

SPINA BIFIDA & HYDROCEPHALUS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO
ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010



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Spirit. Breakthrough & Hope
Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus
Association of Ontario



David C. Onley
The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario



THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO
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2009 - 2010

It is with pleasure that I extend greetings to the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus (SB&H) Association of Ontario for continuing to make life better for those living with these conditions.

Since your founding in 1973, you have expanded to offer a range of programs that foster self-help, and provide personal support to individuals and families. You have raised awareness by encouraging research, educating the public with *A Guide to Hydrocephalus – Living Life to the Fullest*, and advocating for a cure through your remarkable volunteer force.

In this past year, you have raised funds through your *Spirit Wheel Walk Run* throughout the province, and your Annual Charity Golf Challenge. Also, several individuals with spina bifida have been honoured for their community advocacy work, and for promoting inclusion for people with disabilities in the workforce.

As your Honorary Patron, and The Queen's representative in Ontario, I commend the endeavours of SB&H and wish you well for another year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David C. Onley".

David C. Onley

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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.



2009-2010 marks another exciting year in the history of SB&H.

During this challenging economic time, we succeeded in remaining fiscally sound and certainly achieved short term stability by generating a small profit. There is no doubt that we continue to aggressively pursue strategies to obtain medium to long term financial goals which will enable us to broaden awareness and support research and other important scientific and medical initiatives.

Awareness has always been one of the key strategic directions for SB&H and to that end, we were able to publish and widely distribute our new Guide to Hydrocephalus booklet which received rave reviews from both our members and the medical community. This endeavour required a lot of work and extensive review and I am grateful to Joan Booth our Executive Director for leading this important initiative and ensuring the high quality of the end product. The guide compliments many of our excellent existing materials about spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

Research, research, research - clearly an important focus for the future. Whether the challenge be raising funds or participating in studies, our members play a critical role in this regard. In speaking with other Board Chairs from organizations across North America there is little doubt that research remains a key focus. We are finally seeing some exciting studies and potential breakthroughs that offer a little more hope and promise for the future. I firmly believe that the gains to be made in the next

decade will exceed those gains cumulatively made in the past six decades. Our role is to create interest and raise funds for these efforts and then let the magic of science and good luck intersect in a timely and productive manner.

This past year's success was due to the tremendous efforts of many people. First and foremost, Joan and her staff at the SB&H office worked tirelessly to implement the strategic plan and vision of the Association and are to be commended. The dedication, leadership and commitment of my fellow Board members and our Medical Advisory Board provide the impetus that moved us forward. Thank you to the countless volunteers in numerous communities who gave hundreds of hours of their time. I am also very grateful for the generosity of our donors who enabled us to deliver quality programs and services.

This is a long journey and the finish line remains elusive. The goal is to expand our reach, enhance our profile and continue to foster strategic linkages along the way. We are always mindful of why we do this work. We deal with chronic conditions that have no cure. At the end of the day, we do what we can to improve the quality of the journey. I am confident that this year we made greater reach, achieved a broader profile and created a few more strategic partnerships.

Thank you for your support.

Marc Garson
Chair, SB&H Board of Directors

Reaching Out with a Helping Hand

Technology is making the world more accessible; our appetite for knowledge, understanding and solutions is growing at an alarming rate. SB&H has worked hard to successfully support more people than ever before - our reach has grown exponentially.

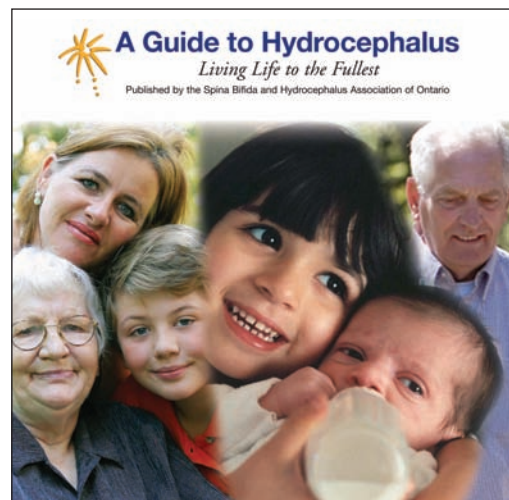
"We wanted to say THANK-YOU for the resources you have sent to us for our son Lucas over the past six months. Lucas enjoyed reading the books sent to him and it gave us some natural talking points. We also found the new "Guide to Hydrocephalus to be very useful and informative. The work you do to support people living with spina bifida and hydrocephalus as well as their families is greatly appreciated. Best wishes."

~ An SB&H member family

Our most effective communication tool has been the internet. In 2009, we completely revamped our website to be more user-friendly. A new format allowed us to keep members, donors, healthcare providers and interested individuals informed of the latest developments in the greater hydrocephalus and spina bifida community and the Association.

Of utmost importance continued to be our relationships and personal connections with parents of newborns, adults, youth and their families living with the conditions. Through our toll-free help line we provided support, information and referrals to community agencies to more than 2,000 callers from around the province.

This year we introduced our new **Guide to Hydrocephalus**. The only one of its kind in Canada this resource is a practical manual on all things hydrocephalus. From children to adults the new edition covers the different forms of hydrocephalus, treatment options and has the best glossary of terms for lay people. The booklet, reviewed by Dr. James Drake, Chief of Neurosurgery at SickKids, Toronto is an invaluable asset.



"Thank you so much for the books that you sent for Jake (age 7). He just loves them and reads them over and over again."

~ Jennifer R.

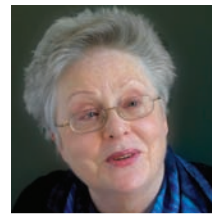
The **SB&H Kidz & Youth Book Club** was considered a great success by children and their parents. Complimentary books were sent to members' children and many more were distributed through attendance at children's rehab clinics at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and ErinoakKids. These resources are particularly effective tools to reach out to children and youth (ages five to nineteen) with spina bifida and hydrocephalus to teach them about relevant issues that affect them using a fun and positive approach.

Education at its Best

Three members of the SB&H Medical Advisory Board gave exceptional presentations at our 2009 Annual General Meeting.

Distinguished speakers included **Dr. Maureen Dennis**, neuropsychologist at the Hospital for Sick Children, **Dr. Sandrine de Ribapierre**, Assistant Professor, Division of Neurosurgery at the University of Western Ontario in London and paediatric neurosurgeon, and **Dr. Miles Johnston**, Professor at the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology at the University of Toronto.

Their presentations covered new ways of understanding spina bifida and hydrocephalus and how people living with these conditions can find and receive the care and support they need.



Other outstanding performances came from 11 young people who demonstrated motivation, self-awareness, commitment, passion and interest. They are the recipients of our Scholarship and Bursary Program which is designed to support young people with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus who wish to continue their education. Congratulations to these well-rounded young men and women who are striving for success.

DR. E. BRUCE HENDRICK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Sarah Boyd, Everett - *Dr Robin P. Humphreys Award*

Susan Guenther, Ancaster - *Graham R.E. Gill Award*

Ryan Howell, Whitby

Heather Majoran, Kilworthy

Alexandra Miller, Cambridge - *Barton Family Award*

Amber Pelzer, Brantford - *Rodney G. Walsh Award*

Cosette Rodriguez, Mississauga

Hillary Turner, Binbrook

LUCIANA SPRING MASCARIN BURSARY

Ashley Clark, Chatham

John Mahoney, Windsor

Bonnie Youngs, Thamesville



Creating Awareness

More than 50 cities, towns and municipalities proclaimed June to be **Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month**. As part of our on-going mission to raise awareness of the conditions, the SB&H **Spirit Wheel Walk Run** held during the month of June garnered much support and media attention in 18 communities.



Our vision is for every baby to be born healthy. Until then our critical message to inform all women of childbearing age about the benefits of folic acid MUST continue. Taking a multivitamin supplement containing .4 mg of folic acid has been proven to reduce the incidence of neural tube defects, such as spina bifida, by more than 70%. In 2009 we continued to provide one-on-one counseling, delivered the message through our folic acid website and distributed more than 30,000 brochures throughout the province.



SB&H was relentless in educating the public and healthcare providers about normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH). This emerging condition has increased dramatically as baby boomers age. NPH typically affects adults over 55 and is particularly difficult to diagnose. Our initiative helped individuals and family members recognize symptoms and obtain early treatment.

Karen H. lost the ability to walk and talk. She had to give up her career as a teacher and competitive tennis player. It took a year and a lengthy hospitalization to finally be diagnosed with NPH. A shunt was implanted and after many months of physical, speech and occupational therapy, Karen was able to re-learn simple things such as stepping off a curb or throwing a ball. Today Karen enjoys reading, swimming, playing bridge, walking, and time with family and friends. She has regained her independence.



The award winning **Kids on The Block** is committed to teaching children awareness, sensitivity and understanding disabilities through entertaining puppetry. SB&H is proud to sponsor this successful program that reaches more than 23,000 school age children each year. One among many is Valerie, a puppet with spina bifida. She wears braces and delivers a customized spina bifida script. As she often says, "Spina bifida is just one small part of who I am. I am not going to let it keep me from trying anything I want to try."



Building Relationships



SB&H has also continued to explore new possibilities and strengthen existing relationships with individuals and like-minded organizations to further our mission.

2009 welcomed Danny Lamb as our newest **Ambassador**. Danny is a young adult with hydrocephalus who is a past recipient of the SB&H Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick Scholarship.

After being forced to give up sports because of issues related to hydrocephalus, Danny turned to music and soon discovered that he had a deep love for it. Danny has since been working towards a career as a singer/songwriter. He has written a song entitled *"The Simple Things"* and has pledged to donate proceeds from its sale on itunes to SB&H. Danny works diligently to create awareness of the Association and the conditions everywhere he travels.



As a founding member of **Neurological Health Charities Canada (NHCC)**, SB&H is excited to be a part of this determined organization. 2009 was a big year for NHCC. On the heels of a \$15 million commitment from the federal government, the group began work on a multi-year National Population Study. We hope to build a better understanding of the incidence, prevalence, impact, and risk factors of neurological conditions including spina bifida and hydrocephalus. The NHCC is also working in partnership with the Ontario government to develop an Ontario Neurological Strategy aimed at improving services and supports for Ontarians with neurological conditions.

Supporting Research

In 2009/10, SB&H supported research related to hydrocephalus and spina bifida on a number of fronts. Students from the University of Toronto conducted research on NPH with support and direction from the Association. We also provided start up funding for a project that will help more accurately diagnose hydrocephalus.

Many other large research institutes and organizations relied on the assistance of SB&H to reach their study population of interest for projects such as the SB Genetics Research Project that is trying to identify genes associated with an increased risk for spina bifida.

By the Numbers

(in Ontario)

2,659,533

SB&H website hits

165,406

website visits

40,125

individuals received support, information and education

34,575

NPH educational materials distributed

31,730

follic acid awareness materials provided

23,200

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

18,135

educational materials about spina bifida & hydrocephalus distributed

6,181

volunteer hours worked on behalf of SB&H

3,023

readership of each issue of *Current* magazine

2,041

help-line calls logged

724

registered users of SB&H Online Community Forum

691

customized information packages provided upon request

529

people volunteered in community programs, fundraised and provided office support

402

complimentary age-appropriate books informed youth

11

students with sb/h received scholarships and bursaries

Raising Funds & Awareness

This year we continued to focus our energies on the development of strategic partnerships with corporations that align with our initiatives. The addition of a part-time Development Coordinator late in the year will enhance our ability to maximize the potential of existing fundraising and awareness programs. Our goal is to generate increased revenue to ensure long-term sustainability of SB&H's programs and services.

No Limits to our Success

In May 2009 the **4th Annual SB&H Charity Golf Challenge** proved itself once again as the most successful fundraising initiative of the year. More than \$43,000 was raised for SB&H programs and services. Although it was a cool day golfers persisted and challenged themselves to play a marathon of 100 holes of golf. It was a tall order but our golfers were up to it! This very special experience delivered a full day of fun, friendship and great spirit.

The success of this unique event was due to the many individuals who raised pledges, the generosity of our sponsors and countless organizations who donated prizes. Special media guests helped raise awareness of our event and the conditions through their on-air and web endorsements. Thank you everyone!



People Helping People... the Foundation of Our Organization

We are very grateful to everyone who made the 16th issue of our **Thank Goodness It's Friday Lottery Calendar** fundraiser and awareness initiative a tremendous success. From the thousands of people who purchased a calendar, to the hundreds of members and their families, friends of the association, volunteers and community partners who sold close to 3,000 calendars we say "thank you."

The success of this campaign was also attributed to artist Elaine Davidson from Owen Sound who donated her work to make this calendar very warm, personal and special. Elaine who has spina bifida was eager to help with this year's initiative. She has recently taken to the trails of her beloved wetlands and fields near her home in what she calls her art mobile, a motorized chair with a basket on the back for her easel, canvas and supplies that she found too tiring to haul. This gave her many more hours to paint and we were very glad to be the recipient of her talents.

The Spirit Wheel Walk Run Takes Off!

In the second year of this grass roots fundraiser and awareness initiative, we experienced a 250% growth in participation! SWWR events engaged more than 1,100 walkers and donors in 18 communities throughout Ontario. Together with our sponsor O.O.S Medical \$18,000 was raised for SB&H programs and services. This tripled the amount generated from last year's inaugural event. Thank you all!

Participants were very creative in their efforts to raise pledges, from a child's lemonade stand and garage sales to an 84 person walk on a northern Ontario highway. Each Wheel Walk Run was uniquely different as families wound their way through local parks and waterfront areas. Everyone wore their distinctive Spirit Wheel Walk Run T-shirt to create interest about the conditions. **It is our hope that the Spirit Wheel Walk Run will become an annual signature event that will capture the hearts of hundreds of communities in Ontario, raise significant funds for SB&H programs and services and ensure that spina bifida and hydrocephalus become household words.**



"When I first received the flyer for the Spirit Wheel Walk Run in the mail, my heart jumped. It was an answer to my prayers. I had always wanted to do something to raise the awareness of spina bifida and hydrocephalus in my community. Now here was my chance and I couldn't let it pass us by. Our lives had changed forever when my daughter, Gabrielle was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus."

~Sharon E.

Anita Jessup, whose son Chadd has spina bifida, decided to organize a Spirit Wheel Walk Run in Barry's Bay. She hoped to attract 20 people and raise \$500 - instead, 84 people signed up. Many collected pledges, others gave donations and over \$4,000 was raised!



"This is the 2nd year we have taken part in the Spirit Wheel Walk Run ... We had an amazing time and raised over \$2,100 for SB&H. Sixteen of my friends and family joined in the walk this year and we walked 10 km up Hwy 50 in Bolton. We proudly carried the SB&H banner and had tons of people honk at us or even stop to ask questions. It was an incredibly beautiful day and I am so blessed by all the incredible friends and family who took part in the event and those who supported us along the way. Hopefully next year we will raise even more money and help educate even more people about spina bifida and hydrocephalus!"

~Jennifer R.

Helping Hands from the Community



Rotary Club of Burlington North held their annual Community Service Walk in support of SB&H and other worthy projects in Burlington. Both SB&H and Rotary Club members participated in the event, raising a total of \$16,000, fifty per cent of which was donated to us for programs and services. Mayor Cam Jackson proclaimed March 29th as Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Day in the City of Burlington and lead the 1 km in-door walk at the Burlington Mall. Rotary members rock!

Dragon Boat Racers go all out for SB&H

Katherine LeCamp and her team of dragon boat racers raised \$624 for SB&H. A co-worker at the Barrie Native Friendship centre has a grandson with spina bifida and she had often mentioned that there were few fundraising opportunities for the condition. This novice team came out on top. Not only did they feel good about raising money for a great cause, they ended up in the finals on race day!



LCBO Donation Box Program We were selected once again to participate in the LCBO's 600 store donation box program during the month of June. The public supported SB&H by donating more than \$10,000 in change. The LCBO's province-wide store network is a very effective way for SB&H to increase awareness of spina bifida and hydrocephalus and to raise funds for programs and services. We are very grateful to the LCBO, it's employees and especially their customers for their generosity.

Cars for SB&H Every year the Ontario Camaro Club (OCC) hosts the longest-running car show in Canada. This past June was their 21st annual event. As the OCC's charity of choice, SB&H was very fortunate to receive \$2,300 from the proceeds from a silent and live auction held during the show as well as donations from the Club and attendees. Thank you OCC!



Ride for Hope! Imagine a 20-member team of O.P.P. officers riding 800 pound Harley Davison Police Special motorcycles. This dedicated group is called the **Golden Helmets Precision Motorcycle Team**. They put on the most amazing shows of daring and ride in great precision. Proceeds from the sale of clothing and pins at their exhibition are donated to a variety of children's charities. This year we received \$2,000 from the Golden Helmets. Rick Foley, a team member, has a 6-year old stepson Alec, who has spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Thank you all!

Young Philanthropists Our thanks go to Annette and the six member Bronze Team of the Vision Youth Leadership Program for their fundraising and awareness efforts on behalf of SB&H. As part of their Community Services Project presentation the team raised \$240. Bravo!

Alicia and Abby in grade 4 at John Ross Robertson Public School raised \$100 for SB&H through an awareness project about spina bifida and hydrocephalus. We were very impressed by their compassion and enthusiasm to help others. We thank them for their efforts. The spirit of giving has touched their hearts!

Thank you for your gift!

SB&H is extremely grateful to the following for their generosity and compassion. Together with these partners, sponsors and donors we were able to make a positive difference in the lives of thousands of children, youth, parents and adults living with the unique challenges of spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

Corporations & Foundations

Alice & Murray Maitland Foundation
Audrey S. Hellyer Charitable Foundation
Baskin Financial Services Inc.
BMO Financial Group
Catherine & Maxwell Meighen Foundation (The)
CIBC
Coloplast Canada Corporation
Cormark Securities Inc.
Druxy's Inc.
Edwards Charitable Foundation
Frederick & Douglas Dickson Foundation
Gary Bluestein Charitable Foundation
Harold Crabtree Foundation (The)
Harry P. Ward Foundation
Henry & Berenice Kaufmann Foundation (The)
Holger & Claudette Kluge Family Foundation (The)
Hood Packaging Corporation
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Johnson & Johnson Medical Products
Julie-Jiggs Foundation (The)
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Nelson Arthur Hyland Foundation
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Vitapath Genetics Inc.
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Service Clubs & Associations

Baltimore-Cobourg Optimist Club
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Ontario Camaro Club
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #234

Employee Groups

Bell Canada Helping Hands Open Hearts
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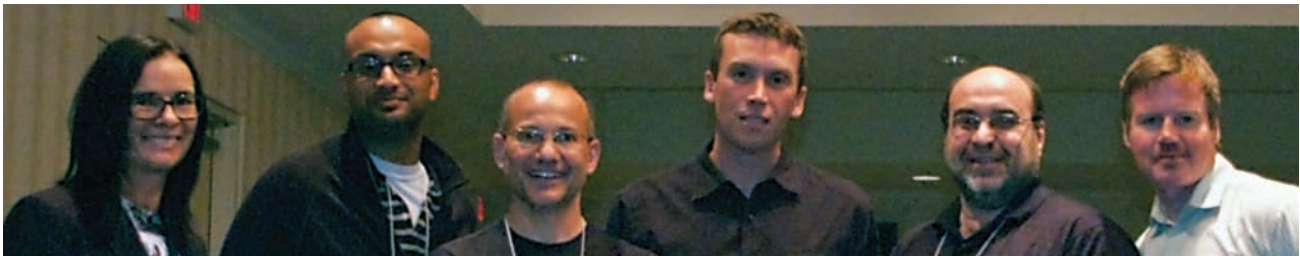
We would like to extend a special thank you to the many donors, not identified here whose contribution enabled us to achieve our goals. Their generosity gives strength and hope to those in need.

Volunteering

Volunteers have helped shape SB&H for 36 years.

We thank our 2009 Board of Directors for their insight, direction and vision. Each member of this caring and committed group has brought so much to the Association and helped us move forward. All of our board members have been touched in some way by spina bifida and hydrocephalus and share a belief that we really can make a difference.

We honour our 2009 volunteers Trish Cross-Mash, Donna George, Shevaughan Huxtable and Jerry Pastuch who received awards for their diligence and long-standing commitment to SB&H.



Our achievements were made possible through the support of SB&H members and volunteers who continue to give the gift of time. Volunteers are an invaluable resource and we are fortunate to have some of the very best. In addition to providing leadership, they assist with the delivery of our programs and services, fundraise and provide support in our office.

2009 SB&H Board of Directors

Two young volunteers Jordan Sarraf and Faith Postma registered for the Rotary Club of Burlington North walk - they raised pledges and walked for SB&H.



We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.

~ Winston Churchill

Leadership

Honourary Patron

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Summarized Annual Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position

February 28, 2010	2010	2009
ASSETS		
Cash and short-term deposits	\$336,824	\$311,145
Other current assets	54,446	56,043
Total current assets	391,270	367,188
Endowment investments and security deposit	228,344	229,962
Equipment	7,648	10,711
Total assets	\$627,262	\$607,861
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$28,114	\$26,212
Deferred contributions	2,576	7,129
	30,690	33,341
NET ASSETS		
Net assets invested in equipment	7,648	9,283
Net assets restricted for scholarships and research	226,923	229,972
Unrestricted net assets	362,001	335,265
	596,572	574,520
Total liabilities and net assets	\$627,262	\$607,861

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended February 28, 2010	2010		2009
	Unrestricted	Restricted/other	Total
Beginning of year <i>(note below)</i>	\$333,765	\$235,487	\$569,252
Revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) for the year	31,470	(5,769)	25,701
Endowment contributions and reinvested interest income	-	1,619	1,619
Investment in equipment	(3,234)	3,234	-
End of year	\$362,001	\$234,571	\$596,572

Statement of Cash Flows

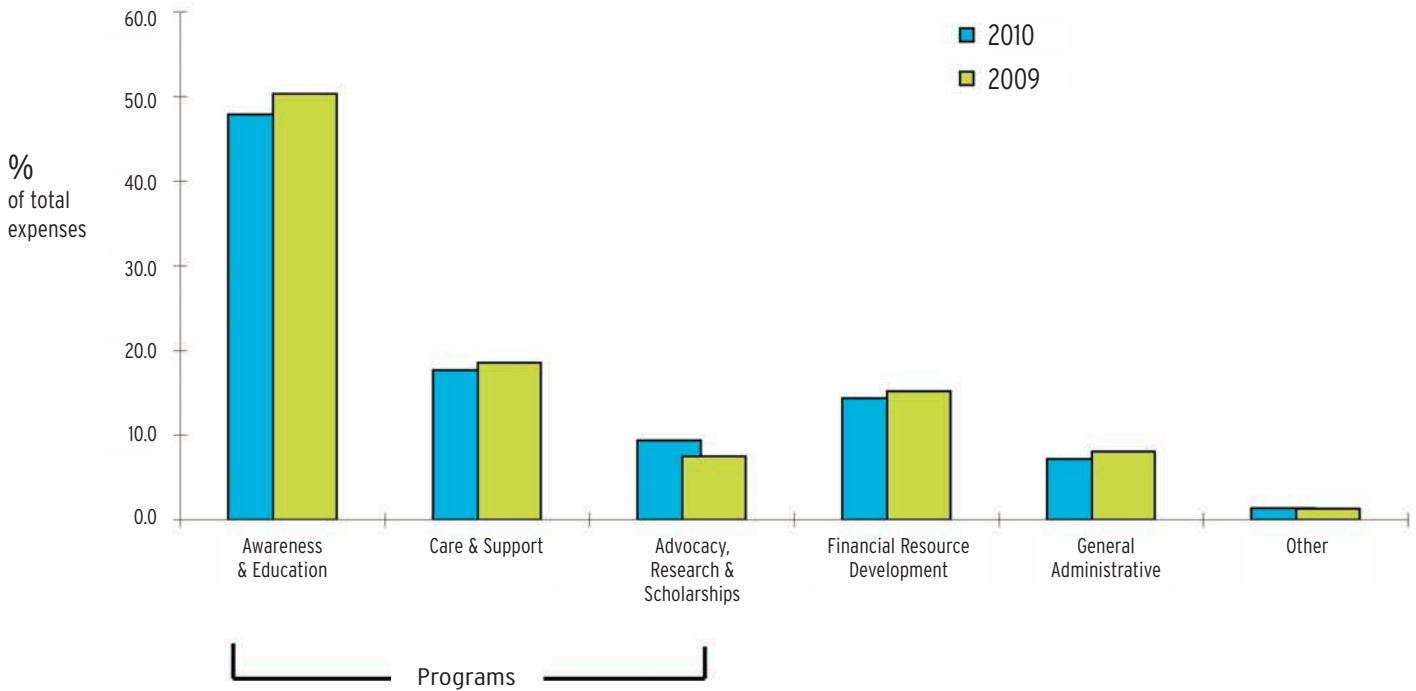
Year ended February 28, 2010	2010	2009
Cash provided by (used for):		
General operating activities	\$25,676	\$(15,841)
Investment activities, net	3	(6,902)
Net increase (decrease) in cash for the year	25,679	(22,743)
Cash and short-term deposits, beginning of year	311,145	333,888
Cash and short-term deposits, end of year	\$336,824	\$311,145

Statement of Operations

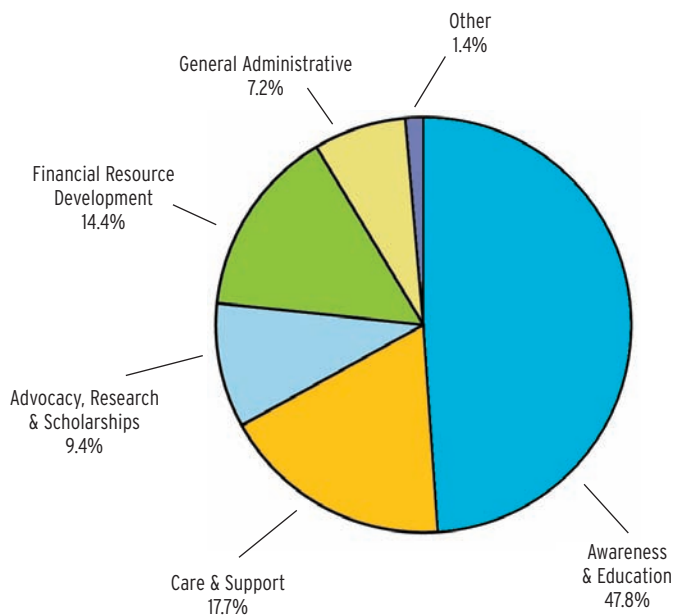
Year ended February 28, 2010	2010	2009
REVENUES		
Fundraising activities, net	\$334,106	\$303,439
Contributions - general	143,566	119,488
Contributions - bequests	-	4,098
Membership dues, investment income and other	14,546	19,678
	492,218	446,703
EXPENSES		
Awareness and education	223,165	245,768
Care and support	92,633	90,784
Advocacy, research and scholarships	43,796	36,723
Financial resource development	67,132	74,269
General administrative	33,493	34,729
Amortization of equipment	6,298	6,465
	466,517	488,738
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues)	\$25,701	\$(42,035)

Note: The balance of Net Assets at the end of the preceding year was restated by \$5,268 with corresponding adjustments, mainly, to the deferred contribution liability. Further information is provided in the complete financial statements.

Expenses Allocation Comparison



Allocation of Total Expenses 2010



Auditors Report on Summarized Financial Statements

The accompanying summarized statements of financial position, operations, changes in net assets and cash flows are derived from the complete financial statements of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario as at February 28, 2010 and for the year then ended. Our opinion, dated May 20, 2010, on the complete financial statements was qualified only with respect to the completeness of donation and fundraising revenues which was not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. 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 generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

Cholkan + Stepczuk LLP

Toronto, Ontario
May 20, 2010

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.

Community Representation

Burlington/Oakville	Niagara	Sault Ste. Marie
Hamilton	Oshawa	South Georgian Bay
Hanover	Ottawa (2)	Sudbury
Kitchener/Waterloo	Owen Sound	Toronto
London	Peterborough	West Lorne
Mississauga	Richmond Hill	Windsor

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