

Childhood Cancer Foundation Canada
Candlelighters



Annual Report
2000 and 2001

Message from the Chairman of the Board

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As we continue to address the needs of children with cancer and their families in the 21st century, it is timely to reflect on our past accomplishments and to set a clear vision for our future direction.

When the Childhood Cancer Foundation ~ Candlelighters Canada was established in 1987, the prognosis for childhood cancer was disheartening. As such, our primary focus was to provide support to those affected by the disease. However, as the prognosis for childhood cancer improved it became increasingly important to expand our mandate to include survival issues such as insurance, advocacy, research, educational needs, and treatment support such as the Interlink nursing program.

Throughout my nine-year involvement with Candlelighters Canada, I have marvelled at the commitment of board members, volunteers, and staff who have selflessly dedicated themselves to improving the lives, and future, of children with cancer and their families. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of these special individuals. *Thank you, for without your support we would not be where we are today.*

As Chairman of the Board my personal objective is to ensure that the organization is poised to meet future challenges and to take full advantage of all opportunities that will be of benefit to the individuals that we serve. Towards this objective it is my goal to establish a strong and focused Board of Directors, improved communication, and finally to conduct a needs assessment and an extensive evaluation of current programs and services. It is my hope that by achieving these objectives, Candlelighters Canada will be in a position to truly become a national organization and a recognized leader in childhood cancer issues.

Over the past two years we have accomplished many things, including a strong commitment to support childhood cancer research, strengthening the teen network across the country, and a review of the internal workings of the organization. We have been very fortunate to gain the support of some major sponsors, most notably the Bay who selected Candlelighters Canada as its Charity Bear recipient, and Mentor College through its support of the teen network. Their and others support will enable us to fulfil our mission and objectives.

While we can be proud of our accomplishments many needs still remain. As we work towards meeting our ongoing and newly established goals we sometimes wonder if we are truly making a difference. The answer to this question can be found very easily, either through our own experience as parents of children with cancer, or through the compassion that we have for children and families in crisis. It is the images and memories of these precious children that serve as a constant reminder as to why this organization is so vitally important.

We can only succeed if we are able to confidently speak on behalf of children and their families. This can only be achieved if we broaden the lines of communication between the national organization and our community. In this regard I would like to provide each of you with an opportunity to establish dialogue with the organization to share thoughts, concerns and suggestions by contacting me or Betty Ferreira, Chief Executive Officer.

In May 2001 Betty Ferreira joined the organization as the Chief Executive Officer. Thanks to Betty's initiative and strategic focus we are closer to reaching our objectives. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Betty on her accomplishments and acknowledge the contribution that she has made in such a short period of time.

In the spirit of hope for the future of children with cancer, may Candlelighters Canada continue to strive for greatness and provide renewed hope for our families...

Renewed hope that all families will be given the tools to deal with the diagnosis and effects of childhood cancer.

Renewed hope that due to advances in research, the overwhelming fear of loss that a parent feels when hearing the news that their child has cancer may be replaced with realistic hope for tomorrow.

Renewed hope that bereaved parents, siblings, and other family members will find peace and happiness and be comforted by the memories of their dear child.

Renewed hope that more children diagnosed with cancer, will become survivors regardless of their disease. How wonderful it would be to hear every family say "I am the parent of a survivor of childhood cancer".

Val Figliuzzi
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Message from the Chief Executive Officer



Given that 2001 was the International Year of the Volunteer, I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the hundreds of volunteers for their dedication to, and passion for, the Childhood Cancer Foundation – Candlelighters Canada. I would like to particularly thank Val Figliuzzi, the Chairman of the Board, for her hard work and tireless efforts in wanting the best from this organization.

I am delighted to have assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer with Candlelighters Canada. It has been a challenging but successful year, as the Board of Directors and staff have strived continuously to make a difference in the lives of children touched by cancer and their families.

As Val Figliuzzi mentioned in her address, we have a renewed sense of hope regarding the influence Candlelighters Canada has to significantly impact childhood cancer. Our goal is organizational excellence: we understand that excellence depends on a solid mission, understanding the needs we are addressing, having measurable and attainable goals, indicators of success, and outcomes that matter. We have developed a strategy and are taking the necessary steps to ensure that we are constantly striving for excellence, including the adoption of four fundamentals that guide our operations.

1. Sustainability: We will continue to work proactively to develop quality programs and secure continuous funding for all programs. Programs will only operate if they are deemed sustainable over time.

2. Collaboration: We understand the value and importance of listening to our stakeholders, and exploring our next steps together. We will be announcing our plans to evaluate our existing programs and conduct a needs assessment relating to new and emerging needs in childhood cancer. I encourage you to take the opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions with us.

3. Accountability: Our programs will be congruent with our mission and national focus and will be further defined and refined by you, our stakeholders. We want to hear from you on our programs, and have done our best to provide you with a thorough overview of our activities in this combined Annual Report for 2000 and 2001.

4. Profitability: Can non-profit organizations be profitable? Absolutely! While 'profit' in the traditional sense was once thought to be in the domain of business alone, there is a renewed vision within the non-profit sector to be increasingly profitable to our stakeholders through continual improvement of programs; increasing the number of 'clients' served; streamlining operations; accessing new financial contributions; and finding new and advanced ways to significantly impact childhood cancer. Dedication to these key areas will allow us to become increasingly profitable to our stakeholders.

This is an exciting year for us as we weave these four operating fundamentals into the operations, and also continue to provide key

programs such as Touch the Sky, the National Resource Centre, National Bursary, the Benevolent Fund and the Teen Network. Additionally we are looking to find new ways to strengthen our affiliated parent support groups, and fund the Candlelighters Canada - Interlink Pediatric Community Cancer Program.

In efforts to make accessing and ordering easier for families, materials from the National Resource Centre are now available for purchase online, and secured through Scotiabank. We are also seeking to provide stability in the Interlink Community Cancer Nurses, Pediatric Ontario program, by securing long-term financial support from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for the salaries and benefits of the nurses.

One of our newest programs, Back To School, will be launched in 2002 with the support of approximately one hundred partners across Canada, and two major corporate sponsors: Imperial Oil Esso for Kids, Royal Bank Financial Group, and three other Corporate sponsors Greyhound Courier Express, the Bay, and B.R.A.I.N.child.

We recognize that as a national foundation, our commitment to research and advocacy must be emphasized and enhanced. To this end I can tell you that our commitment to raising funds for childhood cancer research in Canada is stronger than ever. In December 2001 we hired a Research Development Coordinator whose goal is to raise over \$350,000 this year as identified in our Childhood Cancer Research Strategy. As the voice of the child and parent, we will also increase our advocacy efforts and ensure that Candlelighters Canada is the voice of childhood cancer in Canada.

We are indebted to our donors and sponsors who support our mission, and who have made our programs possible. I applaud the spirit of all volunteers, donors, sponsors and staff members for their passion and dedication to making a difference in the lives of children touched by cancer and their families. We can make a difference, together.

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Programs Report

What your support has helped us to accomplish in 2000 and 2001

Candlelighters Canada - Interlink Community Cancer Pediatric Nurses (Ontario)



When parents hear the impossible words "your child has cancer" their world stops. It is difficult for them to overcome the shock and to imagine how they will survive as a family, how they will navigate the complex world of treatments, hospitals, and clinics. Add to this the stress of managing other children that may reside at

home, their own employment and all of the other stresses of life. Through the Candlelighters Canada - Interlink Nursing program, newly diagnosed children and their families meet an expert pediatric oncology nurse in the hospital. With the family, the nurse assesses the support the family has and identifies their needs. Along with the treatment centre the nurse works with the family to ensure that the medical assistance required in the home is coordinated and designed to assist the individual needs of the family. The family remains in the care of the Interlink nurse for as long as is necessary. If the child requires additional assistance in the future, the nurse will again work with the family providing the supportive expert coordination of care the family requires through potential relapse, bone marrow transplant and a second remission. If treatment is not successful, the nurse will assist the family through palliative care and bereavement.

The five Interlink nurses in Ontario have been very busy and have done wonderful work within the communities they serve. In 2000, the nurses collectively had a caseload of over 553 children and their families. On average, each nurse cared for 111 children and families. The Candlelighters Canada - Interlink Community Cancer Pediatric Nurse program is funded this year by the proceeds from the sales of the Bay's charity bear - Sparkles. A very special thank you to the Bay for your special contribution to this program.

Family Support

Parent & Survivor Support Groups

With approximately 50 parent support groups across Canada, Candlelighters Canada is providing an essential lifeline to parents in their communities. The parent support groups vary in size and in the programs they offer such as compassionate support, sharing experiences and knowledge and assisting newly diagnosed families through networking, workshops and social nights. Each parent support group is a very special resource for families who have a child who is touched by childhood cancer. Hats off to the staff and volunteers for their dedication and great work in the affiliated support groups!

Parent Group Facilitator Training

In 2000, a new pre-conference workshop for Parent Group facilitators was held in conjunction with the Candlelighters Canada conference.

Touch The Sky



The aim of this program is to provide every child diagnosed with cancer in Canada with the Touch The Sky therapeutic guided imagery kit. It contains workbooks for parents and children, a tape with original music and text to enhance the child's self esteem. The audio tape helps the child cope with and master many aspects of the cancer experience. Our goal is to distribute the kit to all children between the ages of 4 to 13 years diagnosed with cancer. We were able to reach over 600 newly diagnosed children in 2000. Last year, considerable work was undertaken to revise and upgrade the kits to

ensure that Touch the Sky remains an excellent resource for children with cancer.

Back To School



Over the course of 2000 and 2001, the Back to School program was developed and corporate sponsors were obtained. We are finalizing partnerships with over one hundred contacts across Canada who will facilitate the delivery of the kits to the local schools and offer the teacher training on the kit.

This program is designed to help classmates of a child diagnosed with cancer understand childhood cancer and the impact it is having on his or her friend. The information in the kit will help alleviate fears, dispel myths and encourage classmates to be supportive of the child with cancer. Four prototypes of the kits were developed, designed for ages: 4-7, 7-10, and 13 years and older. They contain written and audiovisual resources focusing on health, childhood cancer and how to be a friend. Resources are also included specifically for the

teacher to incorporate into his or her curriculum.

In a pilot program, the kits were evaluated in a number of classes where a child with cancer had been recently diagnosed. Evaluations by both the students and the teachers for each of the four kits were overwhelmingly supportive of the program and the resources. Over 90% of the children said they understood what was happening to their friend, they understood more about cancer and health and they were no longer fearful. The kits will be accessible regionally in March, 2002. Thank you to our major donors Imperial Oil - Esso for Kids program, and the Royal Bank Financial Group, as well as our other corporate donors such as the Bay, Greyhound Courier Express, and B.R.A.I.N.child program for their sponsorships.

Teen Network



City of Mississauga/
Mayor McCallion

Candlelighters Canada offers an innovative opportunity for teens who have survived childhood cancer, or who are in treatment, to come together through this network. We are pleased to report that with the impressive support of Mentor College in Mississauga, Ontario, the Teen Network is a reality. In the summer of 2000, the first group of 18 teens participated in a retreat at Mentor College's Outdoor Education Centre in Muskoka, Ontario. The teens, along with Candlelighters staff and Mentor's staff volunteers,

worked to develop goals of supportive interactions, enhanced communication and the implementation of a previously developed Visiteen program for newly diagnosed teens.

The teens returned to the Outdoor Education Centre in Muskoka last summer to share their experiences, connect with their peers, and work to further strengthen and develop the Teen Network program. After these retreats, each of the teens returned to his or her respective province and began, with the assistance of a newly formed Executive Committee, to reach out to other teens. The Teen Network Program is at the beginning of its evolution as a program that supports teens who have been touched by cancer. We are conducting a national needs assessment and evaluation of programs that will assist us in the development of a program that will serve the needs of teens nationally. Thank you to Mentor College for supporting the teens and this worthwhile program.

Gifts of Hope...Bursaries and the Holiday Toy Drive

The financial impact of childhood cancer is significant. Research has shown that 25-35% of income after taxes is spent by the family on non-medical out-of-pocket expenses. We provide some financial relief, such as benevolent support and the national bursary program, for families who have borne an overwhelming financial burden.

Previously funds have been used to provide benevolent support as increasing numbers of families referred to Candlelighters Canada have

received financial assistance with funeral and burial costs.

Bursaries

Eleven students received bursaries in 2000, and nine in 2001, from Candlelighters Canada. We are proud of these students who have experienced childhood cancer, some of who are still in active treatment, and who are pursuing academic goals. Once again, Candlelighters Canada is pleased to award bursaries to the following students to assist them with their studies. We would like to wish each of them every success with his or her chosen program. We hope these students will let us know how they get on with their studies and careers.

2000 Bursary Awards

Amber Paradis, Spruce Grove, AB
Wade Wheeler, Fairview, AB
Desiree Mayhew, Abbotsford, BC
Jonathon Landry, Campbell River, BC
Kurtis McFadyen, Winnipeg, MB
Emily Giverson, Bathurst, NB
Amber Smith, Memramcook, NB
Matthew Wells, Churchill Falls, NF
Jamie Chisholm, Antigonish, NS
Manpreet Mann, Brampton, ON
Nicole Parkinson, Mississauga, ON
Ashkan Shabnavard, Orleans, ON (received the Goddard Nardelli Award)

2001 Bursary Awards

Keith McAnally, Edmonton, AB
Robin Oldfield, Milo, AB
Patrick Baynham, Victoria, BC (received the Goddard Nardelli Award)
Amber Bieganski, MacGregor, MB
Anne Cook, Thompson, MB
Amber Smith, Memramcook, NB
Remi Colobe, St. George's, NF
Joseph McCarthy, Carbanear, NF
Sarah Sachdev, Halifax, NS

Holiday Toy Drive

The sad reality is that childhood cancer has a huge financial impact on families. When a child is diagnosed with cancer, one parent often has to give up employment. The lost wages, added to the additional 30% of income after taxes spent as out-of-pocket medical expenses, most often poses a seriously financial challenge for the family. Every year, children make out holiday wish lists and parents do their best to make these wishes come true. Unfortunately, many families touched by childhood cancer may not be assisted by government non-profit organizations, as they do not qualify for assistance. In an effort to meet the needs of these children and their families, Candlelighters Canada provides gifts to children who have been touched by cancer, and whose families have been challenged financially and therefore may have difficulty providing gifts for their children for the holidays. The Holiday Toy drive has brought tears of joy to over 300 children and more than 150 families in the last two years. Volunteers and staff wrap all the donated gifts and prepare the packages for distribution. Thank you to the many supporters of this program.

Patient and Family Education

Parents and children with cancer require information about the disease. The information they may receive from the treatment centre provides the current cancer specific information they need to

understand the illness and its complex treatment. In order to cope with the many unique aspects of childhood cancer such as schooling, pain management, coping, long-term effects, survival, bereavement and parent/sibling support, other resources are required. We will continue to look at new ways of providing information to children and families who have been touched by childhood cancer.

Resource Centre

Over 400 audiovisual and written resources are available through the Resource Centre. All resources are discounted, so that the savings are passed on to the families. In efforts to make accessing and ordering easier for families, the resources will soon be available for purchase online, and secured through Scotiawebstore on our new website www.candlelighters.ca.

Publications

Candlelighters Canada has produced a number of childhood cancer related publications. In 2000, we added "Corey, the Coping Caterpillar". Kim Cooper, BScN and Monica Saxon, BScN, who had previously been nursing students with the foundation, authored and developed the original concept for Corey. One side of the folding accordion shaped resource acknowledges feelings and problems faced by a child with cancer. The other side offers tips on coping. A coloring book accompanies Corey. Special thanks to Janssen Ortho Inc, who funded this project.

2000 Conference

Childhood Cancer and the Family: Together in 2000, held in August of 2000 in Toronto was a tremendous success. The conference was co-hosted by OPACC (Ontario Parents Advocating for Childhood Cancer). Well-known international speakers addressed the many aspects of childhood cancer and its treatment. For three days, parents, survivors, children in treatment, Board members, staff, volunteers and professionals came together to offer information, support and encouragement.

Newsletter

Contact, our semi-annual newsletter, provides updates on our programs and issues important to children affected by cancer and their families. The newsletter is distributed to over 7,000 people, with 2,000 in bulk orders sent to organizations requesting the newsletter. *Contact* remains one of the primary methods of communication with our stakeholders across Canada and internationally.

Website

Our new website provides more information than ever before. Now you can access information on childhood cancer, check out links to reviewed websites on cancer, access local parent support groups and teen network representatives, order from our resource catalogue online, learn about programs we offer, and read about current news and events regarding childhood cancer. And one additional new feature...you can now donate online on our site as well. Go to www.candlelighters.ca for more information.

The National Voice of Parents

Parental Support

Candlelighters Canada has recognized for several years the need for supplementary financial assistance for families caring for children with cancer at varying stages of their illness. Previous attempts and coalitions have not been successful. In 2000, in partnership with the Canadian Alliance of Children's Healthcare (CACH), a coalition of experts submitted a proposal to the federal government highlighting the need for changes to the Labour Code, most notably the need for a family dependent care leave. This amendment would permit a parent who provides care for a child who requires "extraordinary care" to collect Employment Insurance benefits. This proposal has been favorably received and widely circulated at the federal level and we will continue to advocate for this leave through to the legislative process.

Partnerships

Collaboration is the foundation for our success. Work continues with

many national, provincial and local organizations. Through working together, ends can be achieved which would otherwise not be realized. The goal of all such endeavors is to enhance the quality of the lives of children with cancer and their families. Some of our partners include:

- B.C. Research Institute for Children's and Women's Health
- Canadian Alliance of Children's Healthcare
- Canadian Association of Palliative Care
- Canadian Blood Services
- Canadian Cancer Advocacy Network
- Canadian Institute of Child Health
- Canadian Institute for Health Research
- Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control
- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
- Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation
- Health Canada - Canadian Childhood Cancer Surveillance and Control Program
- Hospital for Sick Children
- Interlink Community Cancer Nurses
- International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations
- International Society of Pediatric Oncology
- Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre
- Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario

Out-of-Country Medical Insurance Through INGLE Health

Candlelighters Canada has developed a partnership with INGLE Health that makes the purchasing of out-of-country medical coverage for children with cancer much simpler. Candlelighters Canada recognized the need to advocate for out-of-country medical insurance for children with cancer, and INGLE Health now provides medical coverage for children with cancer when traveling outside of Canada.

Research

The importance of childhood cancer research in Canada cannot be underestimated. Candlelighters Canada's fundraising initiatives for research bring much needed focus and advocacy to the area of childhood cancer research. In order for new treatments to be discovered, quality of life improved and interventions evaluated, childhood cancer research needs additional funding. However in order to achieve this the necessary infrastructure must be developed. We have made a commitment for the upcoming year to raise over \$350,000 for childhood cancer research.

In 1999 Candlelighters Canada committed to raising funds for childhood cancer research in Canada. In 2001, in partnership with the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), we awarded three Candlelighters Canada fellowships funded through a matching program. The fellows and their fields of research are:

Gregor Reid

B.C. Research Institute for Woman and Children's Health
Development of Novel Strategies to Enhance Anti-Leukemia Immune Responses

Christina Tognon

B.C. Research Institute for Woman and Children's Health
Human Model System for Congenital Fibromyosarcoma

Hong Wu

Hospital for Sick Children
To explore the tumor genesis mechanisms of childhood eye cancer, retinoblastoma and effects of low penetrance mutations.

Candlelighters Canada Scientific Research Committee is co-chaired by Val Figliuzzi, Chairman of the Board, and Dr. Max Coppes, Director, Southern Alberta Children's Cancer Program, and is comprised of pediatric oncologists across Canada. This committee has played a leading role in forging this new research role for Candlelighters Canada.

The Bay & Candlelighters For the love of Charity

The Sparkles Campaign continues...



In 2000, Candlelighters Canada became one of the Bay's four charitable partners in its Well Into The Future program--a program that supports Canadians living with cancer. Based on the objectives of Candlelighters Canada the Bay selected our organization to be a continuing recipient of the Sparkles Bear Campaign for the second year running.

The Sparkles Bear Campaign was designed as a sophisticated marketing program that married the point of sale shopping to cause related marketing. The end result was a program designed by the Bay to influence the purchasing behaviour of their consumers, and to realize the Bay's potential to make a significant philanthropic contribution.

With the creation of the Sparkles Bear, which retailed for \$9.99 at Bay stores across Canada, five dollars from every sale was donated to Candlelighters Canada. In 2000 the Bay donated \$892,000 (gross) from the sale of Sparkles.

For the 2001 program, our goal was to benchmark the partnership between Candlelighters Canada & the Bay, to increase public participation and public interest in the purchase of the Sparkles Bear and to raise money for Candlelighters Canada.

2000 Campaign Donation Summary

Over the past year funds from the 2000 campaign were applied to the following programs and services:

- 49%** went towards the Interlink Program
- 28%** went towards the development of the childhood cancer research program
- 23%** supported existing programs (such as Back to School, Touch the Sky, National Resource Centre & Library) and marketing



In 2001 Candlelighters Canada partnered with the Bay in their Toronto stores to launch an exclusive event in conjunction with Swarovski Crystal. The Bay and Swarovski Crystal donated ten dollars from every purchase of a Swarovski crystal bear (seven bears in the collection) to the Bay's Well Into the Future program. Proceeds from this event were shared amongst the

Bay's Well Into the Future partners.

In addition, fashion designer Lida Baday created a one-of-a-kind crystal sweater for the Bay's Charity Bear Sparkles that was auctioned off during the holidays. The silent auction was held from November 14th to December 24th, 2001, with the proceeds donated to Candlelighters Canada.

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Treasurer's Report - 2000/2001

The fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 proved to be a challenging year for Candlelighters Canada. We were successful in eliminating the deficit of \$295,000 from the beginning of the year and ended the year with a positive liquidity position of \$540,000. We were very pleased to receive a donation of \$885,000 from The Bay in the latter part of the fiscal year. At that time, \$630,000 of these funds were recorded as deferred contributions as they have been designated by the donor to be spent on programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

There was a decrease in fundraising revenues for the year primarily due to decreased fundraising activity and the deferral of the Bay contribution noted previously as well as the need to focus on other areas of the organization. Fundraising costs were also less than half of the amount in the previous year. Program expenses were \$637,000 for the year, which is a decrease of \$690,000 from the previous year. This is primarily due to the debt forgiveness from various hospitals associated with the Interlink program. We would like to thank those organizations for helping Candlelighters Canada through this difficult year.

There were significant changes made at Candlelighters Canada during the year, starting with the appointment of our new Chief Executive Officer, Betty Ferreira. Betty has done an excellent job at assessing the organization and making the required changes. Candlelighters Canada is now well positioned to improve on the delivery of programs and ensure that we are able to provide the best quality of services we can with the resources available to us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many donors and supporters who have helped us through this year.



Mike Svetkoff
Treasurer

Auditor's Report - 2000/2001

To the Members of The Childhood Cancer Foundation Candlelighters Canada

We have audited the balance sheet of The Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation Canada as at September 30, 2001 and the statements of revenues, expenses, fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibilities of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the organization derives revenues from donations and lotteries, the completeness of which are not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification.

Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation and lottery revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, assets and fund balances.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the donation and lottery revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at September 30, 2001 and the results of its operations and the cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Chang and Co.
Chartered Accountants
Mississauga Ontario
January 25, 2002

Auditor's Report - 1999/2000

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January 25, 2001

BALANCE SHEET	2001	2000	1999
Assets			
Cash and short-term investments (note 3)	815,485	127,002	45,567
Accounts receivable	14,479	56,721	128,327
Inventories	13,980	21,558	28,714
Prepaid expenses	12,573	14,151	12,527
	856,517	219,431	215,135
Capital assets (note 4)	212,738	377,805	511,279
TOTAL ASSETS	1,069,255	597,237	726,414
Liabilities			
Demand bank loan (note 6)	90,000	52,000	40,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	198,010	462,654	560,241
	288,010	514,654	600,241
Deferred contributions (note 7)	634,883	5,243	22,729
Fund Balances			
Unrestricted	146,362	77,340	103,444
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,069,255	597,237	726,414

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCES	2001	2000	1999
Revenues			
Fundraising	1,613,477	2,532,828	3,758,978
Lottery	204,703	210,837	220,604
Programs	12,958	89,471	52,501
Amortization of deferred contributions	5,243	17,486	90,214
TOTAL REVENUES	1,836,381	2,850,622	4,122,297
Expenses			
Administration	368,303	406,434	431,878
Consulting and licences	117,821	107,478	128,476
Fundraising	425,995	870,181	1,533,253
Programs	687,132	1,327,949	1,542,225
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,599,251	2,712,042	3,655,832
Excess of revenues over expenses before amortization	237,130	138,580	466,465
Amortization (note 2d)	168,108	164,684	314,047
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	69,022	(26,104)	152,418
Fund balances, beginning of year	77,340	103,444	(48,794)
Fund balances, end of year	146,362	77,340	103,444

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	2001	2000	1999
Operating Activities			
Excess of revenues over expenses	69,022	(26,104)	152,418
Amortization of capital assets (note 2d)	168,108	164,684	314,047
Change in non-cash working capital items	(175,247)	(8,449)	(161,043)
Change in deferred contributions	629,640	(17,486)	(90,214)
	691,523	112,645	215,208
Investing Activities			
Acquisition of capital assets	(3,040)	(31,210)	(264,631)
Increase in cash resources	688,483	81,435	(49,423)
Cash and short term investments, beginning of year	127,002	45,567	94,990
Cash and short term investments, end of year	815,485	127,002	45,567

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Fund Balances 2001

	Restricted Funds					TOTAL	Unrestricted Funds	2001 TOTAL FUNDS	2000 TOTAL FUNDS
	Lottery	Touch the Sky	Research	Bay Sparkles	Interlink				
Revenues									
Fundraising			56,610	264,000	13,000	333,610	1,279,867	1,613,477	2,532,828
Lottery	204,703					204,703		204,703	210,837
Programs						0	12,958	12,958	89,471
Amortization of deferred contributions		5,243				5,243		5,243	17,486
TOTAL REVENUES	204,703	5,243	56,610	264,000	13,000	543,556	1,292,825	1,836,381	2,850,622
Expenses									
Administration				141,000		141,000	227,303	368,303	406,434
Consulting and licences	117,821					117,821	0	117,821	107,478
Fundraising						0	425,995	425,995	870,181
Programs									
Interlink	81,005			56,000	13,000	150,005	24,388	174,393	392,845
Parent and Family Support	5,877			17,000		22,877	126,230	149,107	124,713
Public Education				38,000		38,000	164,698	202,698	692,564
Resource Centre						0	49,986	49,986	71,724
Research			56,610			56,610	22,205	78,815	28,616
Touch the Sky		5,243		12,000		17,243	14,890	32,133	17,486
TOTAL EXPENSES	204,703	5,243	56,610	264,000	13,000	543,556	1,055,695	1,599,251	2,712,042
Excess revenues over expenses before following:	0	0	0	0	0	0	237,130	237,130	138,580
Amortization	0	0	0	0	0	0	168,108	168,108	164,684
Excess of expenses over revenues for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	69,022	69,022	(26,104)
Fund balances, beginning of year	0	0	0	0	0	0	77,340	77,340	103,444
Fund balances, end of year	0	0	0	0	0	0	146,362	146,362	77,340

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Fund Balances 2000

	Restricted Funds					TOTAL	Unrestricted Funds	2000 TOTAL FUNDS	1999 TOTAL FUNDS
	Lottery	Touch the Sky	Research	Interlink	TOTAL				
Revenues									
Fundraising			26,833	22,250	49,083	2,483,745	2,532,828	3,758,978	
Lottery	210,837				210,837		210,837	220,604	
Programs					0	89,471	89,471	52,501	
Amortization of deferred contributions		17,486			17,486		17,486	90,214	
TOTAL REVENUES	210,837	17,486	26,833	22,250	277,406	2,573,216	2,850,622	4,122,297	
Expenses									
Administration						406,434	406,434	431,878	
Consulting and licences	107,478				107,478		107,478	128,476	
Fundraising						870,181	870,181	1,553,253	
Programs									
Interlink	90,808			22,250	113,058	279,787	392,845	360,781	
Parent and Family Support	10,838				10,838	113,875	124,713	80,440	
Public Education	1,713				1,713	690,851	692,564	994,359	
Resource Centre						71,724	71,724	72,609	
Research			26,833		26,833	1,783	28,616		
Touch the Sky		17,486			17,486		17,486	34,036	
TOTAL EXPENSES	210,837	17,486	26,833	22,250	277,406	2,434,637	2,712,042	3,655,832	
Excess revenues over expenses before following:	0	0	0	0	0	138,580	138,580	466,465	
Amortization	0	0	0	0	0	164,684	164,684	314,047	
Excess of expenses over revenues for the year	0	0	0	0	0	(26,104)	(26,104)	152,418	
Fund balances, beginning of year	0	0	0	0	0	103,444	103,444	(48,974)	
Fund balances, end of year	0	0	0	0	0	77,340	77,340	103,444	

Notes to Financial Statements

2000/2001

1. Purpose of organization

The Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation Canada (the "Organization") is a national volunteer charitable organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for families experiencing the effects of childhood cancer through the provision of resources, parent support and the promotion of research.

The Organization is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a nonprofit organization without share capital.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Revenue recognition

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably assured.

(b) Fund accounting

The accounts of the Organization are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting and accordingly the resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds determined by the purpose for which those resources are held.

(c) Inventories

Inventories, which consist of goods held for resale, are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is generally determined on a first in first out basis.

(d) Capital assets

Donor base acquisition costs are amortized on a straight line basis over five years. Office equipment is amortized on a straight line basis over five years. Half of the regular amortization is recorded in the year of acquisition.

(e) Donations in kind

Donations in kind are recorded in the accounts of the Organization at fair value when fair value can be reasonably estimated, and in the case of materials and services, when materials and services would be normally purchased by the Organization and would be paid for if not donated.

3. Cash and short-term investments

The cash and short-term investments are composed of bank deposits, Ontario Savings Bonds, and guaranteed investment certificates which mature within one year.

4. Capital assets

The Organization retains a number of marketing companies to raise funds through telephone. The cost for signing up a donor for the first time is charged to the Organization as donor base acquisition cost. The Organization records 40% of such acquisition cost as a capital asset as it is expected that many of the first time donors will donate to the Organization again as a result of ongoing fundraising efforts.

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value 2001	Net Book Value 2000
Donor Base	1,100,378	893,020	207,358	373,399
Office Equipment	11,854	6,474	5,380	4,406
	1,112,232	899,494	212,738	377,805

5. Restricted funds

(a) Use of the Lottery Fund is restricted to projects specified and approved in the applications for lottery licences. Such projects must benefit residents of Ontario.

(b) The Touch the Sky Fund is restricted to the production and distribution of a therapeutic imagery kit to children with cancer.

(c) The Research Fund is restricted to the funding of research fellowships in partnership with The Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

(d) Use of the Interlink Fund is restricted to the costs of activities relating to the Interlink Community Cancer Nurses Pediatric Program.

(e) Use of the Bay Sparkles Fund is restricted to programs approved by the Hudson Bay Company.

6. Demand bank loan

The demand bank loan bears interest at the bank's prime rate plus 2%, and is secured by a General Security Agreement over all of the Organization's property.

Notes to Financial Statements 1999/2000

7. Deferred contributions

Deferred contributions reported relate to unspent portion of revenues for the following restricted fund:

	2001	2000
Bay Sparkles Fund	620,000	--
Lottery Fund	14,883	--
Touch the Sky Fund	--	5,243
	<u>634,883</u>	<u>5,243</u>

8. Income tax status

The Organization is registered as a charitable organization with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and is exempt from income taxes.

9. Pension plan

The Organization is a member of the Revised Pension Plan for the Employees of the Canadian Cancer Society and Affiliated Organizations. The pension plan was fully funded as of January 1, 2000, the date of the last actuarial valuation.

10. Commitments

The Organization is committed under the terms of a lease in respect of its office premises which expires in February 2006. The basic rent for the remaining term of the lease is as follows:

2001/2002	16,068
2002/2003	16,932
2003/2004	17,796
2004/2005	18,660
2005/2006	7,925
	<u>77,381</u>

11. Contingencies

A wrongful dismissal lawsuit has been initiated by a former employee of the Organization. As the outcome of this matter cannot be reasonably determined at this time, the Organization has not provided for any potential loss contingencies related to this matter. It is the opinion of management, after discussions with legal counsel, that the ultimate disposition of this lawsuit will not have a material adverse effect on the Organization's financial position or results of operations.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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(d) Capital Assets

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(e) Donations In Kind

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The estimated useful life of the donor base has been increased from three years to five years based on the Organization's prior experience with the performance of the donor base. The change in accounting estimate has had the impact of decreasing amortization expense by \$137,746 in 1999/2000.

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value 2000	Net Book Value 1999
Donor Base	1,100,378	726,979	373,399	505,110
Office Equipment	8,813	4,407	4,406	6,169
	1,109,191	731,386	377,805	511,279

4. Restricted Funds

- (a) Use of the Lottery Fund is restricted to projects specified and approved in the applications for lottery licences. Such projects must benefit residents of Ontario.
- (b) The Touch The Sky Fund is restricted to the production and distribution of a therapeutic imagery kit to children with cancer.
- (c) The Research Fund is restricted to the funding of research fellowships in partnership with The Canadian Institute of Health Research.
- (d) Use of the Interlink Fund is restricted to the costs of activities relating to the Interlink Community Cancer Nurses Pediatric Program.

5. Donations in Kind

In 2000, the Organization received a donated painting appraised at a value of \$17,000. Since a reasonable estimate cannot be made of the net realizable value of the item, it has not been recognized as revenue and asset in the financial statements.

6. Demand Bank Loan

The demand bank loan bears interest at the bank's prime rate plus 2%, and is secured by a General Security Agreement over all of the Organization's property.

7. Deferred Contributions

Deferred contributions reported relate to unspent portion of revenues for the following restricted fund:

	2000	1999
Touch the Sky Fund	5,243	22,729

8. Income Tax Status

The Organization is registered as a charitable organization with Revenue Canada and is exempt from income taxes.

9. Commitments

The Organization is committed under the terms of a lease in respect of its office premises which expires in September 2001. The basic rent for the remaining term of the lease is \$15,525.

10. Comparative Balances

Certain comparative balances for 1999 were reclassified to conform with the presentation of current year.

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