

ACTIVITY REPORT FALL 2010



Moving Forward with Campaign Projects

Thanks to the generosity of donors, we were able to implement all of our last campaign projects on schedule. The Diagnostic & Behavioural Research Centre opened in December 2008, the farm project is scheduled to open this fall, and the Parent Self-Help Projects have been in operation since last spring, with one notable exception. Here are some updates on how your money is being spent.



New Directors Post-Campaign

It was felt important to recruit new directors with fresh ideas and valued experience. Over the last 14 months, the Foundation has welcomed to its board, Mr. Peter Dunn, Mrs. Sheila Martin, Mr. Claude Menard, Mrs. Elizabeth Nixon, Mr. Alex Paterson and Mr. Dan Whitham. We welcome these new directors and feel confident that they will help us keep our tradition of promoting new best practices in the disability field in the years to come.

Maison Lily Butters

This state-of-the-art eight bed diagnostic and crisis behavioural intervention facility has seen a successful turnover of clients since opening its doors in December of 2008. Remember that this facility was designed as a temporary evaluation and treatment centre for adolescents and young adults with destabilizing emotional and behavioural problems. These problems cause immense challenges for families, themselves and their surroundings. Since opening, 12 clients have left the facility and returned to community housing, causing relief to families, savings to the public system and improved quality of life for the clients themselves. During this period, the research component has been able to document new best practices directly related to the facility and is putting together an interim report that will be available for distribution shortly. The plan is to multiply the results of our investments by sharing our experiences with colleagues in other parts of the country.



A Website! www.buttersfoundation.ca

A new website has been launched in order to keep our many donors up to date on developments with their investments, and to promote our work in the community and in the professional field of intellectual deficiency & autism. A FAQ section is available for new donors. Supporters can even donate online from the website. Your continued help is a condition for our future success.

Self-Help Parent Groups

Four projects have been accepted after a tendering process open to parent groups across the territory. The first two are from the Saint-Hyacinthe area. One is a telephone information service for new parents and the other is a recruitment and training project for prospective sitters and activity supporters. The third is a diversified respite project in the Brome-Missisquoi region, and the fourth is a project to support siblings of disabled children across the territory. These pilot projects are collectively receiving \$266,000 over a 3 year period. The results of these projects will be disseminated to help parent groups in other areas meet similar challenges.



A camper, with his counselors, enjoying a summer camp experience.

Your Continued Help

The Butters Foundation strives to continue the legacy built by Mrs. Lily Butters of serving disabled people and supporting families for over a quarter of a century. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Butters Foundation. Please help us continue this legacy well into the future.

Dr. William Barakett, C.M.
President



Dr. William Barakett, President of the Butters Foundation, addressing the dignitaries and friends of the Foundation, at the farm project inauguration.

The Farm Project

Our 100 acre farm property in Rougemont had to overcome zoning problems before seeing the light of day. With this issue now behind us, the project is due to open in the fall of 2010. The project will include 4 to 6 respite beds and 2 emergency/temporary placement beds for intellectually disabled and autistic people from the region of the Monteregie. On site, the residents will participate in agricultural and farming activities such as animal care, gardening, crop maintenance and other farm related activities, many seasonal in nature. The Rougemont region is in the heartland of agricultural Quebec and has abundant activities within a small travelling distance.



Dignitaries at the inauguration of the farm project, June 18th, 2010, including Mr. & Mrs. Laurent Beaudoin of the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation, the principal donor to the project, (2nd & 3rd from left), Mr. Stuart Dunn, son of the late Pam Dunn (4th from left), and Mme Lise Thériault, Ministre Déléguée des services sociaux, (5th from left), cutting the ribbon.

The Pam Dunn Memorial Fund

The farm project, and especially the animal therapy component, was the inspiration of our long-standing director, Mrs. Pam Dunn, who passed away in 2008. Colleagues and friends instigated a memorial fund in her honor the proceeds of which will go to the purchase and care of animals, large & small. Close to \$100,000 has been accumulated in the fund to date. New donations in her memory are always appreciated.

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