Kent County Children's Treatment Centre at their new location on Eugenie Street, which today is Radiane Massage Therapy and Spa.



Present location of the Prism Centre for Audiology & Children's Rehabilitation.

Financial Highlights—Joe Dawson

I am pleased to report the following highlights.

Core programs were delivered without the need for a transfer from the capital fund.

- Various administrative positions were changed or eliminated resulting in significant savings. All staffing changes were made through attrition.
- A maternity leave vacancy also contributed to the reduction in expenses.
- New programs from Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities plus the Workplace Safety Insurance Board allowed for the addition of two temporary support staff positions.
- New Best Start funding resulted in the establishment of outreach programs.
- Funding from the municipality and province allowed for the purchase of supplies and equipment for the new hub locations.
- Funding also covered enhancements to increase front line services and transportation costs for therapists to deliver service at various locations in the community.
- Capital Fund programs contributed an increase of \$ 100,000 compared to last year, primarily due to the work of the Foundation.