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The 61st Annual General Meeting of The Spastic Centre will be held at 4:30pm on Wednesday 19 November 2008 at The Spastic Centre Head Office Terrey Hills, 321 Mona Vale Road, Terrey Hills NSW.

All members are entitled to attend and are cordially invited to do so.

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Report by the President and CEO

This year our founder, Neil McLeod, would have celebrated his 100th birthday. Such an anniversary gives us cause to reflect on what Neil McLeod and his wife Audrie would have thought of our focus and achievements today.

We hope that our members, government funders, corporate donors, supporters and volunteers feel that we continue to honour the mission of our pioneering founders. Ever mindful of the responsibility of our stewardship, we present the Annual Report of the activities of the organisation for the financial year 2007-2008.

Our focus in this period has struck a balance between consolidation and strong growth. In December 2007, The Spastic Centre Head Office was destroyed by a devastating fire. Whilst we were fortunate that there was only a limited impact on services to clients and families, our staff and our organisational infrastructure were significantly affected.

Our sincere thanks go to the many loyal supporters and staff who assisted us during this challenging period. We are pleased to report that all Head Office functions are now restored, operating from rented premises in Terrey Hills. Meanwhile, plans for the redevelopment of the site at Allambie Heights are well advanced.

While we put our house back in order, the driving force of our Strategic Plan 2007-2010 continued unabated. We were able to push forward with the upgrading of our facilities. We proudly opened the Mittiga Centre at Kingswood, the culmination of a partnership with the University of Western Sydney. Joey Mittiga and his family are cherished, loyal supporters of The Spastic Centre. Services for families in south east Sydney were enhanced through the opening of our centre at Penshurst. The Hon. Kristina Keneally MP, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services opened our upgraded and extended Stuart Centre and also our Sargents Kids Quarters in Dubbo, serving the Orana/Far West Region. We thank Mr Ian Allen and the Board of Sargents Charitable Foundation for their outstanding support for families in rural NSW.

Many of our new and upgraded facilities provide an enhancement to our therapy services. Balancing a therapeutic focus with the need to address other life goals and interests, we were delighted to launch the Sportfizz Program, made possible through a generous donation from Aristocrat. This exciting program strengthens self-esteem and social connections, as well as muscles. Sportfizz marks the beginning of our expanded reach into sport, recreation and leisure activities for children and adults with disabilities, supporting them to access specialised programs and also to engage in community based activities.

We have also facilitated social connections in the virtual world. Our CP Blogs project has attracted international attention and continues to gather momentum. People with cerebral palsy, their families and friends are coming together to share their stories online.

Quality of life for people with a disability can be much enhanced through facilitating access to mobility and communication equipment. The Macquarie Group Foundation and the NSW State Government together significantly boosted our capacity to meet more of this need. The Macquarie Group Foundation's annual 20/twenty Challenge, which raises funds for children's equipment, boasted a record number of competitors.

Further afield in our International Program, we were delighted to be present for the first graduation of Community Rehabilitation Assistants in Fiji who have received practical and theoretical training from Spastic Centre staff. In a partnership with AusAID, this ground breaking initiative has successfully found local solutions to disability issues. In the future, the Fiji School of Medicine will deliver the program to participants from across the Asia-Pacific Region, ensuring its sustainability.

The confidence of our outward focus has been underpinned by a solid financial performance, recording a surplus of just under \$3 million. Total income for The Centre was almost \$65 million, the highest yet in the history of The Spastic Centre. Expenditure on direct services for children, adults and their families was \$42.1 million compared to \$38.9 million in the previous period.

Government funding increased by \$4.5 million this year, largely due to annual indexation and the receipt of \$3 million from the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) funding in advance. Additionally, the Cerebral Palsy Foundation received \$995,000 in donations for the year, with a further \$3,000,000 in pledges for future years. We salute our donors' generosity and for sharing our dream of a future without cerebral palsy.

Fundraising again had a great year with the total income of \$14.8 million being \$1.5 million up on last year. Sargents Charitable Foundation donated \$1.35 million towards our rural programs. Income from bequests was strong with \$1.949 million being received.

The Board has again agreed that \$1.124 million from the surplus be applied to continue to support the initiatives identified in the Strategic Plan. This includes refurbishment of Venee Burges House, increased adult therapy services, increased respite and recreational programs. This \$1.124 million is additional to the approved budget for 2008-2009.

As part of CP Australia, The Spastic Centre commissioned Access Economics to investigate the economic impact of cerebral palsy in Australia. The report was launched by Bill Shorten MP, Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services. The findings of this significant report are critical to the policy and planning strategies of many key stakeholders.

Pioneer, Neil McLeod always kept his vision for a different future for children and adults with cerebral palsy clearly in his sights. He

had a firm conviction that research would find solutions. We believe that he would have given his wholehearted endorsement to our efforts to push the boundaries of our engagement in research through The Cerebral Palsy Foundation and The Cerebral Palsy Institute. We were honoured that The CP Institute was appointed custodian and manager of the Australian CP Register, an important repository of data for furthering international research. Our visionary corporate supporter, the Macquarie Group Foundation has invested in a professorial position of a Macquarie Group Foundation Chair of Cerebral Palsy. We look forward to significant research advances coming from these initiatives. Our International CP Conference in early 2009 will spotlight The Cerebral Palsy Institute as a centre of excellence in global cerebral palsy research.

A driving force behind these research initiatives has been the collective engagement of the Governors of The Cerebral Palsy Foundation, under the able chairmanship of Mr Bill Bartlett. We thank Bill and his Council for their dedication and focused energy.

Special thanks also to our Goodwill Ambassador, The Hon. John Dowd AO and to The Hon. Margaret Reid AO, our ACT patron, for their tireless encouragement and wisdom.

We thank our individual and our corporate supporters whose generosity continues to strengthen our services and extend our reach and diversity. Increasingly our corporate donors enhance their engagement through volunteering, extending the depth of their partnership and their understanding.

To our clients, families and our staff who are at the core of The Spastic Centre community, we express our appreciation for your loyal support on so many levels.

We also thank our government funders, notably, the Australian Federal Government's Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the NSW State Government's Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Health and Department of Education and Training.

In particular, we express appreciation to the NSW Government for its Stronger Together initiative which is bringing tangible benefits to people with a disability and their families across the state.

We also acknowledge the talented Executive Management team of The Centre and their staff, and thank most sincerely our Board of Directors whose committed, voluntary contribution continues to guide our complex, growing and iconic organisation.

Marelle Thornton AM
President

Rob White
Chief Executive Officer

Highlights of 2007-2008

VOLUNTEERING

- Corporate volunteers from Commonwealth Bank, ING, KPMG, GE, Westpac, NAB, American Express, Ernst & Young, Optus, Macquarie Group and PwC significantly enhanced the services and facilities throughout many of our regions.
- KPMG volunteers built a parents' retreat at Prairiewood and organised the Family Picnic Day there. Our Boccia NSW team were invited by KPMG to participate in several team building days at Wisemans Ferry.
- GE volunteers overhauled the gardens at the Ryde site including the donation of park benches and native plants. They followed this by giving the exterior of the Professional Development and Learning building a fresh coat of paint. GE also generously supported the Golden Slipper Pin and Win Program at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, providing over 50 volunteers to sell pins.
GE volunteers also hosted three State of Origin evenings at the Merrylands, Ashfield and Ryde houses.
- Several groups from American Express, GE and KPMG accompanied clients on outings to the Easter Show, Car Show, Boat Show and other events.
- The ING Mentoring Group of 30 volunteers completed a total of 99 hours in 2007, helping to build the self esteem of teenagers with disabilities.
Volunteers from the ING Foundation helped over 30 families take part in the Family Fun Run, across the Harbour Bridge. ING also absorbed all registration costs and provided a gourmet breakfast at the finish.
Conductive Education children 'buddied' with ING volunteers for lunch and a visit to Taronga Park Zoo.
- The Greater Building Society supported the Ignition Mentoring Program for teenagers in the Hunter region.
- Lend Lease provided 70 volunteers (including their CEO) and dedicated their global community day to assist The Spastic Centre.
- The Macquarie Group Foundation hosted 350 guests at the Children's Christmas Party held at Allambie Heights.
- Energetic volunteers from the Walt Disney Company renovated the new Sportfritz Gym at McLeod House.
- NAB volunteers held a working bee to improve the building and grounds at Raymond Terrace.
- PwC volunteers attended several practice sessions with our Boccia athletes at Avalon.
- GPT, Lend Lease, Bovis and Charlestown Square staff joined forces to give Wallsend House a makeover. All materials used were also generously donated.

- A large number of volunteers have been recruited to participate in Spastic Centre programs including 'Just Like You!', 'My Time' and 'Sportfritz'.
- Riverview College students participated in a fundraising collection at North Sydney as part of their St Ignatius Day celebrations.

PARTNERSHIPS

- The Spastic Centre was selected to manage the Australian Cerebral Palsy Register; a confidential research database of information about people with cerebral palsy in Australia.
- The Delphi Study was completed, providing a framework for the Cerebral Palsy Institute to set research priorities.
- The Cerebral Palsy Institute awarded \$534,000 in scholarships, six Innovative Research Grants, and two doctoral scholarships co-funded with the National Health and Medical Research Council. The grants program is funded by the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.
- The Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships - Large Business Category (NSW winner) recognised our partnership with ING. The breadth and depth of the relationship were highlighted by the judges.
- The Kingswood and Penshurst sites were completed. The Kingswood Centre was established in partnership with the University of Western Sydney and has been named the Mittiga Centre, in honour of Joey Mittiga and his family for their valuable contribution to the work of The Spastic Centre.
- The Spastic Centre hosted staff from five different UCP organisations from across the USA, offering an excellent opportunity to share information and ideas.
- Our partnership with Westfield enabled us to address respite needs of families. The first activity was a pampering day for mothers, with parallel activities for children.
- The Orange Spastic Centre team and the Orange Aboriginal Medical Service signed an agreement engaging The Spastic Centre to provide screening clinics for Aboriginal clients.
- The Yoga Stretch program for children commenced at the V Gym, Sydney.
- Fourteen adult clients attended a week long camp at O'Carrollyn's. The camp provided opportunities for connections between Wallsend residents and people with disabilities living in the community and their families.
- A diversity forum was conducted with Spastic Centre staff in conjunction with the Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association.

- Landcare assessed the Stuart Centre site, recommending ways to make the grounds environmentally sustainable and supportive of native flora and fauna. These recommendations guided the GE volunteers who completed the landscape work during September 2007.

DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING

- The Hon. Kristina Keneally MP, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, provided a grant of \$220,000 for mobility and communication equipment. The Minister also acknowledged the contribution of Macquarie Group Foundation, and the contribution of their staff towards funding specialised equipment. The Macquarie Group's 20/twenty Challenge raised \$500,000 for equipment for children.
Funding from the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) enabled the commencement of centre based respite for families at Grevillea Cottage in Sydney's northern beaches.
DADHC also provided a one-off grant of \$155,000 for flexible respite for South West Sydney and \$45,000 for information initiatives for families.
Family Assistance Funds (FAF) of \$208,000 were provided by DADHC, allowing the purchase of goods and services for families facing significant challenges.
Minister Keneally, opened the newly expanded facilities at The Stuart Centre in Newcastle and the new Sargents Kids Quarters in Dubbo.
- Sargents Charitable Foundation generously donated \$1,350,000 to purchase new therapy centres for children in Orange and Maitland.
- Perpetual again funded the Family Care Program with \$50,000, assisting families in developing long term care plans, including legal and financial considerations.
- The donation of \$20,000 from Trust supported Cerebral Palsy Awareness Week activities, including the Perspectives in Print Photographic Exhibition. Trust also purchased equipment following the Head Office fire.
- The City of Sydney (\$10,000) and Clubs NSW (\$10,500) provided funding for the Unlock Your Creativity Program, a 10 week workshop series with 35 participants.
- Orange and District Spastic Centre Council donated \$19,000 to local services.
- ClubsACT (13 Clubs), major sponsor in Canberra, committed to a further three year partnership with funding of \$120,000 per year to support local services. This sponsorship totals \$813,000 as of 1 July, 2008.
- The CFMEU 'Points for Cash' for every home game, which totalled \$30,000, will fund the new 'Life Needs' model programs including 'Hippotherapy' conducted by The Spastic Centre in the ACT.

- John James Memorial Foundation ACT supported the innovative new program 'Talk and Play' with funding of \$25,000.
- Mulwaree Trust Goulburn provided \$20,000 for costly equipment and therapy hours for 'Splash and Play' hydrotherapy and 'Hot Kidz' technology options programs.
- Supabarn Supermarkets sponsored the 'Hot Kidz' program with \$10,000 for the purchase of equipment.
- Funds from the Eric Crawford Estate (\$41,000) were presented by The Hon. Margaret Reid AO to The Spastic Centre in the ACT. Recurrent funding from the Estate will allow a new position for a youth worker to start in 2008.
- AusAid significantly resourced our partnership with the Fiji School of Medicine for the roll out of the CAL Program. CAL training will be offered as a Community Based Rehabilitation certificate course to students from the Asia-Pacific Region. The Spastic Centre will be involved in the development of the curriculum and will play a role in expert consultancy. This development will ensure the future local sustainability of disability support services in the region.
- The Fijian Crippled Children Society (FCCS) Annual Dinner and Golf Day raised over \$75,000 including a \$15,000 donation from the 18 Australian golfers who attended.
- The Might and Power Gala Race Day raised over \$330,000 in support of Spastic Centre rural services.
- The Kick a Goal for Kids Dinner was held at Hornsby RSL Youth Soccer Club, raising a total of \$30,000.
- Col Crawford's 24th Annual Golf Day raised over \$130,000.
- The Italian Affair Committee held their 20th Gala Ball with \$160,000 donated to The Spastic Centre.
- The 5th Mighty Fine Evening, held at Castel D'Oro Fivedock, raised over \$42,000 including a personal donation of \$12,500 from Jeff Fenech.
- Over 130 people attended the McLeod House Reunion.
- The generous donation of \$300,000 from Aristocrat enabled the commencement of the Sportfitz program for metropolitan Sydney.
- Our Boccia team produced the most dominating performance by NSW since Paralympics Boccia was established in Australia. They won five medals, and the Champion State Shield overall award.

- The Jobs@TSC website was launched, enhancing our capacity to attract high quality staff.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- The Spastic Centre, as part of CP Australia, commissioned Access Economics to investigate the economic impact of cerebral palsy in Australia. The findings of this significant report are critical to the policy and planning strategies of many key stakeholders including government at all levels, non-government service providers, and researchers.
- Dr Robin Way, Spastic Centre Director and daughter of our founders, launched 'Nothing is Impossible' at the Museum of Contemporary Art. This is Neil McLeod's historical account of The Spastic Centre's first 40 years, and is an important reference point for researchers and historians.
- Over 20 seminars on Raising Resilient Children and Behaviour Management were held throughout the state, bringing support and information to many families and service providers.
- 'Elluminate', a virtual classroom/collaboration tool, was introduced to be used for learning and development activities, information sessions, virtual meetings, and research consultations with staff and clients.
- In conjunction with our program in Fiji, we offered a workshop on micro finance and small business for people with disabilities. It received wide media coverage in Fiji, and helped to raise awareness about disability issues.
- The launch of the CP Blogs has provided a place for people with cerebral palsy, their families and friends to come together and share their stories. www.cpblogs.com.au
- Over 100 people attended the Wagga Wagga team's second annual Equipment Expo.
- ChatterCamp, with 50 participants, supported children and families in the use of communication devices.
- The 'Just Like You!' disability awareness program continued to gain momentum with 400 primary school children participating in the program.

