



Kyle is just one of our children who benefits from your donations. Kyle attends Playgroup and receives Speech Therapy.

## You can make a difference . . .

In celebration and recognition of someone you love, you may wish to consider contributing to an endowment fund in that individual's name.

We depend on people like you to provide the funding for the Child Development Centre. With your planned gift, you generously help families and the children in our community. To assist you with your planning process you might consider the following:

10 things to consider doing today to leave a legacy:

1. Prepare a will. Without a will you lose control over your property at death.
2. Leave a gift in your will.
3. Leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the assets in your will.
4. Consider using assets for your charitable gift. These include but not limited to cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, term deposits, real estate, or insurance. Such gifts may even provide tax savings.
5. Name the Child Development Centre as a beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF or pension.
6. Name the Child Development Centre as the beneficiary of an existing or paid-up life insurance policy.
7. Purchase a new life insurance policy naming the Child Development Centre as the beneficiary.
8. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.
9. Encourage family and friends to leave gifts in their wills.
10. Ask your financial or estate planning advisor to include charitable giving as part of their counsel to clients.

For more information please contact Valerie Massy, Executive Director at 753-0251.

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a newsletter from the Child Development Centre of Nanaimo

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“ Successful is the person who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of children, who leaves the world better that they found it, who has never lacked appreciation for the earth's beauty, who never fails to look for the best in others or give the best of themselves ”

Emily attends the Child Development Centre regularly for physiotherapy, play groups and other services. Taryn, her physiotherapist, works on gross motor skills to assist Emily in walking.

## “You can make a difference in the lives of children.”

### YES, I want to help a child in my community.

I'm pleased to support the Child Development Centre with my donation of:

- \$25  \$50  \$65  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or  membership at \$20  
(a membership brochure will be mailed to you)

Yes, I would like to put my name of your Donor Wall. Donor Wall donations start at minimum donation of \$500. Please call Renee at 753-0251.

- Cheque (please make cheque payable to Child Development Centre)  Visa  MC

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like my donation to go towards:  Programs and services  Parent's library and resource room  
 Specialized Equipment  Playground Maintenance & Equip.

Monthly Donations Urgently Needed . . . I'd like to spread my donation throughout the year

- Please debit my account each month (enclose a Void Cheque).  Visa  MC

Twelve equal payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ : Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

### Mission Statement

To provide individualized services for children and their families that promote optimum child development.

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### Your donations to Child Development Centre's Little Drummer Fund

## Helping Our Children Reach Their Full Potential . . .

The Child Development Centre believes that every child should have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Every child is unique, and our highly trained and experienced professionals work as a team with families to ensure that each child receives a program designed to address their specific needs.

Each year, with your support, we are able to assist over 2500 children and families. Your donations help us provide individualized and group programs for children, specialized therapy equipment and resources, toy and equipment

lending cupboards, and education for parents and the community.

Our staff works with children to help them:

- Take their first steps unassisted.
- Help them to say, "Mom" for the first time.
- Be included in activities in their pre-school.
- Communicate their wishes through the use of a computer.
- Use specialized equipment to move independently.
- Support a teenager coping with the day-to-day challenges of life.

Your donation to the "Little Drummer Fund" provides a lifelong gift for a child.

There are a number of ways that you can contribute to the "Little Drummer Fund", and support our children:

- 1) participate in one of the businesses organizing an event.
- 2) call us at 753-0251 to make a donation.
- 3) go to one of these financial institutions and make your donation today:
  - TD Canada Trust
  - Canadian Western Bank
  - Coastal Community Credit Union

**A Message from the  
Chairperson Resource  
Development,  
Enid Rempel**



It is my honor and pleasure to volunteer my time with a most dedicated group of individuals who sit on the Child Development Centre Fundraising Committee, those people being:

Michelle Sinclair, Laura Addison, Pat Clermont, Cathy and Dale Johns.

With one thought in mind "to make a difference in a child's life" - they have volunteered many hours of their time and resources to assist in the coordination of Silly Boat Regatta and in planning and organizing fund raising initiatives for the Centre.

Our committee has enjoyed the expertise of both board and members of the community, whom I feel, have greatly contributed to our success this past year. I welcome you, on behalf of the committee, to submit any suggestions for fundraising events or to offer any assistance at events.

The Christmas Season is fast approaching and on December 1, the Centre's "Little Drummer Fund" annual Christmas donation appeal kicks off. We are very appreciative of the donations over the past years from our many supporters and businesses in the community. I encourage you to continue your support.

Thanks to you, the Child Development Centre can continue to provide much needed services to children with special needs and their families.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

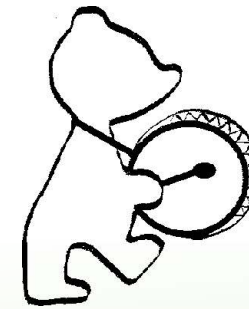
Enid Rempel

# Your support means so much to so many children:



Janelle is 15 years old and diagnosed with athetoid cerebral palsy. She is currently receiving therapy in our school aged therapy program. Janelle is able to walk with adult assistance or with her walker. The specialized piece of equipment that she is riding plays an important role in her therapy. This piece of equipment is over \$2000 and has been made possible with your donations to the Centre.

When Megan was two, her mother Tiffany began to worry, "she was not saying anything at this time, when we had her assessed she was communicating at a one year old level". Megan is now four and she has improved substantially with the assistance of the speech and language pathologists and occupational therapists at the Centre. She is still receiving therapy every week with the goal of improving comprehension, play skills and fine motor skills.



## For the Kids ... Little Drummer Fundraising Events in the Community



there for me to take. It changed my life," said a parent receiving services. Photo: Louise Osmond, Family Service Worker for CDC shows Liz, a parent participating in the STEP Program some resource material.

Your donations assist families struggling to raise happy, healthy well-adjusted children. The Family Services Program offers parent education and support, home and centre based consultation and community education. They offer three different parent groups, Living with Challenging Behavior, Enhancing Families and Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP). "I cannot explain my full gratitude of everything I learned and I'm very grateful and feel very lucky that there was a program out



Early intervention is vital for children with autism. Autism affects a child's ability to communicate and socialize. The "Autism Spectrum Disorder Program" is the Child Development Centre's newest program. This program provides intensive early intervention services for children diagnosed with autism. David Loyst, Autism Consultant at the Centre, has specialized in autism for the past seven years and leads the ASD program and team at the Centre. Photo: Julie Hardcastle, Behavioural Interventionist, works with child at home.

Each year your support enables the Child Development Centre to develop and provide programs responsive to family and community needs.

### Woodgrove Centre

Support the children and have your child see Santa, partial proceeds of the "Photo's with Santa" will be donated to The Little Drummer Fund. Woodgrove Centre and Avalon Cinema hosted a wonderful Santa Breakfast and movie with donations to the CDC, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Country Club Mall

All aboard! Take your children for a train ride and support the Centre. Proceeds from the Santa Train are donated to the CDC. "Books are fun fundraising," an event Dec. 12 - 14 at Country Club Mall. 5% of all sales goes to the CDC.

### Nanaimo Clippers, Pepsi and Lantzville Rotary Club

On Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, come out to support the Nanaimo Clippers Hockey Team and the Child Development Centre. The Lantzville Rotary Club and volunteers from the Centre will be asking people to make a donation to the Child Development Centre for the chance to win some fabulous Pepsi Prizes. See you at the Game.

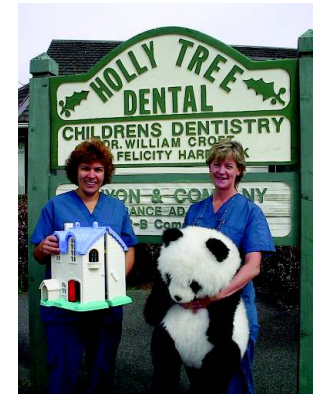
### The New VI

The New VI will be hosting the Child Development Centre everyday Dec 1-5, 2003 highlighting our programs and services. Watch Bruce Williams on the New Day 7 am - 9 am and learn more about the CDC.

## People In Our Community Helping Children



The students in Norm Boulet's Dover Bay Secondary School Drama Class and Rutherford Mall hosted a Haunted House fundraising event with donations to The Child Development Centre.



Holly Tree Dental donates to the Silly Boat Regatta and just recently donated a Thomas the Train set to the Centre valued at over \$2000. Donna Hodge and Dr. Felicity Hardwick pose for the photo.



Blake Erickson of Blake Erickson Roofing and his staff pulled together a large number of businesses to donate their time and supplies to create a new roof over the children's outdoor play area. Child Development Centre, Executive Director Valerie Massy accepts a cheque from Blake Erickson.



The McDonald's Team poses with Ronald to promote the Silly Boat Regatta 2003. McDonald's was the 2003 Children's Tent sponsor. Mark your calendar the 2004 Silly Boat Regatta is Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. [www.sillyboat.com](http://www.sillyboat.com)



Nanaimo and District Shriners Club President Alan Cross and Alfred Claussen present a cheque of \$4,700 to our Occupational and Physiotherapy departments to purchase new therapeutic equipment.

Visit our new website at [www.cdc.nisa.com](http://www.cdc.nisa.com)

The Child Development Centre would like to thank Jamie Penner, V3 Mediaworks for the kind donation of his time and creative energy towards making this website possible.