EASTER SEALS BRITISH COLUMBIA/YUKON

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



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Easter Seals BC/Yukon is a service of the BC Lions Society For Children With Disabilities.



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# **Celebrating 75 Years**

How It All Began



# 1946

Louis Toban, project chairman for the Vancouver East Lions Club, announced a province wide campaign to raise funds for sick and disabled children through the sale of Easter Seals. The Seals were valued at fifty for a dollar and were mailed to almost every home in BC.



# 1947





the community to help local families, and in 1947, began to help transport children with disabilities to medical appointments, school and other activities. This was the beginning of the 'Bunny Bus' transportation system that was run for decades by the Society and grew to a fleet of 128 buses. The system was eventually brought under the provincial government and is today known as Handy Dart.

After this campaign, the Vancouver East Lions Club saw a greater need in

# 1952

Lions Clubs and other community leaders formally established the BC Society for Crippled Children, known today as BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities and operated under the name Easter Seals BC & Yukon.

# 2022

Now in it's 75th year, Easter Seals BC & Yukon, a service of the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities, is one of British Columbia's legacy charities operating for over six decades to provide programs and services to better the lives of children and adults with disabilities, and those in need of medical accommodation when traveling to Vancouver.

# **Over 1.1 million**

children, adults and families have been helped through transportation services, Easter Seals Camps, educational classes, Easter Seals House, post-secondary bursaries at regional colleges and universities, community access services, and patient care programs.

# 75 years ago, Easter Seals BC/Yukon was founded on the vision of community support and connection.

In 1947, the Vancouver East Lions Club saw a need in their community to help local families —a vision that was both innovative and forward thinking. At that time, many families of children with disabilities had difficulties with transportation to medical appointments and schools, so the Lions Club established what was called the Bunny Bus transportation system (known today as Handy Dart), and a few years later in 1952, formally established the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities.

Today, community support and connection continues to be at the heart of everything we do at Easter Seals. It centres us as we move through the outcomes of the pandemic, it guides us in the programming we deliver, and it is in the forefront of our strategies as we look ahead in building a strong, sustainable future.

This year's annual report highlights how we continue to work in enhancing the quality of life of persons living with disabilities and for those traveling to Vancouver in need of medical accommodation.

Last summer we were thrilled to open up overnight camp to everyone across BC and the Yukon after being closed for two years due to the pandemic. Our online classes that were developed to provide vital social connection when we pivoted our programming as a result of Covid-19 closures, continued throughout the year and are now a permanent enhancement to our camp programming.

Accommodation at Easter Seals House continued to remain in high demand, despite changes in health care delivery that moved to an online appointment system. We had 22,963 guests stay with us this past year, demonstrating that there is still a great need to provide affordable travel accommodation.

We also opened up Easter Seals House to respite stays for parents, caregivers and families needing a break to rest and relax. Taking care of a person with a disability can be mentally, physically and emotionally exhausting, and add with that the stop of services due to the pandemic, we knew that Easter Seals House could help provide respite—something families were looking for and needed.

Beyond the work showcased in this report, the past year was also marked with opportunity and growth. We developed a long term partnership with Mulgrave School that allows Camp Squamish to be utilized year round and become an important resource for local and regional schools and community groups.

Easter Seals head office also went through a renovation to allow for improved meeting and classroom space to accommodate enhanced program delivery being developed for educational, vocational, health and wellness classes.

It has been an exciting year, and we invite you to learn more about our work, our partners and our stewardship of charitable funds, and to join with us in making an impact in our communities for another 75 years.

Lisa Beck Chief Executive Officer/President

John Davies Board Chair

# **Our Impact**

At Easter Seals we believe in possibilities. We believe that people with disabilities can do anything when given the chance.

# **Our Mission**

Inspire communities across BC and Yukon to support, and enable access for, individuals with disabilities.

# Who We Are

Easter Seals BC & Yukon is one of British Columbia's legacy charities and is operated by the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities.

Easter Seals started as a simple transportation service for children with disabilities by the Vancouver East Lions Club in 1947, and has evolved to meet the changing needs of communities today. For 75 years, we have been committed to enhancing the quality of life of persons living with disabilities and those traveling to Vancouver for medical treatment.

The biggest thing camp does is give me piece of mind I can't even describe. Whether it's a week away, or a one-hour class, I am so happy that Tina has time that is just about her. It gives her an opportunity to break away from life with a disability and her routines at home that are all about her care.

-NANSEY, MOTHER OF TINA WHO HAS CEREBRAL PALSY



# **One in five**

(22%) Canadians aged 15 years and over has one or more disabilities. In British Columbia and the Yukon, approximately 750,000 adults and 26,000 children have a disability.





22,963

total guest stays at Easter Seals House



89

people joined us for family camps



192

hours of online classes were provided to children and adults with disabilities



100%

of Compass participants said they felt they could challenge themselves to do something outside their comfort zone.





731 campers registered for summer programs



100%

of Compass participants were able to learn how to set goals for themselves



221 donors became Drop Zone Superheroes





communities were served by **Easter Seals House** 





of families surveyed said they would recommend Easter Seals Camps to other families who have children with disabilities



of Compass participants were able to create a healthy meal at the end of the program



# Belonging & Engagement



# **Easter Seals House**

### **A LIFELINE**

When the Society was formally established in 1952, the Lions Clubs saw the need to offer accommodation for anyone who needed to travel to Vancouver for medical attention. Funds were raised, and in 1955, the first Easter Seals House was built with units for five guests and families.

Today, the House has grown to 49 units and has become a lifeline for people across BC and Yukon that need access to Vancouver hospitals. It's a place that helps relieve families of the stress and financial burden of finding somewhere to stay in an expensive, and unfamiliar city.

### **A PLACE OF RESPITE**

Easter Seals House has opened its door as a place of respite for parents and caregivers of persons with disabilities. The strength, compassion and patience caregivers put in to their loved ones can be mentally, physically and emotionally exhausting. Taking a break is important for everyone's well-being. At Easter Seals House, parents and caregivers can choose it as a time away for themselves, or choose to bring their family members and escape their daily routine.



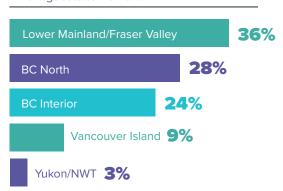
## LOBBY RENOVATIONS

Easter Seals House received a facelift with a renovation to the entrance and lobby. New flooring was put in at the front door entrance and in the elevators, and a fresh coat of paint has made it a lovely and welcoming environment to greet guests.

It would be a totally different experience for us if we were staying in a hotel. Every time we meet a family and have connected with them. We see them around town now and are able to connect with families that are going through a similar situation as us.

-MARUSIA, MOTHER (YUKON)

### Where quests came from:



# **Overnight Camp**

### EVERYONE DESERVES A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

For parents of a child with a disability, caregiving can be 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's emotionally and physically demanding, with many different pieces that go into planning and maintaining care.

Now imagine a child who couldn't go to summer camp because of the challenges of caregiving. At Easter Seals Camps, that's not the case.

Easter Seals Camps have a three-to-one camper-tostaff ratio, a 24-hour medical team on-site, and camp counsellors trained specifically to work with persons with physical and cognitive disabilities.

Camps are fully-accessible, so all campers, no matter what disability, can try any activity—activities that might not have been accessible to them before.

# 12 Weeks of Camp 406 Campers

**566** The week of camp is the highlight of my year. It's my holiday away from home and programs. I enjoy the accepting environment letting me be who I am and able to express my feelings through vocalization. It's always a positive experience.

-HAYLEE, AGED 28 AND HAS ANGELMAN SYNDROME

# For Dillon and his family, summer camp opened up a new world.

We thought our son would never have a camp experience, something that is so important for any child growing up. That is until he went to Easter Seals summer camp when he was nine years old.

It's such a fun, safe environment, and Dillon absolutely loves it. He's been going for 10 years.

At camp, they don't hear the word no, which is what they hear a lot of when navigating the world around them. Here they can try any activity because it's set up to be accessible and the staff are trained to work with all abilities and needs. And if a camper is nervous to try something, there is such a supportive environment.

Sending a child to camp is also a chance to give parents a time to refresh and recharge. It was scary the first time he was away from home and by the time our nerves settled down, it was time to pick him up. But I'm so glad we did it because as important as it is for Dillon, it became just as important for our whole family.

# -BARB, MOTHER OF 19-YEAR-OLD DILLON (BELOW), WHO HAS DOWN SYNDROME.



# **Family Camp**

### **RECONNECTING AS A FAMILY**

Camp Squamish and Camp Winfield held three family camps over the spring and summer, giving families a chance to enjoy time away from home, doctor appointments and the stresses that day to day life with a disability can bring.

Each weekend is full of activities that help families bond with each other and with other families facing similar circumstances. They have fun on the big swing, climb the rock wall, swim at Alice Lake in Squamish, take part in arts and crafts, talent shows and everyone's favourite activity— Family Feud.

It's a time to relax, reconnect and be together as a family.



It definitely felt like a break for us. It's time away to relax and be together. And you don't have to cook!

### -CAMP FAMILY

people enjoyed a weekend away at family camp

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# **Virtual Camp**

# BUILDING SOCIAL INTERACTIONS AND CONNECTION

Online programming continues to provide vital social connection and learnings for those with disabilities who cannot attend in-person, overnight camps. It is an important lifeline for so many who come to connect, laugh and play with their peers.

Virtual camp is a unique camp experience that allows for children, youth and adults to have personal, genuine camp connections online.

At virtual camp, campers spend a week with their peers doing interactive games, physical activity, crafts, cooking, virtual field trips, plus traditions of camp like campfire sing-alongs and talent shows.

**30** Virtual Camp Days

# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: **BC EGG**

For a third year in a row, BC Egg helped give children and adults with disabilities access to immersive summer camp online programming and virtual field trips.

I really like the Zoom Camps and I am doing the Compass Program and learning about being an adult! I feel proud! I am working on having conversations, not being too shy and talking more.

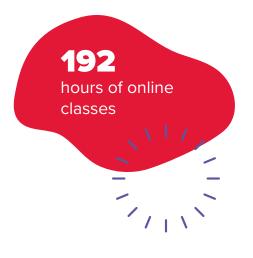
-AVIV (RIGHT), AGE 24 AND HAS DOWN SYNDROME, DIABETES AND AN UNKNOWN BONE DISEASE in success a success of

# **Online Classes**

## SOCIAL INTERACTION

Good social support from peers helps with mental health, and is especially important among those with disabilities who have a harder time finding peers and getting out in their communities.

Online classes are run from September through May and provide a safe place where children, youth and adults with disabilities can connect from the comfort of their home. From classes on art and fitness, to dance and social clubs, they provide social connection and learnings in a fun, supportive online environment.



Having online classes is a blessing for Tina and our family. We are so grateful to Easter Seals for creating more opportunities for Tina and other people with disabilities. It's been a wonderful opportunity to be able to do Easter Seals online activities and not worry about the stress to take her out of our home.

-NANSEY, MOTHER OF TINA (LEFT) WHO HAS **CEREBRAL PALSY** 

# **City Adventure Day Camp**

# **BUILDING CONFIDENCE, SKILLS** AND CONNECTIONS

The City Adventure Day Camp program empowers participants with opportunities to have fun, push their boundaries, and build on their skills and confidence. Through educational day trips, participants get the chance to interact with their peers, try new activities and explore their city.

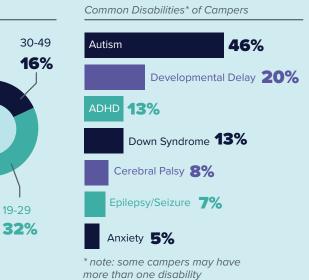
This program helps to create a foundation needed for successful longer-term experiences away from home. The day camp experience gives participants a chance to build independence and autonomy away from parents and caregivers, while still being able to return home at the end of each day.

# All About Easter Seals Camps

Camper age:

6-18

52%



# 199

spots were filled for the City Adventure Day Camp in Vancouver, Kelowna and for our first year in Surrey.

After attending **City Adventure Day** Camp, 45% said they felt confident they could take public transportation by themselves

Campers joined us from all over:



# **Educational Programs**

### WRAP-AROUND INTERVENTIONS

Easter Seals established a new department—Client Services—to develop educational, health, vocational and wellness programming to help enhance and better the lives of persons living with disabilities.

Client Services' programming seeks to provide wrap-around interventions responsive to the specific needs of persons with disabilities in childhood and beyond. In the first couple of years, the programming will be focused on the critical years when youth transition out of school in to employment and community programs, and the support they need to establish their lives as independent, empowered adults.

### COMPASS

Two online sessions of this 3-month program ran in



the Fall and Winter. Participants took classes three times a week learning life skills needed to live as independent, empowered adults who are better prepared for school, work and independent living. Upon completion of all sessions, participants are able to take their next steps whether that be training, further education, vocational skills training, GED preparation, or employment.



*It's been great seeing our son prosper and have so much fun. Easter Seals camps and programs have dedicated professionals committed to making it an enjoyable experience.* 

-VIOLET, MOTHER OF GARRISON (AGE 24) A GRADUATE OF COMPASS

# At the end of the class, 100% of participants said:

- I can describe my strengths.
- I can challenge myself to do something outside of my comfort zone.
- I feel hopeful about my future.
- I can create a healthy meal.
- I set goals for myself.
- I have a peer support network.
- I am comfortable asking for support from my peers.
- I know how to take care of myself.



# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: *RBC*

RBC is in their second year of a three-year investment of \$75,000 to help bring the Compass Program to our community. Their investment comes through the RBC Foundation in support of RBC Future Launch.

# **Post-Secondary Awards**

A number of educational awards have been established and are available to help benefit youth with disabilities looking to pursue post-secondary educations. These awards are administered by the post secondary schools and information on criteria and eligibility are available directly from the schools.

Institutions include: BCIT, Northern Lights College, Selkirk College, Thompson Rivers University, University of the Fraser Valley, Vancouver Community College and Vancouver Island University.

**Thank you so much for the** generous bursary. Although I am from Prince George originally, I have been enjoying the Kootenay life and find Selkirk to be a fantastic school. I'm working towards a career in medicine and this bursary will cover the costs of my text book and help me take fewer shifts over the semester and focus on studying. I truly appreciate your support!

-ANNE M., A BC LIONS SOCIETY ADVANCED EDUCATION FUND RECIPIENT



Every British Columbian deserves the opportunity to pursue post-secondary training and education to reach their goals. But with 22% of adults in BC identifying as living with a disability, this means a potentially large number of people struggle with unnecessary barriers to training and education.

# **Compassion in Action**

# **Drop Zone**

In September 2022, there were 221 participants who accepted the Drop Zone challenge to step up, face their fears, and rappel down a towering highrise building—and they took the challenge like true Superheroes.

The event was the 17th year in Vancouver, 4th year in Surrey, and 2nd in Burnaby and Kelowna. Collectively the events raised an incredible \$248,285 to further support programs and services for children and adults with disabilities.

## Partner Spotlight: HAVAN

HAVAN's relationship with Easter Seals began three years ago when they took part in their first Drop Zone event. This year their team had an amazing 37 members who rappelled, and with the help from their donors, they raised an incredible \$36,525.

But that's not all. Thanks to support from their community, two new teams came on board. Team Taymor raised \$3,700, and Team Retrofits raised \$29,005 thanks to funds matched by Centra Cares Foundation.

## **TOP 3 HAVAN HERO FUNDRAISERS**

Charan Sethi, Tien Sher Group of Companies **\$5,000** 

Justine Nadia, HAVAN **\$2,646** 

Nick Bray, Nick Bray Architecture Ltd. **\$2,221** 

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS:

Odlum Brown Limited (Vancouver Presenting Sponsor), Prospera Credit Union (Surrey Presenting Sponsor), Oxford Properties, Central City, Blackwood Partners, Burnaby Board of Trade, Metropolis at Metrotown, Metrotower Office Complex, Landmark District, Stober Foundation, Landmark District, GRM Inc., Global BC, 93.7 JR FM, 102.7 The Peak, Virgin Radio 99.9, Kelowna Now, Climb Base 5, Gneiss Climbing and Tacten.

## VANCOUVER

17th Year September 8, 2022 Participants: 60 Funds Raised: \$88,952



### BURNABY

2nd Year September 13, 2022 Participants: 75 Funds Raised: \$65,874

## SURREY

4th Year September 16, 2022 Participants: 38 Funds Raised: \$28,549

## **KELOWNA**

2nd Year September 20, 2022 Participants: 48 Funds Raised: \$64,910







# **Community Events**

## **BC SNOWMOBILE FEDERATION**

The BC Snowmobile Federation and its member clubs have partnered with Easter Seals as its charity of choice since 1978, raising over \$4 million through Snowarama—their official charitable fundraising event.

Snowarama is a family-oriented fundraising event in which snowmobilers organize poker runs, rallies, and scavenger hunt fundraisers in support of Easter Seals programs and services. In 2022, five clubs across the province raised \$34,154.

- Kamloops Snowmobile Association
- Lumby Mabel Lake Snowmobile Association
- Kelowna Snowmobile Association
- Hunters Range Snowmobile Association
- North Island Snowmobile Association

## **MUSIC FOR LOVE CHARITY CONCERT**

Grade 9 students, Harry, Michael, Owen, Samuel and Eddy, from St. George's School in Vancouver, have a passion for music and giving back to their community. With the guidance of their renowned music professors, they all have experienced the immense power of music and feel its potential to change the world for the better.

It is in this spirit that they put on a Music For Love Charity Concert evening performance and raised nearly \$9,000 for Easter Seals programs and services.



### **100 MEN WHO CARE**

The Cowichan Valley Chapter of 100 Men Who Care picked Easter Seals Camp Shawnigan to support with a donation of \$10,210.

Easter Seals is an organization that has been in our community since 1976 when the camp first opened on Shawnigan Lake. We see the impact that organizations like Easter Seals have on the families in the Cowichan Valley, and I'm so thrilled we could acknowledge their great work with a donation from 100 Men Who Care.

-MATTHUW RONALD-JONES, MEMBER OF 100 MEN WHO CARE COWICHAN VALLEY CHAPTER

### UNION CLUB OF BC

Members of the Union Club of British Columbia held a joint black-tie charity gala fundraiser for Easter Seals and United Way of Southern Vancouver Island. Thanks to the generosity of over 100 guests, the event raised \$25,000 for Easter Seals.

We were thrilled to be part of such an incredible event. At Easter Seals, we value the strength of partnerships, so to be part of such a formidable collaboration was incredible. Thank you to the Union Club of BC for generously bringing together Easter Seals and Victoria's community leaders and philanthropists. This is such an important community to Easter Seals, and we feel fortunate to be a part of it.

-LISA BECK, CEO & PRESIDENT OF EASTER SEALS BC/YUKON

# Community Support

# **Partners & Volunteers**

## EASTER SEALS NATIONAL **VOLUNTEER AWARD**

The annual Easter Seals National Volunteer Awards recognize volunteers across the country for their commitment, contributions and dedication in helping Easter Seals advance its vision and mission of enhancing the quality of life, well-being and independence of persons who are living with disabilities.

### **BC/Yukon Winner–Sharon Hansen**

For over 20 years, Sharon has made an incredible impact and been a passionate advocate for children and adults with disabilities. Always gravitating to helping people, her first involvement with Easter Seals in BC happened when the youth group she was coaching was approached to perform at one of our Timmy's Telethons, and it's there where her interest in charity and community involvement began.

Later on, she was instrumental in starting the North Vancouver Deep Cove Lions Club in 1999. Through this endeavour she was invited to an open house at Camp Squamish where she saw firsthand children with disabilities enjoying the camp. She was then invited to tour Easter Seals House, and after noticing the repairs and work that needed to be done on the House at the time, she hoped her club could help make a difference.

Her volunteer activities are as varied as her skills, and they include such things as hosting Easter Seals fundraisers like the most recently popular paper shredding events, personally selling paper eggs for the Easter Seals Month campaign, and establishing the Camp Improvement Committee for Camp Squamish.

It seems I was destined for volunteering and helping my community, and my role as a volunteer, as a Lion, and as an ambassador for kids and underserved communities has come full circle. My passion for kids has defined who I am.

-SHARON HANSEN, BC/YUKON WINNER

### **Partner Spotlight: CKNW Kids' Fund**

CKNW Kids' Fund and Easter Seals share many of the same values and goals in supporting and providing access to programs and supports for kids with disabilities in our community.

For the past 77 years, the CKNW Kids' Fund has been a pillar of support for children living with physical, mental, and social challenges in BC. They understand that "disability" is not a one-size-fits-all label, and they strive to breakdown not only physical barriers, but emotional, social, and academic ones so that every child has the opportunity to realize their full potential.

This year, the CKNW Kids' Fund donated \$10,000 towards providing virtual summer camps for children and adults with disabilities across the province. Their alleviate barriers and provide vital social connections of belonging and engagement.

# **Donors & Supporters**

We are so thankful for our generous donors for their contributions to help us deliver our life-changing work.

Your impact and support helps ensure we can meet the costs of running and maintaining our camp facilities and Easter Seals House, as well as, allowing us to give as many people as possible the experiences they rely on and need from our programs and services like summer camp, online classes and Easter Seals House.

# **Lions Clubs**

Since embarking on the vision of the Society in 1947, Lions Clubs have continued to be an integral and formidable supporter for children and adults with disabilities. Over the past 75 years, Lions Clubs have continued to support the Society with their incredible fundraising, events and time volunteering at camps.

Lions Club members have come out to signature fundraising events like Chip-In For The Kids and Drop Zone, they have volunteered their time cleaning up camp facilities and grounds, and coordinated their own fundraisers like Paper-Shredding events.

In 2021-22, Lions Clubs increased their generosity by 20% over the previous fiscal, and donated \$171,700. We are so grateful for their continued support!

100 Mile House Lions Club Alberni Valley Lions Club Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club Ashcroft & District Lions Club Baynes Sound Lions Club Beaver Valley Lions Club Burnaby Lougheed Lions Club Cedar Lions Club Central Saanich Lions Club Chase Lions Club Comox Valley Monarch Lions Club Cranbrook Lions Club Creston Lions Club Duncan Lions Club Elkford Lions Club Fairmont & District Lions Club Gabriola Island Lions Club Kamloops Aberdeen Lions Club Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club Kelowna Central Lions Club Kelowna Okanagan Mission Lions Club

Kelowna Rutland Lions Club Kootenav Lake Lions Club Langley Lions Club Logan Lake Lions Club Lumby Lions Club Malahat Lions Club Mount Seymour Lions Club Nanaimo Lions Club Nanoose Bay Lions Club North Delta Lions Club North Kamloops Lions Club North Shuswap Lions Club North Surrey Lions Club Oliver Lions Club Peachland Lions Club Pemberton Lions Club Penticton Lions Club Port Coquitlam Lions Club Richmond Chinatown Lions Club







Lake Country Winfield Lions Club Nanaimo Hub City Lions Club

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# **CENTURY 21** Kids to Camp Club

CENTURY 21 Canada® is one of the world's largest residential real estate sales organizations, and Easter Seals is their charity of choice. For over 40 years, CENTURY 21 Canada® has shown a lot of love for Easter Seals through its C21 Kids to Camp Program, which strives to raise funds to help send kids and youth living with disabilities to Easter Seals summer camps.

Since 1979, CENTURY 21 Canada<sup>®</sup> has raised more than \$12 million in support of local Easter Seals organizations, and has provided the opportunity for over 5,750 children and youth to enjoy and benefit from transformative and affirming experiences at Easter Seals camps.



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# AccessAbility Week Flag Design Contest

First launched in 2021, the Easter Seals AccessAbility Week Flag Design Contest is now an annual event that brings the messages of accessibility, inclusion and diversity in to classrooms across BC and the Yukon.

With top prizes split across two categories—grades 6 to 8 and grades 9 to 12—the contest asks students to design a flag that incorporates the theme of making BC/Yukon a better place to live through an accessible society.

The contest runs across two months and wraps up with winners announced during Canada's National AccessAbility Week.

### **GRADE 6-8 CATEGORY WINNER**



Ana V., Grade 7 Brentwood Park Elementary School, Burnaby

### **GRADE 9-12 CATEGORY WINNER**



Daniel L., Grade 9 Sir Winston Churchill Secondary, Vancouver I based my flag design off of the Medicine Wheel, an Indigenous symbol that links together multiple principles regarding wellbeing. The white, yellow, red, and black quadrants often represent the spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional aspects, in that order.

A symbol for each concept is present—the sun rising over mountains (which references BC and Yukon's geography, and also alludes to the sun being a significant part of West Coast Indigenous stories), a person in a wheelchair crossing the finish line (a metaphor for AccessAbility), rays emanating from a person's mind to emphasize neurodiversity, and people of multiple backgrounds and characteristics (as suggested by the multiple colours) holding hands to give emotional support.

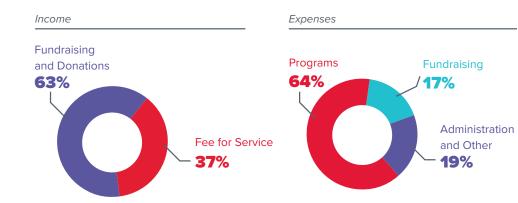


### -DANIEL L, GRADE 9-12 CATEGORY WINNER

Daniel (Right) and his family at Vancouver City Hall where his winning flag was presented to the mayor's office.

# **Financials**

Statement of Financial Position		
Year ended September 30, 2022	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Current assets	\$1,889,176	\$1,206,722
Investments	\$405,148	\$417,468
Capital assets	\$2,952,972	\$2,412,963
Total Assets	\$5,247,296	\$4,037,153
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities	\$1,515,410	\$497,205
Long-term debt	\$1,562,500	\$1,712,500
Long-term CEBA loan	\$40,000	\$40,000
Capital lease obligations	\$9,921	\$14,586
Deferred capital contributions	\$956,880	\$85,7872
Net assets	\$1,162,585	\$914,990
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$5,247,296	\$4,037,153
REVENUE		
Fundraising & donations	\$3,151,078	\$2,261,069
Fee for service	\$1,879,112	\$1,163,102
Other (Investment Income/[loss])	\$(59,622)	\$71,724
Total Revenue	\$4,970,568	\$3,495,895
EXPENSES		
Programs for children, youth & adults	\$2,997,023	\$1,992,428
Fundraising	\$812,221	\$707,733
Administration	\$632,842	\$503,853
Interest, amortization & other	\$284,387	\$271,238
Total Expenses	\$4,726,473	\$3,475,252
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$244,095	\$20,643





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