

2005-2006 ANNUAL REPORT



Spirit. Breakthrough & Hope

Our achievements AND PARTNERSHIPS



OUR 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.

OUR 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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Message from OUR HONOURARY PATRON



**THE LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO**
JAMES K. BARTLEMAN



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

As The Queen's representative in Ontario, I am pleased to extend greetings to all the members and supporters of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario.

As you mark yet another successful year helping people who have Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, it is so very important to take time to reflect on your accomplishments thus far and your goals for the future. The many successful programs, campaigns, scholarships and services that you have provided will go a long way to helping people in Ontario live with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

I send my best wishes to all of you and hope you have another successful year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James K. Bartleman". The signature is written in a cursive style.

James K. Bartleman

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Message from THE CHAIR



The job of the Board of Directors is to look forward, to develop the plans that take the Association into the future and to ensure that the Association has the resources to carry out its Mission. But each year at this time, we must look back to ensure that we are meeting the goals that we have set for ourselves.

To achieve our goals we have people working in many different areas. We have community reps in all parts of the province. We have people working with children, youth, and adults with sb&h as well as with their family members. Our list of volunteers has 26 different labels for the types of services that they provide to the Association and to our members. Each job, be it Board member, bingo volunteer, parent contact, Taster's Club organizer, Dr. E Bruce Hendrick Scholarship awards committee member, calendar sales person or office worker, is essential to the health of the organization.

When we look back on our successes, some of these areas are easier to assess than others. The Board of Directors welcomed four new members in 2005/06; Marc Garson, John Maclachan, Claudio Cinapri and Guy Laplante. Each one is dedicated to SB&H and to using his skills to promote our goals. We look forward to the growth that their expertise and energy will bring the Association. Board member Helen Thomson Devoy has retired after many years of sharing her time and knowledge with the Board. SB&H extends our thanks to her and her family.

The work of our Executive Director and Treasurer can be easily evaluated by looking at our Financial Reports. SB&H was able to carry out its programs for the year and stay within its budget. Thanks are due to our fundraising staff and volunteers for creating and sustaining ways to raise money and to our staff for their careful use of our resources. Although our Mission statement never mentions money, we would not be able to fulfill our Mission without significant sums of money and we thank our donors; individuals, groups, corporations and foundations for their generosity and for making our work possible.

The highlights of SB&H's work can be read in the Programs and Services section of this report. By referring back to our Mission, we always know what we hope to achieve through our work but it is sometimes harder to assess how successful we have been. We now include surveys in *Current*, with our calendar sales packages, with our lending library books and with our various awareness and outreach materials. We track the comments made by those who call the office and proudly display the many "thank you" notes that we receive. The comments from all our areas of influence have been positive but we would like to do more. The March 2006 copy of *Current Bulletin* charted the many services that SB&H provides across the province. It also showed the services, such as Special Education Advisory Committee reps, the Help Fund, Taster's Club, Kids on the Block and the Health and Well-being Program that have been initiated locally and need financial and volunteer support to spread to more members.

At the final meeting of 2005/2006, the Board set in motion the strategic planning process. In April 2006, the Board decided on the four key areas where SB&H will concentrate its efforts in the coming years. As always, the chosen strategies will help us to better serve our members and to better inform the people of Ontario. And as always, we invite you to help us reach our goals.

So I will end the year by saying "Thank you" to our amazing staff and to our generous volunteers and donors. 2005/2006 has been a successful year for SB&H and a secure stepping-stone from which the Association can reach and grow.

Derryn Gill

Treasurer's REPORT

The Statement of Operations for the year ended February 28, 2006 reports a satisfactory excess of revenues over expenses (surplus) of \$9,558 representing an increase of 13% over the 2005 reported surplus of \$8,449. The "bottom line" trend in the recent years has been encouraging with 2003 experiencing an unsustainable deficit exceeding \$10,000.

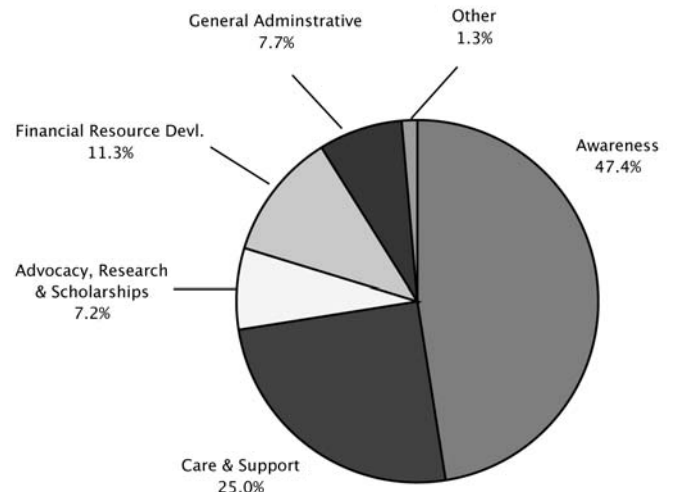
Revenues have reduced by 4% or \$19,339 in 2006 but this has been more than offset by a reduction in expenses of \$20,448 in 2006 over those in 2005.

The Trillium funded grant originally totaled \$200,000 and was made for the purpose of improving organizational capacity to support the work of the volunteers and increase awareness of the Association's programs and services and covered the years 2004 to 2006; it is about to come to an end and has already proven its effectiveness.

Fundraising revenues continue to represent a significant amount of the Association's revenue (57%) in 2006 and include proceeds from break open tickets, lottery calendar sales and bingo. As noted in other years, gaming revenues continue to be under competitive and regulatory pressure and the Board's long-term strategy is to reduce dependence on this source of income. An example of this is the recent and most financially successful spring 2006 golf tournament, which is intended to be repeated by building on the current momentum realized.

Contributions, net of mailing costs, are modestly down in 2006 to approximately \$158,000, about

ALLOCATION OF TOTAL EXPENSES 2006



\$8,000 or 5%, and other sundry revenues at \$14,281 are relatively unchanged from last year.

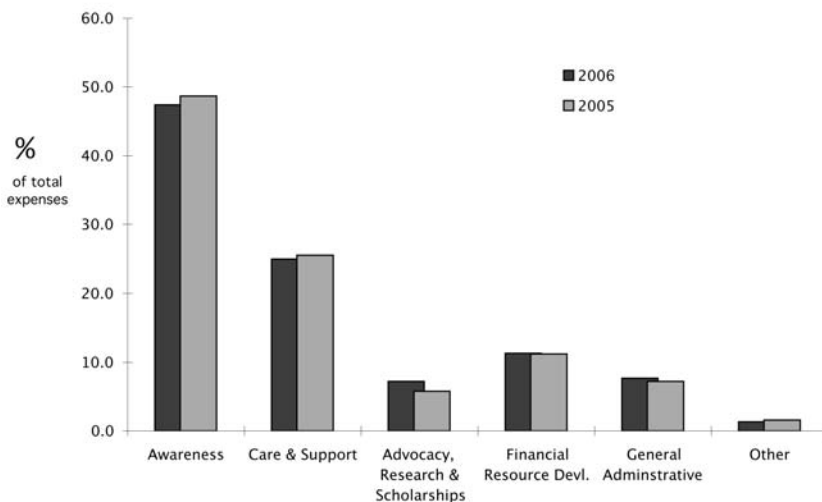
Expense reductions have occurred in the categories of awareness and education, care and support, and financial resource development, and have increased in advocacy, research and scholarships, and general administration. The present Association staffing is at the minimal possible level to provide an acceptable level of service and reflects the limitations caused by available revenue sources. Also, there are no longer any savings to be realized in occupancy and general administrative expenses.

The improved 2006 surplus is reflected in the Statement of Financial Position, which reports an increase in total assets from \$498,000 in 2005 to \$509,000 in 2006. The working capital, which is the difference between current assets and current liabilities and is a measure of the Association's liquidity, has increased by an impressive \$40,000 to \$273,000 at February 28, 2006.

The summarized financial statements are derived from the audited financial statements approved by the Board. The Association's financial statements for the year ended February 28, 2006 were audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. A copy of the complete audited financial statements and the auditor's report may be obtained from the office upon request.

Patrick Jordan

EXPENSES ALLOCATION COMPARISON



SUMMARIZED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
As at February 28, 2006	2006	2005
ASSETS		
Cash and short-term deposits	\$268,848	\$264,547
Other current assets	68,583	61,066
Total current assets	337,431	325,613
Endowment investments and security deposit	154,663	152,326
Equipment	17,030	20,929
Total assets	\$509,124	\$498,868
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$28,617	\$28,273
Deferred contributions	36,141	63,283
	64,758	91,556
NET ASSETS		
Net assets invested in equipment	10,647	12,366
Net assets restricted for scholarships and research	149,234	118,221
Unrestricted net assets	284,485	276,725
	444,366	407,312
Total liabilities and net assets	\$509,124	\$498,868

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS				
As at February 28, 2006			2006	2005
	Unrestricted	Restricted/other	Total	Total
Beginning of year	\$276,725	\$130,587	\$407,312	\$397,384
Revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) for the year	13,925	(4,367)	9,558	8,449
Endowment contributions and reinvested interest income	-	27,496	27,496	1,479
Investment in equipment	(2,648)	2,648	-	-
Internally imposed restrictions	(3,517)	3,517	-	-
End of year	\$284,485	\$159,881	\$444,366	\$407,312

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
As at February 28, 2006	2006	2005
Cash provided by (used for):		
General operating activities	\$7,831	\$8,452
Investment activities	(3,530)	(4,176)
Net increase (decrease) in cash for the year	4,301	4,276
Cash and short-term deposits, beginning of year	264,547	260,271
Cash and short-term deposits, end of year	\$268,848	\$264,547

SUMMARIZED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

As at February 28, 2006			2006	2005
	General	Trillium Funded	Total	Total
REVENUES				
Fundraising activities, net	\$278,458	\$ -	\$278,458	\$271,755
Contributions	157,993	-	157,993	165,955
Amortization of deferred contributions	-	45,091	45,091	62,749
Membership dues, investment income and other	14,281	-	14,281	14,703
	450,732	45,091	495,823	515,162
EXPENSES				
Awareness and education	200,191	30,395	230,586	246,547
Care and support	114,040	7,601	121,641	129,538
Advocacy, research and scholarships	31,737	3,474	35,211	29,332
Financial resource development	54,051	905	54,956	56,594
General administrative	36,788	536	37,324	36,492
Amortization of equipment	4,367	2,180	6,547	8,210
	441,174	45,091	486,265	506,713
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$9,558	\$ -	\$9,558	\$8,449

AUDITORS REPORT ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying summarized balance sheet and statements of 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, 2006 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated May 17, 2006. 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.



Toronto, Ontario
May 17, 2006

Cholkan + Stepczuk LLP
Chartered Accountants

Development REPORT

SB&H engages in a wide range of revenue generating activities to deliver our programs and services throughout Ontario.

The Association relies on the support it receives from community partners in addition to a variety of fundraising events and activities.

2005-2006 was the third year of our Ontario Trillium Foundation grant specified for “building community capacity and quality through volunteerism”. The grant made it possible for us to change the way we do business across the province by responding to new challenges in the volunteer sector and improving our ability to deliver programs and services to more people, in more communities across Ontario.

Major gifts at the \$5,000 level came from foundations and corporations. We would like to thank Johnson & Johnson, Codman Division for their commitment to our organization and welcome our newest partner, The Medtronic Foundation.

Response to our direct mail program has been constant and we were pleased to see an increase in participation in our Monthly Giving Club. In an effort to reduce overhead expenses, we produced our direct mail appeals in-house. These considerable savings enabled us to have a good year-end result.

Gaming continues to provide a reliable source of revenue for the Association although we, as well as other charities, have seen a steady decline in recent years. Through Bingo events in several communities and the sale of Nevada Break-open Tickets province-wide, a large portion of our revenue is realized from gaming.

Sales from the 2006 “Thank Goodness It’s Friday” Lottery Calendar helped bring members, friends,

family, volunteers and community partners together to raise funds and awareness for SB&H. A thriving fundraiser for 12 years, it is the single most popular activity that gets many of our members involved.

More than 150 individuals and teams sold 3,200 calendars resulting in a net contribution of \$33,200. The calendar also raised awareness for the Association through the inclusion of testimonials from individuals with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus. The 2006 calendar featured the beautiful paintings of artist Elaine Davidson from Owen Sound, who is an SB&H member.





Small change can make a **BIG** difference

June is awareness month for the Association. In addition to public announcements and the distribution of bookmarks to more than 700 Ontario libraries, we were selected to participate in the LCBO's Coin Box Program for the month of June. The LCBO's province-wide store network is a very effective way for us to raise awareness and funds for our organization. We received contributions from individuals across the province who gave their change to SB&H. A special thanks to everyone who supported us.

Car Clubs Made it Happen for SB&H

We were very fortunate to continue to receive support from the Ontario Camaro Club and Corvette Club of Ontario. Both groups have been strong supporters of the Association for many years. Not only do we receive donations from club members, by naming us as their charity of choice, we are able to get our message across to a diverse segment of the population.

Third-party events

We would like to thank the many groups across the province that conducted events and donated the proceeds to SB&H. This year, for the first time, the Toronto Business Development Centre (TBDC) selected SB&H as their charity of choice. We applaud their efforts to raise funds for us through their golf day.

Looking for new ways to fundraise

eBay is the world's on-line marketplace where products have the potential of being viewed by millions of people around the world. SB&H, through two charity auctions held in the Spring and Fall, successfully sold over 200 products and services. With items ranging from personal care products to wine tours, hand crafts and collectibles, we raised funds and brought awareness to the Association. During the time of the auctions, we received more than 5,000+ visits to our website, a definite increase over average traffic.

To everyone who participated in an event, bought a calendar or donated your change, we offer our heartfelt gratitude. To our corporate and foundation partners, thank you for making this journey with us – your support makes a difference. To the many individuals, service clubs and employee groups who supported SB&H, please know that every gift is important to us.

Thank you all for making a difference in the lives of children, youth, parents and adults affected by or living with the challenges of spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus.

Thank you FOR YOUR GIFT

SB&H wishes to thank the following donors for their generosity. The success of our Care, Support, Awareness and Education Programs is founded on the contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations, non-profit and employee groups.

PLATINUM \$10,000+

Ontario Trillium Foundation (The)

GOLD \$5,000+

CIBC World Markets Children's
Miracle Foundation

Harold Crabtree Foundation (The)

Harry E. Foster Charitable
Foundation (The)

Johnson & Johnson Medical Products
Medtronic Foundation (The)

SILVER \$1,000+

Gordon Baker

BluMont Capital

CIBC

Corvette Club of Ontario

Gibraltar Alternative Asset
Consulting Group Inc.

Derryn Gill

Grand Bend Optimist Club

Great Gulf Homes Charitable
Foundation (The)

Inco Limited

IODE Provincial Chapter of Ontario

Julie-Jiggs Foundation (The)

Loblaws Companies Limited

Raptors Foundation

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #234

Shoppers Drug Mart/Pharmaprix

Wyeth Consumer Healthcare Inc.

Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd.

BRONZE \$500+

A & A King Family Foundation

Associazione Maria S.S. Del Rosario

Brusan Heating & Air Conditioning

CEP Union of Canada Local 16

John Howdle

L.V. Lomas Chemical Limited

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Masonic Foundation of Ontario (The)

Arnold Polan

Optimist Club of West Cambridge

Rotary Club Burlington

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #12

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #582

St. Paul Guarantee Insurance Company

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Sam Sorbara Charitable
Foundation (The)

WD-40 Products (Canada) Ltd.

Dean Yacula

EMPLOYEE GROUPS

Bell Canada

– Helping Hands Open Hearts

BMO Fountain of Hope

Employees' Foundation

CAMCO Employee's Charity
Trust Fund

IBM Employees' Charitable Fund

Kodak Employee Chest & Trust
(KEC)

Ontario Power Generation

BEQUESTS

Estate of Patricia Ann Hawley

GIFTS IN KIND \$500+

A Book of My Own Literacy
Campaign

Fitness One

Andrew Hayos

Liberty Motor Company Inc.

Fairmont Royal York (The)

Proctor & Gamble Inc.

Versatile MMS Inc.

VIA Rail Canada Inc.

Jacki Wortsman

We would like to extend a **special thank you** to the many donors, not listed here, whose contribution enabled us to achieve our goals. Your generosity gives strength and hope to those in need.

Programs AND SERVICES

The core programs and services provided by SB&H are driven by our mission statement and focus on the following: Awareness and Education – Care and Support – Research and Advocacy



In the face of a changing world, the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H) remains the only organization in Ontario providing relevant services and programs that positively impact individuals and families dealing with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (sb/h). SB&H is the primary source of up-to-date information and a valuable connection for hundreds of individuals with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus and their families across Ontario.

Babies are still being born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Although the incidence rate has decreased over the past three decades, SB&H must continue to support and educate parents, individuals and professionals. An increase in the diagnosis of hydrocephalus means that we must provide more services for this population. Adults with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus are asking for our support to live fuller, happier and healthier lives.

It is essential for the Association to develop new and enhanced delivery systems to eliminate isolation and strengthen our ability to reach and support individuals in their homes and communities. To meet the needs of the population we serve, we have changed the way we outreach in the community. We have been working to grow our partnerships and strategic alliances province-wide to further enrich program and service delivery.

It is a comfort to know that you are there and only a phone call away. Thank you.

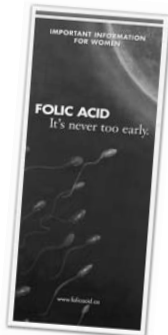
Activities AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Awareness and Education

Each year, thousands of Ontarians learn about SB&H. Our education and awareness activities increase knowledge about spina bifida, hydrocephalus and the importance of folic acid in the prevention of neural tube defects (NTD's). It is our hope that we can help reduce the incidence rate and ultimately eradicate these conditions.

As leaders of the **Folic Acid, It's Never to Early Awareness Campaign**, SB&H is committed to reducing the incidence of neural tube defects (NTDs) through effective and consistent education targeted at women and professionals. Our folic acid website had 340,000 visits this year.

- We produced and distributed 50,000 Folic Acid Awareness brochures and translated the material into Russian and Tagalog (Filipino).
- Targeting high-risk groups, we also distributed folic acid and SB&H awareness packages to all First Nations Health Units in Ontario.
- Students from the Ryerson University school of nursing, on placement with SB&H, played an important role in this health promotion campaign.



Information Packages are individually researched and customized. Pertinent information about every aspect of sb/h is prepared and distributed regularly to parents of newborns, individuals, family members, professionals, hospitals, children's treatment centres and other community partners.

- Over 700 of these information packages were supplied as a result of direct requests for this service.

June is **Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month** in communities across Ontario. At this time, we make a concentrated effort to educate the public about sb/h.

- We distributed over 15,000 educational bookmarks through more than 700 public libraries across the province.
- This year our message received media attention through interviews on radio and television.
- 37 communities across Ontario proclaimed June as Spina bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

Kids on the Block is an award winning educational and outreach program performed in schools by puppeteer troupes featuring puppets with and without disabilities. In this venue children and educators alike learn about disabilities and stereotypes.

SB&H supports this program through sponsorship and training with our partners including the National Council of Jewish Women, The Arthritis Society, The Canadian Mental Health Association, Epilepsy Association, The Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy and The Canadian Hearing Society.

- More than 30,000 school children learned about sb/h through this program.
- Troupes performed the spina bifida & hydrocephalus script throughout Ontario.



Very informative, very focused and supportive in many ways. Thank you.



*SB & H is an EXCELLENT organization!
Please continue with all of your programs
and services. Thank you*

SB&H **Publications** include our magazine *Current* and a regional newsletter, *Current Bulletin*. They continue to be an important resource for our members and those seeking more information about spina bifida and hydrocephalus, as confirmed by the results of the latest readership survey.

- The majority of respondents felt that *Current* did a good job of keeping them informed about the issues faced by individuals with sb/h and of the programs and services offered by SB&H.
- Readers also told us that feature articles about research updates and medical news were popular.
- Three issues of *Current* were printed this year.
- Circulation of the magazine is over 1,200 copies sent to individuals and professionals while the *Bulletin* is distributed to more than 700 members in communities province-wide.

Complimentary Education Materials are given to our members to assist them in coping with the medical, social and educational challenges of living with of sb/h every day.

- More than 200 books, guides and CD ROM's were made available to our members.

Our **Resource Centre** is one of the best places to locate current information about all aspects of spina bifida and hydrocephalus. We offer comprehensive, reliable and accessible resources on spina bifida, hydrocephalus and other disability related topics.

I appreciate the fact that you offer a wide range of services. Job well done and continued success!!



Care and Support

Adults, children, youth, parents and guardians receive information, resources, emotional support, counselling and networking opportunities from SB&H. Direct support services are delivered to individuals with sb/h and their families to help them meet their daily needs and achieve personal goals. We facilitate peer linkages to connect people with similar experiences. These support networks also provide access to information about medical procedures and community support. These partnerships enable us to reach out to more individuals across the province in smaller communities.

- Support services were accessed through our toll free line, email, website and personal meetings. Visits to the SB&H website increased to 835,000 in 2005/06.
- Our Online Community Forum connected people from all corners of the province and enabled them to share information. 125 new users joined the forum, bringing the total number to over 400. This important service reached individuals in smaller communities who may not have easy access to information and support.
- We met with hundreds of families at Ontario children's treatment centres.
- Our Linking Program for parents, adults and youth connected member volunteers with individuals who requested support.
- Taster's Club is one of our most popular programs. SB&H facilitated the opportunity for adults with sb/h to meet monthly in a relaxed, social setting. This year, two new clubs were established in Huron County and Ottawa.
- The Adult Hydrocephalus Support Group brought adults with hydrocephalus together to offer mutual support and share coping strategies. In the past year, attendance has grown significantly and the group was the subject of a research study conducted by a University of Toronto medical student in the Determinants of Community Health program.

I enjoy reading the Current magazine and Bulletins. I am also pleased with how SB&H has evolved over the years and still continues to provide excellent programs and services. We always appreciated the fact that you were there when we needed you when our daughter was young.

- Once again we partnered with the Niagara Centre YMCA to provide therapeutic benefits for youth and their families. Exercise is crucial to maintaining the health and well being of individuals with sb/h. We purchased group memberships in order to be able to offer this program to over 80 individuals in the region.
- Children and youth had access to organized programs aimed at increasing self-esteem, providing emotional and resource support to assist them in becoming self-reliant. Youth Drop-In events were held throughout the year in cooperation with our partners.
- Scholarship awards and bursaries were granted to individuals with sb/h to pursue their educational goals. These programs encourage and support students as they develop independence and learn to be responsible for their own future. Seven awards were granted this year totalling \$7,500.

Advocacy

SB&H works continuously on behalf of people with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus to identify and address the key issues and trends that affect them. We give voice to our members' concerns and needs through participation in coalitions and alliances at local and provincial levels.

- SB&H recruited, trained and supported members of the Association to be representatives on a variety of committees and stakeholder groups. We partnered with the following organizations to achieve our shared goals: Bloorview Kid's Rehab, Erinoak, Hospital for Sick Children, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), Provincial Parent Association Advisory Committee on Special Education Advisory Committees (PAAC), Ministry Advisory Council on Special Education, Individualized Funding Coalition, SexAbility, and the Folic Acid Alliance Ontario.

Research

We support research that will contribute to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for all individuals with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus and their families. We work in partnership with many leading research facilities, including the Hospital for Sick Children, Bloorview Kids Rehab, Easter Seal Society and McMaster Health Sciences Centre.

- This year we promoted and encouraged participation in the Spina Bifida Assessment of Neurobehavioral Development International (SANDI) project and the Lakehead University genetic study related to spina bifida occulta.

In the arena of human life the honors and rewards fall to those who show their good qualities in action...

Aristotle

Thank you VOLUNTEERS

Annually, SB&H benefits from thousands of volunteer hours that help make us strong. Volunteers are present every day and provide the much-needed assistance at every level of the organization, from governance and stewardship, to program and service delivery, fundraising and office assistance.

Our dedicated team of more than 300 volunteers contribute insight, experience, skill and talent and give generously of their time. They form the backbone of SB&H.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Adult/Parent/Youth Link
Ambassador
Baby Blanket/Outfit Maker
Bingo Event Assistant
Bingo Event Organizer
Board Member
Book Reviewer
Coin Box Attendant
Committee Member
Community Contact
Craft & Gift Maker
Education & Awareness Coordinator
Fundraising Event Participant
Library Assistant
Lottery Calendar Seller
Media Advisor
Media Spokesperson
Medical Advisor
Office Support
On Line Researcher
Patron
Photographer
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Public Educator
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Volunteer Recruiter
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Word Processor/Data Entry Clerk
Writer

2005-2006 Awards Recipients

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of SB&H, we extend our sincere appreciation to the following volunteers for their extraordinary efforts.

Citation of Merit

Trudy Baran
Lisa Harper

Top Sellers

– TGIF Lottery Calendar

Elaine Davidson
Tom Dawdy
Kathryn Grossman
Fritz Schneeberger

Bingo Volunteers

Agnes Borenstein
Claire Goldstein
Anne Kent
Sally White

Special Recognition

Romi Walsh
Carrie Worobess

2005-2006 Scholarship and Bursary Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of the Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick Scholarship and the Luciana Spring Mascarin Bursary Awards.

Elyse Bliss
Chris Bolla

Renee Marie Farrell
Amanda Glaus
Amanda Jean Gregory

John Mahoney
Kyla Morrison
Greg Pool

Agatha Plizga
Heather Grace Willsie

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