



We provide
solutions and change lives.
When all other sources
of funding have failed,
we are there to ensure life
is positively accessible.



2008 Annual Report



our mission

With community support and collaboration, we provide resources and services that enhance the quality of life for individuals and their families with disabilities and special needs.

our vision

Through passion and commitment we make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities and special needs.

Changing Lives

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2008

Easter Seals Alberta continues to change the lives of thousands of Albertans with disabilities and special needs and is pleased to share some highlights from 2008.

The Easter Seals Alberta Equipment and Support Services Program provides mobility equipment to Albertans in need, no matter the age or disability. In 2008, 202 pieces of equipment at a cost of \$413,447 were supplied to Albertans. Through our successful Equipment Recycling Program, 82 out of 202 pieces of equipment were refurbished and recycled at a cost savings of nearly \$277,547.

Kelly Hrudey, CBC's Hockey Night In Canada analyst and former NHL goaltender, joined Easter Seals Alberta as Honorary Chairman. Hrudey says: *"I have a true appreciation for Easter Seals Alberta and what they do for people with disabilities and special needs, because they were the only organization that stepped in and helped my friend with mobility equipment. I am looking forward to help motivate and attract more support for such a worthy cause."*

The first annual Easter Seals and Canada Safeway Campaign was a success raising \$739,221 nationally, and over \$270,000 in Alberta. From March 30 to May 4, 2008, Canada Safeway customers generously donated at in store check-stands and store employees hosted other special events to raise awareness and funds.

Three recipients of the Phyllis Davidson Scholarship for students with disabilities continue their education in the fields of Architectural Technologies, Engineering and a Masters in Psychology.

Easter Seals McQueen Residence in Edmonton, a community living option for adults with physical disabilities, is going through several renovations including an upgraded fire alarm system, up-dated automatic doors, new furnaces and tank-less hot water tanks, two new offices and all new flooring. Funds received from the Alberta Senior and Community Supports, Affordable Supportive Living Initiative, have facilitated these much needed improvements.

The Drop Zone events in Alberta saw excellent growth this year with over 130 rapellers raising over \$280,000 provincially. Canada's top fundraiser, Rod Gray from Enerplus, raised over \$36,000 in donations.

From local families to youth from across Canada, volunteers made our Easter Seals Camp Horizon Christmas Camp special for 50 campers who enjoyed a variety of activities including sleigh rides, arts & crafts, snow shoeing and a visit from Santa Claus!

Over 1000 children and teens with cancer, diabetes, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, Crohn's and colitis, ostomies, kidney impairments and other disabilities experienced camp programs where they were empowered and succeeded in challenges they never imagined possible. 2008 was the first year to host the burn survivors' camp at Easter Seals Camp Horizon. Additionally 113 adult campers with physical and developmental disabilities enjoyed camp.

Eighteen youth participated in *Counsellor In Training* and *Leaders In Progress* programs learning about giving back to camp through leadership.



*Campers Eden
and Rachelle.*

December 12, 2008
Edmonton, Alberta

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of Alberta Easter Seals Society:

The accompanying summarized statements of financial position and results from operations are derived from the complete financial statements of Alberta Easter Seals Society as at October 31, 2008 and for the year then ended. In our auditors' report on the complete financial statements dated December 12, 2008, we expressed a qualified opinion, as is common with many not-for-profit organizations, because we were unable to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of donation revenue. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the Council's financial position and results of operations, reference should be made to the complete financial statements.

Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP

Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP
Chartered Accountants

FINANCES For year ended October 31, 2008

The Financial Statements of Alberta Easter Seals Society for the year ended October 31, 2008 are audited by Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP, Chartered Accountants.

Copies are available upon request.

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

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

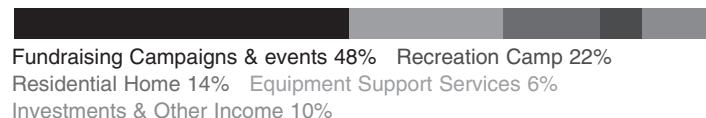
	2008	2007
Total Revenue	\$ 4,214	\$ 4,109
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,935	\$ 3,631
(Deficit) / Surplus	279	478

DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM / SERVICES

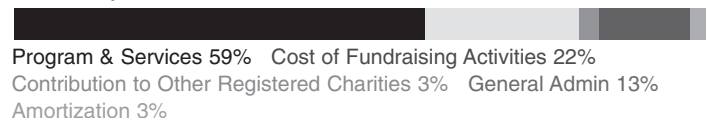
2008 Revenues



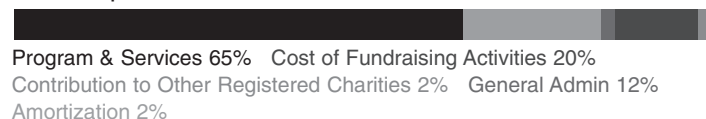
2007 Revenues



2008 Expenditures



2007 Expenditures



SUMMARIZED STATEMENTS For year ended October 31, 2008

RESULTS FROM OPERATIONS (\$-000's)

	2008	2007
Revenues		
Fundraising campaigns and events	\$ 2,458	\$ 1,973
Easter Seals Camp Horizon	852	940
Residential home	595	541
Equipment support services	251	222
Other income	5	8
Investment income	(4)	40
Estates/bequests	57	385
Total Revenues	\$ 4,214	\$ 4,109
Expenditures		
Programs and services	\$ 2,328	\$ 2,218
Cost of fundraising activities	856	777
General administration	527	476
Funds provided to Easter Seal clubs and to the national office	119	91
Amortization	105	69
Total Expenses	3,935	3,631
Excess revenues over expenditures	\$ 279	\$ 478

FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Cash & short term investments	\$ 1,944	\$ 958
Other current assets	280	312
Property and equipment	796	711
Estate/bequest investments	342	542
Total Assets	\$ 3,362	\$ 2,523

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 293	\$ 144
Deferred revenue	188	138
	481	282
Deferred capital contributions	406	325
Externally restricted contributions	633	353
	1,039	678
	1,520	960

Net Assets

Investment in property and equipment	320	350
Estate/bequest contributions internally restricted	1,417	1,108
Endowment funds	105	105
	1,842	1,563

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 3,362	\$ 2,523
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Anne Fewer

Director

Director

Director



Rod Gray, Canada's top fundraising Superhero from the Drop Zone in Calgary

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anne Ewen Bragg Creek

Simone Chalifoux
Edmonton

Dennis Davis Edmonton

Dale Briske Edmonton

Barry Maguire Calgary

Gordon Sears Hythe

Debbie Couch Edmonton

Marlene Smith Edmonton

Michelle Balmer Calgary

Sharon Duncan
Claresholm

Brandon Biluk Red Deer

2008 ANNUAL AWARDS

Certificate of Recognition
Kinsmen Club of Okotoks

Corporate Award
Century 21 Castlewood Airdrie
Mac's Convenience Stores
Crux Climbing and Bouldering
CREIT

Glen Matheson Award
Stampede Queen's Alumni

Order of Merit
Doug Davidson

President's Award (2007)
Dennis Davis

OURSUPPORTERS *Thank you to all of our 2008 supporters and volunteers.*

FRIENDS

ACSI—Alternative
Converged Solutions Inc.
Adventure RV
Alberta Orange Foundation
for Children
Alberta Royal Purple
Calendar Draw
Anonymous
Archbishop O'Leary
High School
Avonlea Photography
Axe Music
Bragg Creek Snowbirds
Seniors Fellowship
The Brick
Bridge Brand a GFS
Canada Company
The James F. Burns Family
Foundation
Burstall Winger LLP
Calgary Academy of Chefs
Calgary Catholic Teachers
Charities Association
Canyon Meadows
Elementary School
Champion Concrete Cutting
& Coring Inc.
City of Edmonton
Cooperators Insurance
Crux Climbing and Bouldering
Cycle Works
Davinci Broadband Inc.
Eco Medical Equipment
Ed Barclay
Eddie's Men's Wear Ltd.
Elbow River Masonic Lodge
Eldon Watson
EnCana Cares Foundation
Evolution Presentation
Technologies
The Focus Corporation
The Frank Flaman
Foundation
Game on Sports
Glentel Inc.
Greengate Garden
Centres Ltd.
Harry and Martha Cohen
Foundation

Home Depot of Canada Inc.
Kallen Graphics
Kinsmen Club of Okotoks
Kingston Ross Pasnak
Lignum Interiors Inc.
Martin Equipment Ltd.
Ian Meikle
Midsun Junior High School
Midnapore School
Misty River Log Homes
Morgex
Mountain FM
Mr. Murphy's Christmas
Tree Fund
National Council of
Jewish Women
Norman Fournier
Parkinson's Society
Parkinson's Society of
Southern Alberta
Prism Flow Products
Red Deer and District
Community Foundation
River Cree Resort and
Casino
Shell Canada
Shell Canada—Jumping
Pound Complex
Shoppers Home Health Care
Singleton's Hair Care
Steve and Lynn Gibson
Sutton Place Hotel
TELUS
Tom Walker Photography
Uniglobe Geo Travel
University of Alberta Hospital
Staff Charity Trust Fund
Vertically Inclined
Waste Management, Inc.
Weir Financial Services
Yamnuska
Donations in Memory of
Glen Allardyce

PARTNERS

Air Canada
Antrim Energy Inc.
Associated Canadian
Travelers Calgary Club

The Bargain! Shop
Campers Village/The
Norseman Group Ltd.
Canadian Western Bank
Century 21 A.L.L. Stars
Realty
Coughlin Family Memorial
Golf Tournament
Edmonton Public Teachers'
Local 37 Charity Trust Fund
Edmonton Sun
Fraternal Order of
Eagles #4241
Proctor & Gamble—Live,
Learn & Thrive Program &
Friends of We Care
Foundation Inc.
General Mills
The Harold Ballard
Foundation
Investors Group
Koehli Wickenberg Buma
Lignum Interiors
Martin & Connie Murphy
Nutrilite
OPUS Building Canada Inc.
Rotary Club of Edmonton
Savanna Energy Services
Corp
Suncor Energy
Talisman Energy
Walton International Group
Watson Family Foundation

CHAMPIONS

100.3 FM—The Bear/1260
—The Team Sports Radio
Century 21 Castlewood
Agencies
Century 21 The
Professionals
CIBC World Markets Children's
Miracle Foundation
Cineplex
CREIT Management L.P.
CTV Calgary
Dancin' from the Heart
Hyperactive Watersports
John Lajeunesse
Mac's Convenience Stores Inc.

Murphy Oil Company Ltd.
Nickle Family Foundation
SAAN
Unique Solutions Group
Vertrag Investments Ltd.

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Affordable Supportive
Living Initiative (Dept
of Alberta Seniors and
Community Supports)
Alberta Health and
Wellness, Capital Health
Alberta Seniors and
Community Supports,
Disability Supports Division
Calgary Stampede Queens'
Alumni
CHAS—Children's Hospital
Aid Society
Community Initiatives
Program, Alberta Lottery Fund
Davidson Family
Friends of We Care
Foundation Inc.
Global TV
Golden Eagle Resort:
Derek and Lucie Walsh
Kinsmen Club of Calgary
Marton & Connie Murphy &
People Engaged in (PEI)
Benevolent Activities
Money Mart
Multiple Sclerosis Society
of Canada, Calgary and
Edmonton Chapters
Sobeys

**EASTER SEALS
WELCOMES NEW
MAJOR PARTNER**
Canada Safeway

**ALBERTA EASTER SEALS
GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES
THE FOLLOWING
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