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The CanLearn Society for Persons with Learning Difficulties

2005 Annual Report

The CanLearn Society for Persons with Learning Difficulties



**Calgary
Learning Centre**

changing lives through learning

“2004 - 2005 was a year of celebration and challenge...”

We celebrated 25 years of service and faced challenges in planning for current realities and future dreams. *“If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere”* - Frank A. Clark. We are definitely going somewhere and helping others along the path.

We continued to reach out to build the capacity of the community to meet the complex needs of individuals with learning difficulties. We believe that we can have an extensive “ripple” effect by providing professional development and public education in Calgary and across Alberta. You will find details about conferences, courses, presentations and our website in this report.

Our multidisciplinary team assisted children, youth and adults to understand their learning and attention difficulties through assessment, Attention Clinic and consultation services. Programs focused on learning strategies and family literacy - with the great support of dedicated volunteers. We continued our partnerships with the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Separate School District and close association with Dr. Oakley and St. Charles Schools. Our Literacy and Youth Justice Project is a leading edge initiative exploring literacy issues among youth in conflict with the law.

We celebrate the donors and supporters who make our work possible - you will find their names in this report. We are especially grateful to Jack and Louise Lee for establishing, and continuing to support, the Jack Lee/Acclaim Energy Endowment. A revenue stream from endowments is a key to sustainable funding.

Our talented staff, our dedicated Board of Directors, and our many generous volunteers are to be celebrated. They are committed to the success of the Calgary Learning Centre and to the success of persons with learning difficulties. They have helped me to focus on opportunities when faced with challenges, *“We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems”* - John W. Gardner. Learning from the heroic courage of the clients we serve, we will persevere and we will be successful.

Anne Price, Ph.D. - CEO, Calgary Learning Centre

CANLEARN SOCIETY FOR PERSONS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUGUST 31, 2005

NOTE 6: UNAMORTIZED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO CAPITAL ASSETS

Unamortized contributions related to capital assets represent restricted contributions for the purchase of capital assets. The changes in the unamortized contribution balances for the year are as follows:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 29,328	\$ 29,195
Add: Contributed equipment	-	11,200
Less: Amounts amortized to revenue	(9,648)	(11,067)
	\$ 19,680	\$ 29,328

NOTE 7: CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In Kind</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Family and Community Support Services	\$ 49,979	\$ -	\$ 49,979	\$ 63,501
Calgary Board of Education	-	17,240	17,240	-
Calgary Catholic Board of Education	-	-	-	50,000
	\$ 49,979	\$ 17,240	\$ 67,219	\$ 113,501

NOTE 8: INTEREST EARNED

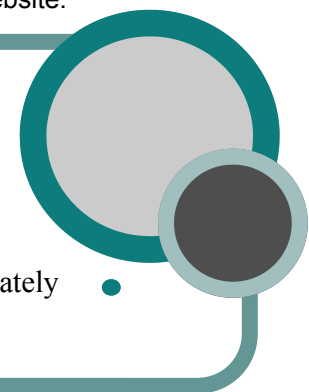
The Calgary Foundation holds and administers \$176,746 on behalf of the Society. The principal amount is not available for withdrawal by the Society and as such is not included in these financial statements. However, interest in the amount of \$9,976 had been paid to the Society and is included in interest earned.

The Endowment Fund interest in the amount of \$26,370 is included in interest earned.

The 2005 audited financial statements are available on our website.

The **Jack Lee / Acclaim Energy Trust** endowment fund has been established to provide a source of income to be used for the charitable purposes of the Society.

The fair market value of the fund at August 31, 2005 is approximately \$396,000 (2004 - \$275,000).



CANLEARN SOCIETY FOR PERSONS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
REVENUE:		
Fees for service	\$1,021,363	\$1,214,532
Fundraising and donations	145,371	173,720
Contributions (Note 7)	67,219	113,501
Interest earned (Note 8)	39,814	35,626
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 6)	9,648	11,067
	1,283,415	1,548,446
EXPENDITURE:		
Salaries and related costs	1,196,391	1,392,545
Client service expense	45,447	64,783
Rent	29,416	-
Public relations	23,964	41,686
Equipment lease and maintenance	16,072	49,018
Travel and conferences	15,931	19,068
Amortization	15,682	18,960
Insurance	9,932	8,399
Fundraising	9,029	9,111
Bank and credit card charges	6,126	5,643
Telephone	5,067	5,512
Professional fees	4,761	5,398
	1,377,818	1,620,123
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE	\$ (94,403)	\$ (71,677)

“**On behalf of the dedicated Board of Directors...**”

Formerly known as The Calgary Society for Students with Learning Difficulties, this year we adopted a new name, The CanLearn Society for Persons with Learning Difficulties. The name change reflects work across the lifespan and influence beyond Calgary. This effectively marks the transition from our consortium-based board structure to a community-based governance model. We are reaching out to the community to find advocates and supporters who understand the importance of our mission, and help us to succeed.

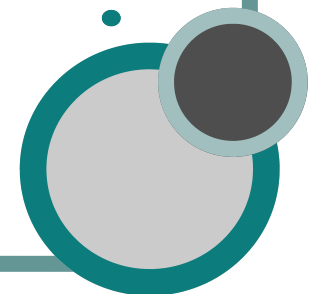
The Calgary Learning Centre's success can be traced to the efforts and support of volunteers, sponsors, staff and stakeholders. We have built a highly diverse model and fostered a culture that is based on a strong sense of community and teamwork. We focus on recognizing the achievements, providing opportunities to learn and grow, ensuring employees' health and well-being, and encouraging open communication within the community. We carefully measure our performance in these areas in accordance with our governance model, so we can continue to be a leader in our field of expertise..

We welcome your involvement!

Russell Kane - Board Chair, Calgary Learning Centre

The **Grant Spiro Memorial Award** was presented by the Youth Justice Society to the Calgary Learning Centre's Literacy and Youth Justice Project for outstanding contributions towards youth at risk.

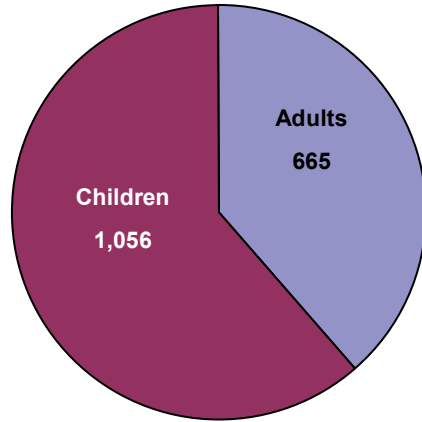
The 2004 **Outstanding Achievement Award** was presented by the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta in recognition of the Calgary Learning Centre's significant contributions and leadership in the field of learning disabilities in Alberta.



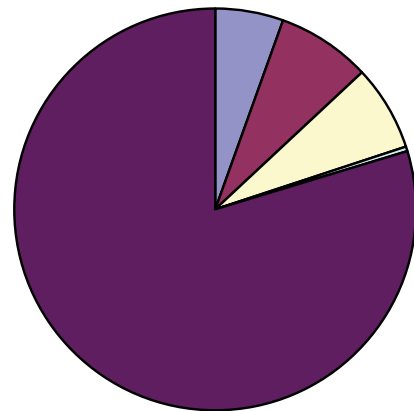
Our Vision

It is the vision of the CanLearn Society for Persons with Learning Difficulties that communities, educators, other professionals, families and individuals with learning difficulties will have the tools and abilities to effectively meet the complex needs of individuals with learning difficulties.

Clients Served

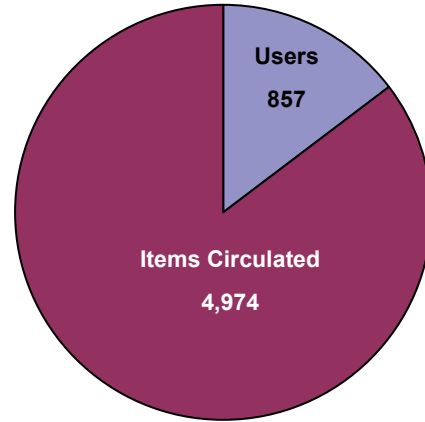


Children

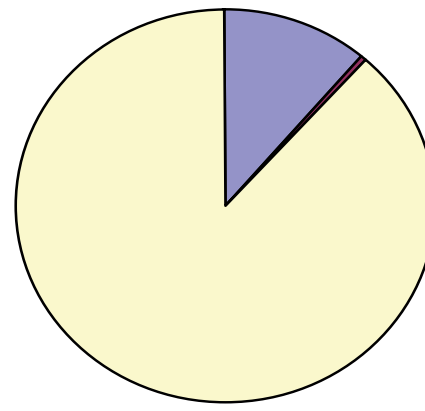


- Assessment - 58
- Attention Clinic - 81
- Consultation - 71
- Counselling - 4
- Programs - 842

Library



Adults



- Assessment - 75
- Consultation - 3
- Programs - 587

- Renfrew Chrysler
- Revy
- Riverside Golf Resort
- R'n'R, Joe Forzani
- Royal Liquor Merchants
- Saint Joseph's Elementary School
- SAIT
- SAP Canada Inc.
- Scotia McLeod
- Scotia Private Group
- Shaganappi Chev Olds
- Shire BioChem Inc.
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- Short Stop Food Stores Inc.
- Silver Hills Motor Ltd.
- Silver Springs Golf & Country Club
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- Spartan Controls Ltd.
- Splurge
- Spruce Meadows
- Stadium Nissan Inc.
- Stampeder Football Club
- Starbucks Coffee Company
- Streamside Adventures
- Swizzle Sticks
- Sysco Canada
- Talisman Energy Inc.
- The Bacchus Group Inc.
- The Calgary Sun
- The Complete Cook
- the co-operators
- The Jacket Lady
- The Printing House
- The Shooting Edge
- The Sweater Trunk, Edmonton
- Udesign Ventures Inc.
- U-Frame-It
- University of Calgary
- Valentine Volvo
- Ventures International
- Via Rail Canada Inc.
- Westin Hotel
- Willow Park Golf & Country Club
- Words Worth Books

Foundations, Granting Agencies & Service Groups

- Advanced Education, Family Literacy Initiative
- Alberta Gaming, Community Initiatives Program
- Alberta Lotteries
- Calgary Children's Foundation
- Calgary Community Adult Learning Association
- Calgary Public Teachers
- Children's Hospital Aid Society
- CIBC World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation
- D.A.R. - Heritage Chapter
- EnCana Cares Foundation
- F.K. Morrow Foundation
- Further Education Society of Alberta
- Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
- Kinette Club of Calgary
- Kinsmen Club of Calgary
- London Drugs Foundation
- Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
- National Literacy Secretariat/Human Resources & Skills Development Canada
- Pirie Foundation
- RBC Foundation
- Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial
- The Calgary Foundation
- The City of Calgary, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
- The Kahanoff Foundation
- The New Family Place
- The University of Calgary, Library
- Thomas J. Ranaghan Foundation
- United Way of Calgary & Area, Donor Choice Program

Thank you to everyone who helped us with our work!

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Calgary Herald	Mark Anthony Wine Merchants
Calgary Italian Bakery	McNally Robinson Bookstore
Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra	Microsoft Canada Co.
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CBC Radio Canada	Monkey Shines Children's Books
Chief Construction Company Ltd.	Northland Volkswagen
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Building Capacity

We celebrate the many "seeds" of knowledge that were planted. We increased the capacity of 2,863 students, parents and professionals to meet the complex needs of persons with learning difficulties through activities such as the following:

Dr. Edward Hallowell, renowned expert in the area of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, gave a public presentation and professional workshop where close to 400 people participated.

Our staff instructed three graduate level University of Calgary **courses** in Applied Psychology:

- Behaviour and Clinical Assessment of Children and Adolescents
- Individual Psychological Assessment of Children and Adolescents
- Organizing for teaching and learning to meet diverse needs (in partnership with the Calgary Board of Education)

Our staff presented at **conferences** such as the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta Provincial Conference and the Literacy Alberta Provincial Conference.

Workshops were presented to Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Separate School District resource personnel, staff of individual schools and to parent groups on a variety of topics, for example:

- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- Unlocking Potential: Programming for Students with Learning Disabilities
- Learned Helplessness
- Memory Strategies in the Classroom
- Writing for Students with Learning Difficulties

Our staff went **beyond Calgary** to reach parents and teachers in Edmonton, Lethbridge, Invermere, Jasper, Hinton, Red Deer and Taber. Intensive workshops were provided for Alberta Human Resources and Employment staff (Edmonton), Bow Valley College instructors (Calgary) and Lethbridge University instructors to increase their capacity to support adults with learning disabilities and ADHD.

Through our **Family Literacy** programs, we engaged in sharing our approaches and experience. Our staff gave training workshops for practitioners in the Edmonton area and at the Centre for Family Literacy in Edmonton. Over 40 volunteers received training and mentoring; 15 practitioners attended six Literacy Network presentations. Calgary Learning Centre's Share the Magic program distributed over 1,870 books to 812 children.

Our **website** drew 11,000 visitors with our six online seminars being accessed daily!

Volunteers are very important to the Society and to the Centre donating over 5,224 hours in governance, events and programs. Thank you!

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The **PGI Golf Tournament** for Literacy (Calgary) founded by Peter Gzowski raised \$51,800.

The **4th Annual Country Car Rally** raised \$26,600.

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