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SPINA BIFIDA & HYDROCEPHALUS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

ANNUAL REPORT



David C. Onley
The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario



THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO
LE LIEUTENANT-GOUVERNEUR DE L'ONTARIO

9 September 2011

It is my pleasure to extend greetings to the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB & H), as you undertake another year of dedication to education, research, raising awareness, advocacy, support, and care for those living with these conditions.

For over 35 years, this organization has continued to serve individuals and families affected by SB & H through education programmes that promote self-help and personal support. This year, your remarkable *Spirit Wheel Walk Run* events attracted an increased number of participating families, who in turn took advantage of your ongoing services: *Connections* facilitated one-to-one support; *Online Discussion Forum* provided a network to share information and solutions; *Support Groups* assisted many to exchange ideas, and to foster a sense of community.

As The Queen's representative in Ontario and your Honorary Patron, I congratulate you on your achievements over the past year, and send my best wishes for the next.

David C. Onley

About the Association

SB&H is the leading charitable organization in Ontario providing direct support, guidance and comprehensive information to thousands of families who are impacted by the unique challenges of spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (sb/h).

Our purpose is to promote the welfare of people with sb/h and help families cope with the daily challenges of living with these conditions. We strive for the day when the incidence of spina bifida and hydrocephalus is eliminated. These significant goals will be accomplished through *support, education, awareness, advocacy and research*. It is our sincerest hope that we can help children, parents, adults and their families live in a society that is sensitive, supportive and responsive to their needs.

People united in a common purpose offers the best hope of improving the quality of life for all those affected by spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus.

Message From the Chair



I can't help but reflect back on what a busy and productive year was had by SB&H. Our focus has clearly been one of capacity building to allow us to better deliver upon our mission and values. Financially, we had another strong year and with increased revenues, remain in very solid fiscal shape. We have translated the additional revenues into enhanced programs and services for our members and their families.

In 2010-2011 we added a much needed communications and marketing function to help us connect with and outreach to all our stakeholders, assist in spreading our public awareness messages regarding normal pressure hydrocephalus and folic acid and to support our leap into social media... Twitter, Facebook, and all those other cool things I only read about.

Dr. Paige Terrien Church, a noted neonatologist and an adult with spina bifida has joined our Medical Advisory Board. We also welcomed a new committed and passionate advocate to our Board of Directors, Kasia Parent.

There has been a sizeable increase in the number of donors that support SB&H and in the number of fundraising events taking place, whether they are golf events or community based SWWRs (Spirit Wheel Walk Runs) or other third party events. In addition to enhancing fundraising, these activities also raise awareness as many of them caught the attention of local media. We are attracting more individuals willing to support our members within their communities and through it all, more awareness and understanding of these conditions.

This year the Board has reaffirmed the Association's strategic directions and continued to strive toward these goals which include:

Foster Strategic Linkages

To broaden SB&H's service impact and access to funding and resources.

Maximize Public Awareness of Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus

To educate the public about Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus and increase SB&H's profile and reach within Ontario.

Strengthen Our Leadership

To enhance governance and leadership at SB&H.

Build a Stable and Sustainable Revenue Base

To engage stakeholders in a cost-effective and sustainable plan to raise revenue and sustain revenue and resources from a diversified group of funders and supporters (government, corporations, foundations, individuals, etc.)

SB&H is coming off another strong year with gains in revenue, fundraising, events held, Board composition, staff capacity, donors and program and service delivery. As my mother often tells me, "It's all connected". If we raise awareness, we raise funds. More funds equal more programs and services. More programs and services equal more contented, and in fact, more members.

Our real test is down the road as to whether we can sustain these efforts. Those same members, donors, volunteers, staff and Board members who got us this far will play a key role in this regard and we remain grateful for their efforts and successes to date.

All in all, we leave the 2010-2011 year with SB&H a better and stronger Association than when we started and in my books, that means we had a good year.

Marc Garson

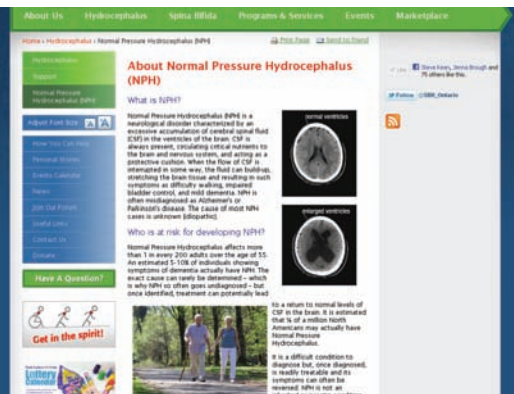
Chair, SB&H Board of Directors

Making an Impact

“Who knows about this? Where do I go for support and information?”

SB&H responds to questions like these every day as we reach out to ensure that the thousands of Ontario families living with spina bifida and hydrocephalus (sb/h) know the Association is here for them. One of our greatest strengths is tailoring support and education to an individual’s specific needs and circumstances – an ability that served us well in steadily growing our outreach efforts throughout 2010 - 2011.

We connected with members, healthcare professionals, new parents, children, adults, donors and other interested parties using a suite of communication tools. The website, toll-free phone line, *Current* magazine, brochures and resource centre were keys to spreading the word about the latest developments in the field and our activities.



Our **Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH)** awareness campaign, targeted at the general public and healthcare professionals, was an important focus this year. The new NPH section was added to the website as part of our efforts

to facilitate early diagnosis, treatment and support of this little-known condition. We worked hard to spread the word about the success of treatment for NPH which affects more than one in every 200 adults over the age of 55 and can be mistaken for Alzheimer’s or Parkinson’s Disease.

“The good news is that within a week after I had the shunt, my gait and memory improved considerably and I had much less concern about my bladder control. The bad news is that I still experience some memory loss and difficulty with balance and cognitive functioning. In hindsight, if I had the operation 5 years earlier there would have been greater improvement.”

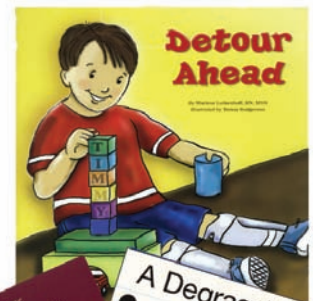
Victor S., who struggled with NPH for five years and had to give up his career, before having surgery



Hands Up for Youth, serving young people aged 5 to 19, was another success story. This initiative helped young people live full, productive lives through a variety of services including the toll-free help phone line, web activity center, peer networks, information kits and the scholarship and bursary programs. The Kidz & Youth Book Club is a key component that helps children and youth with sb/h understand that it is okay to be different and overcome challenges, such as fitting in at school, in a positive, engaging manner. In 2010 - 2011, 322 complimentary books, not available in bookstores or libraries, were given to members’ children.

“Thank you for the book. Spina bifida is explained in words my child understands and the book answers questions she didn’t want to ask. The book was a very big help not only for my child, but also for me, as it’s tough to accept.”

SB&H Parent Member



Education: The Road to the Future

Two expert speakers shared their insight on the topics of *Hydrocephalus in Adults* and *Transition to Adult Care – Not Just a Change in Doctor* at the Annual General Meeting.

Dr. Michael Cusimano, a noted neurosurgeon from St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, presented the latest information about hydrocephalus in adults. The first practicing neurosurgeon in Canada to hold a PhD in education, his opinion on the management of hydrocephalus in adults is in high demand.

Dr. Paige Terrien Church, the Consulting Developmental Behavioural Paediatrician at the combined spina bifida clinic at the Holland-Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, explored the many facets of successful transition from the pediatric to the adult healthcare system for those with sb/h. Dr. Church shared both her knowledge and her passion for the well-being of these children and youth.



With career goals ranging from museum curator and researcher to nurse and travel agent, the future looks bright for our 2010 scholarship and bursary recipients. SB&H extends warm congratulations to these young men and women and salutes their outstanding commitment to their communities and studies. Our scholarship and bursary programs support and enhance self-confidence in young people with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus who wish to pursue post-secondary education.



Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick Scholarship Recipients

Linda Bennewies, Bornholm

– Dr. Robin P. Humphreys Award

Erin Davis, Kingston

April Dolson, Bowmanville – Rodney G. Walsh Award

Corin Metzger, Elmira

Elizabeth Sajdik, Scarborough

Lauretta Reid, Orillia – Barton Family Award

Luciana Spring Mascarin Bursary Recipients

Ashley Clark, Chatham

Joel Poisson, Windsor

Awareness Blossoms

The phenomenal success of the **Spirit Wheel Walk Run**, which generated 94% more in funds over 2009 (see page 7) and attracted 1,500+ participants, was strong testament to the growing awareness of spina bifida and hydrocephalus. This year, we made real progress through initiatives such as **Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month** in June and distribution of 100,000+ pieces of literature, including bookmarks for libraries and brochures about Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH), an emerging condition, and the benefits of folic acid to healthcare professionals and the public.

As part of our commitment to ensuring every baby is born healthy, we started behind-the-scenes work to revitalize our **folic acid website**. This effort focused on refreshing the content and design to enhance communication about the need for all women of childbearing age to take a daily multivitamin containing 0.4 mg of folic acid. This helps reduce the risk of neural tube defects, such as spina bifida, by as much as 70% in babies. We also continued to carry this message through one-on-one counseling and the distribution of more than 27,000 brochures across Ontario.

“You brought my mother back to life.”
When two brothers, one a medical doctor, called the SB&H office after their mother was diagnosed with Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH), they did not know where to turn for help. They had never heard of NPH, which typically affects adults over 55 and is difficult to diagnose. The information the brothers received from SB&H, including the name of a neurosurgeon that treats NPH patients, made a definite difference in their lives. When their mother consulted with the neurosurgeon, he had her admitted to the hospital the same day for the surgical implantation of a shunt. Incredibly, this led to the reversal of her symptoms which underscores the importance of our education initiatives early NPH diagnosis and treatment.



Another important group, school children, learned about spina bifida and hydrocephalus through **Kids on the Block** again this year. SB&H continued to be a proud sponsor of this successful program which teaches children awareness, sensitivity and understanding about disabilities through puppetry. Valerie, the puppet with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, and the rest of the troupe perform for 19,000+ school-age children annually. SB&H assisted with the training of volunteer puppeteers to ensure Valerie would “answer” after-show questions from young audience members to accurately portray the daily life of a child with spina bifida.

Research: Strength in Numbers

As a founding member of **Neurological Health Charities Canada (NHCC)**, SB&H celebrated a milestone in the area of Canadian brain research with other NHCC members when the federal government announced \$100 million for this vitally important activity. NHCC, which grew from 11 to 26 member organizations, has been firmly committed to a National Brain Strategy for some time. By coming together as a collective with common goals and resources, NHCC members will benefit from this funding and the related research in ways that would never be possible on an individual basis. This is a huge win for Canadians with spina bifida and hydrocephalus (sb/h) – there is no doubt that this research will result in breakthrough discoveries to help better understand the conditions.

The NHCC continued other important work in 2010 – 2011 including the first multi-year National Population Study of neurological conditions.



NHCC

NEUROLOGICAL HEALTH CHARITIES CANADA

Other Initiatives

In keeping with our Mission, we forged on to drive and support research and formalized this commitment in the new *Guidelines and Criteria for the Research Program of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario*. Adopted by the Board of Directors, our research priorities, types of support and terms for funding are clearly defined in this document.

The formation of our three-year partnership with the University of Toronto to provide annual grants for general research was another highlight this year. We hope this initiative will spark student researchers' interest in continuing to investigate sb/h long after they graduate.

Again this year, a number of research organizations turned to SB&H to provide critical information and input into their research.

SB&H responds to requests to support research that will improve the quality of life for all individuals with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus and their families. We work in partnership with hospitals, rehabilitation centres, universities and other research facilities...

SB&H Guidelines and Criteria for the Research Program

By the Numbers (in Ontario)

4,693,118

SB&H website hits

224,400

website visits

53,675

individuals received support, information and education

42,957

educational materials about spina bifida & hydrocephalus distributed

30,432

NPH brochures and bookmarks distributed

27,488

folic acid awareness materials provided

19,680

school children learned about sb/h through Kids on the Block

7,406

volunteer hours worked on behalf of SB&H

4,800

readership of each issue of *Current* magazine

2,115

requests for support

997

registered users of SB&H Online Community Forum

736

customized information packages provided upon request

702

people volunteered in community programs, fundraised and provided office support

322

complimentary age-appropriate books informed youth

8

students with sb/h received scholarships and bursaries

Raising Funds & Awareness

Building a stable, sustainable revenue base is vital to ensuring SB&H can keep providing the programs and services that are so important to thousands of Ontario families. This year we saw a major grassroots initiative – the Spirit Wheel Run Walk – pick up steam in a phenomenal fashion with a 94% jump in funds raised. We also continued to build strategic linkages with corporations and other partners that align with our goals. Our myriad of fundraising and awareness initiatives are absolutely essential since we generate 100% of the operating budget without any government funding.



“I am most excited about being able to put a face to spina bifida (through the Spirit Wheel Walk Run) to combat the belief that anyone with spina bifida will be paraplegic, be dependent on us forever, never walk and always need diapers. I want to show people how wonderful it is to have Nickolas and how proud I am to be his mom.”

Amanda Ridding, Nickolas’ Loved Ones
SWWR Organizer, Pickering

Full Speed Ahead with Spirit Wheel Walk Run

“Wow” says it all when it comes to the third annual Spirit Wheel Walk Run (SWWR) which grew from 16 to 18 community events involving more than 1,500 participants and donors. The dollar and cents contribution was amazing – in combination with our sponsor O.O.S. Medial, the proceeds soared to \$35,000! Local newspapers and TV stations were instrumental in promoting the SWWRs, recognizing the organizers and generally putting a face on spina bifida and hydrocephalus (sb/h) in their communities.

Wheeler, walkers and runners came up with unique ways to customize their SWWRs through face painting, raffles, garage sales and more. Whether the route was along a waterfront trail, residential streets or, in one case due to rain, at the local mall, participants shared the common purpose of increasing awareness and raising funds for programs, care, research and advocacy.

We are well on our way to making the SWWR our annual signature event thanks to the very creative organizers, each and every participant and, of course, the donors. This is Spirit Breakthrough & Hope in action!



“Imagine you’re walking down a quiet country road way, your husband and your two children are right beside you. It’s very cloudy and it’s starting to rain a little...it’s not a very nice day for a walk! You turn around... only to see over 100 other people following your lead! We come from a very rural area; spina bifida and hydrocephalus are not well known in this community. We feel that by hosting awareness activities such as the Wheel-Walk-Run we are spreading the word, with the ultimate goal of making spina bifida and hydrocephalus household words, helping to create an understanding of the condition and getting some prevention ideas out there!”



Anita Jessup, Organizer of the Barry’s Bay
SWWR for her son Chadd Stoppa

Sonia said she hopes the event will inspire more awareness about her oldest daughter’s (Saffi’s) condition and help people realize it’s OK to talk to her about her walker or why she wears braces on her legs. “People are afraid to ask questions and she’s going to spend her whole life answering those same questions,” she said.

Sonia Coté, Saffi’s Walk Organizer, *Fort Erie Times* Interview

Golf Challenge

Good fun and good golfing added up to almost \$35,000 at the 5th Annual SB&H Charity Golf Challenge June 1. More than 40 golfers took up the challenge of completing 100 holes and raising pledges. We salute our sponsors for their important role in making this event a success and the many businesses who donated prizes. Special media guests raised awareness of the event and conditions through on air promotion and web endorsements.



TGIF Lottery Calendar

The power of imagination and hope shone through the 17th annual Thank Goodness It's Friday Lottery Calendar featuring artwork by children with sb/h. These remarkable drawings and paintings, along with details about each artist, helped make great strides towards the conditions becoming familiar, household words. Over 2,500 calendars were sold and we extend sincere thanks to those who purchased a calendar and the friends and families who volunteered their time to sell them.

LCBO Coin Boxes

SB&H won on two fronts with the LCBO Donation Box Program in August. One of only 24 Ontario charities selected to participate, our Every Healthy Baby is a Victory message was featured on donations boxes in 600+ LCBO stores across the province throughout August. At the end of the month, customers had filled the boxes with a total of \$10,102 for SB&H! We gained additional profile from the



publication of the news release about this unique partnership in community newspapers across the province. We are very grateful to the LCBO and its employees and customers for this opportunity.



Community is Everything

Teddy Bears & Tenacity at CFB Petawawa

Diagnosed with hydrocephalus as an adult three years ago, **Corporal Nicky (Annick) Le Bouthiller's** decided to run a half-marathon at CFB Petawawa. Her goal was to let children with the condition know that anything is possible and raise funds for SB&H. After running 5 km a week in November she proudly completed 21-km with friends and supporters. Nicky raised \$1,200 in donations from her brothers and sisters of the Corps, friends and family. 13 teddy bears from each of her team-

mates were delivered to our member's children with a personal message of encouragement and support.



Swing for a Cure, a Spectacular Fundraiser

Adrian Tauro and John Maclachlan hosted a unique golf event at the magnificent Magna Golf Club, a world-renowned property located just north of Toronto. The contributions made by 30 players raised an amazing \$33,000 to garner support for spina bifida and hydrocephalus – chronic conditions without a cure. SB&H is very grateful for the generosity and compassion of all participants and their hosts.

“Our little son was born prematurely at 22 weeks gestation with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. His name is Jacob and he lived a short time with us before dying. He touched our lives briefly but made an impact we will never forget... Handing the donation over to the association gave us closure and new found happiness on all our past pain.”

Doreen Alexandris,

who organized the Ride for Jacob with her husband Tony

Rotary and SB&H Team Up

For the second year, the Rotary Club of Burlington North supported SB&H through the annual **Rotary Community Service Walk**, raising \$12,000. Energetic participants together with Burlington Mayor Cam Jackson gathered at the Burlington Mall March 28 for the 1-km indoor walk and to enjoy face painting, fire truck tours, crafts and refreshments. SB&H and Rotary Club members spearheaded this hugely successful community event.



Car Enthusiasts Generously Support SB&H

The Ontario Camaro Club, a longtime SB&H supporter, raised \$3,700 through Club and member donations, proceeds from silent and live auctions during its Ontario Nationals Car Show. Host hotel, the Four Points by Sheraton St. Catharines Niagara Suites also donated proceeds from their barbecue at the show.



Ice Cream Anyone?

The presence of a Grade 5 student with spina bifida at the Community Christian School in Drayton prompted the school to donate proceeds from its annual **Build Your Own**

Sundae event in May. Students have fun pre-ordering the number of scoops and toppings they want. On the day, they bring in a bowl and spoon and Grade 7 and 8 students serve. Every penny of this \$324 is greatly appreciated.



Thank you!
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Partners, sponsors and donors are the bedrock of SB&H and all we do. We extend heartfelt thanks to the following organizations and individuals for their much appreciated generosity.

Corporations & Foundations

Alice & Murray Maitland Foundation
Baskin Financial Services Inc.
Cares Foundation of Fallsview Casino Resort/Casino Niagara (The)
Catherine & Maxwell Meighen Foundation (The)
CIBC
Coloplast Canada Corporation
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Tauro Maclachlan Group
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Vitapath Genetics Inc.
WD-40 Products (Canada) Ltd.

Service Clubs & Associations

Corvette Club of Ontario
International Order of the Alhambra Guzera Caravan #72
Lions & Lioness Club of North Oshawa
Ontario Camero Club
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #234
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #275

Employee Groups

Bell Canada Helping Hands Open Hearts
Hydro One Inc.
Ontario Power Generation

Friends

Gordon Baker
Leslie Booth
James Salmon
John Skogstad
Mark Tyler
Heather Wills

More Thanks

We are also extremely grateful for the many donors not listed here due to space restrictions. Their contributions make an amazing and valued difference in our community.

Leadership

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DAVID C. ONLEY

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

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Spirit. Breakthrough & Hope

Volunteers:

The Heartbeat of SB&H

A friendly handshake...a fresh idea...a thought-provoking story.



This is just a small sample of the countless ways that volunteers make an amazing difference in SB&H program and service delivery, fundraising and day-to-day operations. This year, we are extremely grateful to the 702 volunteers who contributed 7,406 hours to a multitude of tasks. They organized and participated in Spirit Wheel Walk Runs, wrote for the *Current* magazine, ran Taster's Clubs, served on the Media Advisory Board and much, much more. We value and sincerely appreciate the efforts of every single volunteer – they are truly the heartbeat of our organization!

We pay special tribute to the members of the Board of Directors who steered the course for SB&H over the year with insightful leadership and open minds. They are shining examples of commitment, caring and making a positive difference.

Going Above & Beyond

Awards were presented to these volunteers at the Annual Meeting to recognize their outstanding efforts.

Special Recognition Award: **Gilda Katz**

Outstanding Service, Scholarship Selection Committee:

Judith Bowles, Michael Laitman, Justin Parappally, Maddalena Mariano, Sylvia Langlois

Outstanding Achievement, 100 Hole Golf Challenge: **Adriana Cinapri**

Outstanding Achievement, Spirit Wheel Walk Run: **Bonnie Charbonneau, Anita Jessup, Jennifer Rayment**



“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

Elizabeth Andrew

Summary Annual Financial Statements

Summary Statement of Financial Position

February 28, 2011

	2011	2010
ASSETS		
Cash and short-term deposits	\$324,432	\$336,824
Other current assets	68,393	54,446
Total current assets	392,825	391,270
Endowment investments and security deposit	228,803	228,344
Equipment	21,341	7,648
Total assets	\$642,969	\$627,262
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$33,314	\$28,114
Deferred contributions	2,810	2,576
	36,124	30,690
NET ASSETS		
Net assets invested in equipment	21,341	7,648
Net assets restricted for scholarships and research	227,173	226,923
Unrestricted net assets	358,331	362,001
	606,845	596,572
Total liabilities and net assets	\$642,969	\$627,262

Summary Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended February 28, 2011

	Unrestricted	Restricted / other	2011 Total	2010 Total
Beginning of year	\$362,001	\$234,571	\$596,572	\$569,252
Revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) for the year	17,418	(7,395)	10,023	25,701
Endowment contributions and reinvested interest income	-	250	250	1,619
Investment in equipment	(21,088)	21,088	-	-
End of year	\$358,331	\$248,514	\$606,845	\$596,572

Summary Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended February 28, 2011

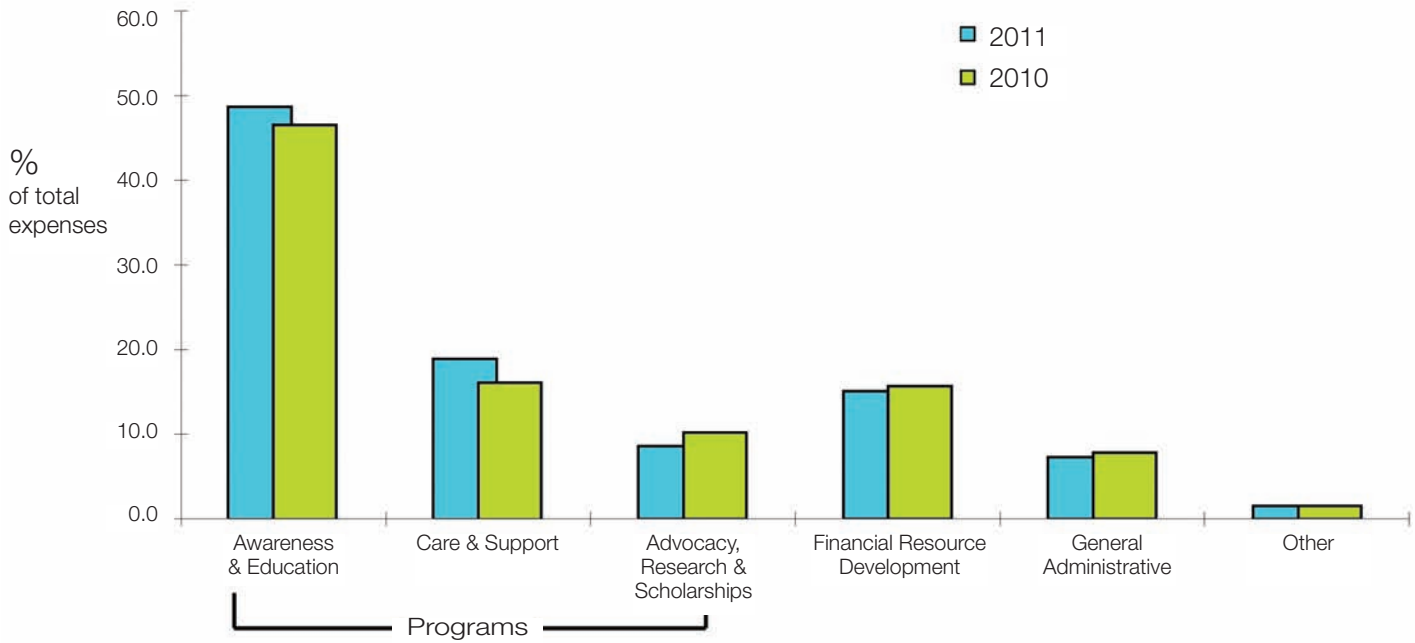
	2011	2010
Cash provided by (used for):		
General operating activities	\$8,905	\$25,676
Investment activities, net	(21,297)	3
Net increase (decrease) in cash for the year	(12,392)	25,679
Cash and short-term deposits, beginning of year	336,824	311,145
Cash and short-term deposits, end of year	\$324,432	\$336,824

Summary Statement of Operations

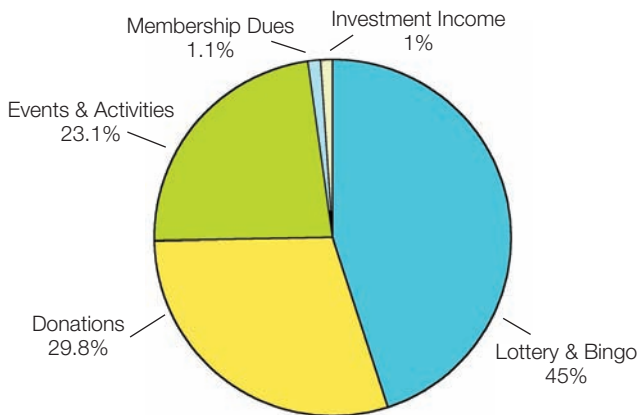
Year ended February 28, 2011

	2011	2010
Revenues		
Fundraising activities, net	\$365,618	\$334,106
Contributions	160,049	143,566
Membership dues, investment income and other	11,496	14,546
	537,163	492,218
Expenses		
Awareness and education	262,415	223,165
Care and support	106,956	92,633
Advocacy, research and scholarships	41,791	43,796
Financial resource development	73,151	67,132
General administrative	35,432	33,493
Amortization of equipment	7,395	6,298
	527,140	466,517
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues)	\$10,023	\$25,701

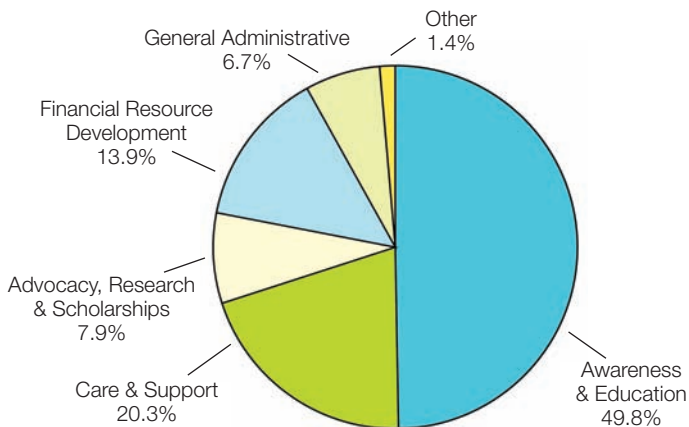
Expenses Allocation Comparison



Revenue Sources 2011



Allocation of Total Expenses 2011



Report of the Independent Auditors on the Summary Financial Statements

To the members of Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at February 28, 2011, the summary statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario for the year ended February 28, 2011. We expressed an audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated June 16, 2011 that, in common with many not-for-profit organizations, was qualified since revenues from contributions and fundraising events, due to their nature, are not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification of completeness.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario.

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. As auditors, our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario for the year ended February 28, 2011 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Toronto, Ontario
June 16, 2011

Cholkan + Stepczuk LLP
Chartered Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Mission

To build awareness and drive education, research, support, care and advocacy to help find a cure while always continuing to improve the quality of life of all individuals with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus.

Vision

To facilitate the reduction and ultimate eradication of spina bifida and hydrocephalus, and build a society that is sensitive, supportive and responsive to the needs of those living with or affected by these disabilities.

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