



**We See a World Where
Everyone is Included.**



Annual Report
2022/2023



**More
than Able**

We are guided by an amazing Board of Directors who dedicate their time and skills to us throughout the year. Thank you!

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Our
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***“Alone we can
do so little;
together we can
do so much.”***

–Helen Keller

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"She can't get inside the building because of her wheelchair."

No. She can't get inside because the building is not accessible. The building has a barrier that does not let her in. The wheelchair is not the problem; the building's lack of access is the problem.

Words matter.





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Mission

Easter Seals Nova Scotia provides individualized solutions to support inclusion and empower persons with disabilities.

Vision

We see a world where everyone is included.



Values and Guiding Principles

At the core of everything we do is the people we serve.



We help clients reach their goals.



We deliver quality programs and services.



We are grounded in, and champion equity and inclusion.



We demonstrate integrity and professionalism.



We build partnerships within the community.

Overarching Goals

Communication and Community Engagement

The right stories are shared at the right time.

Camp Tidnish

Camp Tidnish operations are fully funded and safe for all campers and staff.

Client Service and Program Delivery

Our signature programs and services are improved and expanded to better serve our clients.

Organizational Effectiveness

People feel respected, engaged, and supported in everything they do.

Message From Our Chair

I took on this role coming out of the pandemic with lots of opportunity to apply lessons learned and I feel honored to be writing this message and highlighting the amazing work of the staff and clients at Easter Seals NS.

I took on this role coming out of the pandemic with lots of opportunity to apply lessons learned and for us to emerge as a strong and serious organization serving people with different abilities. Our reflections post-covid has enabled us to sharpen our focus on the core programs and services that matter to the people and families that we serve.

We have expanded our reach to rural and regional Nova Scotia; so, needed and welcomed! We are proud to have opened our first satellite office in Yarmouth. Our staff there have embraced the challenge of a new office in a community that is so welcoming to the programs and services that we offer. We have expanded the Take Part programs in Southwestern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton – also possible because of the strong community welcome and strength.

We were able to stabilize our funding from the Department of Community Services for the wheelchair recycling program and I'm proud to say we have no waitlist for this important program.

I continue to be impressed by the New Leaf programming. We have been able to increase our capacity in programs and new clients and I have, personally, enjoyed the fruit of their strong efforts. We have seen significant increases in food production, sales, and client base.

Camp Tidnish remains an anchor program for us. We are so happy to be opening this summer and we know that this camp is life-changing for our campers and for the staff and leaders who support the Camp. We know that this camp provides an experience for people who would not normally have a traditional 'camp' experience. We have been working with our special friends at the Amherst Rotary Club to ensure that the facilities meet our needs, and more importantly, the needs of our campers. We are working on a longer-term sustainability plan for Camp Tidnish, as we know it is a beacon for our clients and their families.

None of this would have been possible without Joanne and the management team and program staff of Easter Seals NS. These dedicated people are steadfast in their dedication to our clients. Your Board of Directors is grateful to you for your expertise, your energy, and your hard work. I also extend gratitude to the community and our government partners, donors, sponsors, and volunteers for their ongoing support. We share a commitment to creating a world where everyone is included.

Thank you!

–Michael DeCoste, Chair



Message From Our President & CEO – Joanne Bernard



The past year has been nothing short of amazing! We saw our physical footprint expand outside of the Halifax Regional Municipality with the opening of our new office in Yarmouth in December 2022. Now kids and seniors living with disabilities in Yarmouth County have access to bocchia, sledge and wheelchair basketball. The office also supports the expansion of our Assistive Devices and Wheelchair Recycling program in that area of the province.



At the opposite end of the province, a new partnership with Wheelchair Basketball Canada, Sport Nova Scotia and Cape Breton University saw Learn to Wheel start in Sydney. This program joins Learn to Sledge in Glace Bay which is now in its 4th year.

Take Part has expanded its reach within the Halifax Regional Municipality with collaborations with Schools Plus and most notably the School of Health and Human Performance within Dalhousie University. Under ESNS Board Member, Sarah Moore, students from her classes volunteer with all Take Part inclusive sports programs, giving participants and volunteers valuable experiences while counting towards their class marks.

New Leaf Enterprises continues to increase its' catering customer base and both cafés' are busy offering delicious baked and home cooked entrées. New Leaf also continues to expand its reach with employment supports and establishing extraordinary new partnerships with other organizations and high schools.

Assisted Mobility and the Wheelchair Recycling Program has expanded their support services and with increased funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, the waitlist for the WRP has been eliminated for the first time in the program's 20-year history.

Most special was the return of Camp Tidnish in 2022 after a two-year shut down due to the pandemic. Opening at 50% capacity, old and new campers returned for a fun filled camping season which had been sorely missed by everyone. The addition of Camp Director Roxy Peterson has been a game changer as he brings his enthusiasm, experience and new ideas to create even more "Camp Magic".

On a personal note, I was humbled and proud to be named Business Leader of the Year by the Halifax Chamber of Commerce. It was a wonderful night shared with staff, board members and my family. The Award was a testament to the dedicated staff team I work with each day which makes my job that much easier. Volunteers continue to give their time and expertise to our programs and more importantly to the people we serve every day.

– Joanne Bernard, President & CEO



OUR FOUR PILLAR PROGRAMS



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new LEAF



camp TIDNISH



take PART



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MOBILITY



Easter Seals Nova Scotia consists of four pillar programs that make up the services we provide to individuals in our province living with disabilities

Here We Grow Again!

In December 2022, our new office in Yarmouth opened with a slate of Take Part programs and access to our Assistive Mobility and Wheelchair Recycling Programs. Carrie Layne, our Take Part Coordinator serving much of the Southwestern part of the province, hit the ground running with Learn to Sledge, Learn to Wheel and Learn to Boccia being offered in January. So grateful to our program partners Sport Nova Scotia, Parasport Nova Scotia and Yarmouth Recreation!

We look forward to growing our programs at the Mariner Centre, Meadowbrook Elementary School, YACRO, Yarmouth Life Skills, Meadows Long Term Care Home and the Kaye Nickerson Centre.

Take Part
Coordinator,
Carrie Layne



Thank You To Our Scholarship & Bursary Partners. Your Gift Helps Us Change Lives.

Scotiabank®

Easter Seals Nova Scotia is pleased to partner with Scotiabank, through its ScotiaRISE commitment, to offer financial Scholarships and Mentorship opportunities to students in Nova Scotia who are currently enrolled in, or will be entering high school in the Fall 2023.

The objective of the scholarships is to help reduce financial barriers for students with disabilities as they progress and work towards completing high-school and assist them in preparing for a successful transition into post-secondary education, or entry into the workforce.

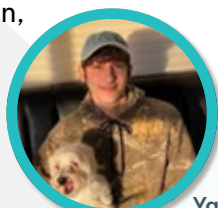
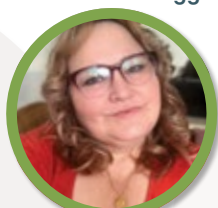


The Sun Life Scholarships are intended for any person with a physical disability who is currently enrolled in or pursuing post-secondary education. The objective of the scholarship is to help reduce financial barriers for the student as they progress and work towards completing their post-secondary education and assist them in preparing for a successful transition into the workforce.

"Thank you so, so much Easter Seals Nova Scotiabank. This laptop is going to be a game changer for MacKenzie. It's so nice that she will have new technology to help her develop new skills in so many areas. We are so excited about it! Thank you!"

–Renena Joy, Mother of MacKenzie Joy

Tammy Higgins



Yas Jawad



Kim Wry Bursary for Camp Tidnish

Kim Wry was instrumental in forming The Zonta Club of the Amherst Area, was a charter member and was the club's first President. Sadly, Kim passed away at a young age. The Kim Wry Bursary was organized to honour Kim's contribution to the Zonta Club and women in Cumberland County. Initially created for women returning to school and/or post high school studies, many women in this area have benefited from this Bursary.

Members of the Zonta Club of Amherst Area look forward to joining Easter Seals of Nova Scotia and the Rotary Club of Amherst in supporting a woman (19 years +) from Cumberland County to attend Camp Tidnish with its wonderful programs for individuals with physical and/or intellectual disabilities.



THE FINLEY MILLS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Finley Mills Memorial Scholarship is established in memory of Finley Mills, who was born with Down Syndrome and passed away at the tender age of 3.5 months old. To honour Finley, his family has created this scholarship, which will be awarded to one family per year and will cover the enrollment fee for a one week session at Camp Tidnish.

For more information on how to apply visit
www.easterseals.ns.ca/finley-mills

The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023



The Durham Laporte Memorial Scholarship

The Durham Laporte Memorial Scholarship is established in memory of Durham Laporte, who was a Camp Tidnish Counselor that suddenly passed away at the young age of 25.

To honour Durham and his love of Camp Tidnish, his family has created this scholarship, which will be awarded to one family per year and will cover the enrollment fee for a one-week session at Camp Tidnish. The Scholarship will be awarded to an adult over the age of 19 with a disability, living in a Residential Care Facility.

Applications for the Durham Laporte Memorial Scholarship are open from January 1st until March 30th each year, with the recipient being announced on April 15th.

For more information on how to apply visit www.easterseals.ns.ca/durham-laporte

And We Are Back At Camp Tidnish!



We were so excited to welcome back campers for the season in 2022. After a 2-year closure due to the global pandemic, staff, campers and their families were eager to experience some fun and recreation while connecting with old and new friends. Camp operated at 50% capacity as we eased back into our post pandemic new normal. Unfortunately, one camp in Week 7 had to be cancelled due to a Covid-19 outbreak. It was also the first camping season for new Camp Director Roxy Peterson who magnificently brought “camp magic” for the summer. In 2023, we are back at 75% as we slowly move to full capacity soon.



Did You Know?

- 1.** 146 campers from ages 6 to 65+ enjoyed camp this year.
- 2.** Campers came from 44 communities representing 9 counties in NS.
- 3.** Camp provides respite for 54% of campers who live with their families.

CAMP TIDNISH

Creates Smiles & Everlasting Memories Just Ask Nick & His Mom!

Hello to the Camp Tidnish counsellors, Roxy, Alice, Kim, all support team members – everyone who makes the camp experience happen on that beloved spot in Baie Verte. I think if you could really understand the long-lasting impact of your work for our son Nick, and for us as his family, I think it might surprise you.

Our son Nick is a mentally challenged “boy” of 26. For the last two years, he along with so many of his counterparts (and of course everyone in the world), has been isolated without much to look forward to. Camp Tidnish operating again in 2022 has made a world of difference. Voyageurs at the end of June made his year.

I have a slightly different perspective because the first year Nick went to camp, I stayed there. I saw firsthand what your days and nights are like, how challenging and tiring the work is, and the joy and love the team gives to the campers. In essence I was able to walk a mile in your shoes. This year, no one was from the previous Tidnish camps (except Alice!) – and the difficulty of losing that institutional knowledge that usually is available through returning counsellors has to be really hard! But you are doing it.

Nick is still asking when he can go back, how is Taylor, Roxy, Pickle, Alice – everyone. He looks at the Facebook page and exclaims about all of you. Your summer job brings people like Nick immeasurable joy, a break from everyday life, and memories that sustain his ongoing days.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart. On these unbelievably hot days, where you don't get a break, remember you are doing something extraordinary with lasting effect.

With respect and appreciation,
–**Patty Isnor, Mother of Nick Isnor**



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Inclusive Sport

Our Take Part programs underwent a huge expansion in the past year with Learn to Wheel expanding to Yarmouth and Sydney. Learn to Sledge operates in Yarmouth, Halifax and Sydney and Learn to Boccia continues in Halifax and 5 different community organizations in Yarmouth.



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Learn to Boccia in partnership with Northwood has increased in both sessions and length of class. Each week is at capacity with both players and volunteers. Learn to Boccia also conducted “Try It” sessions in several schools in the Halifax Regional Municipality which has prompted the Schools Plus program to purchase equipment and include this inclusive sport into the school system for the coming year.



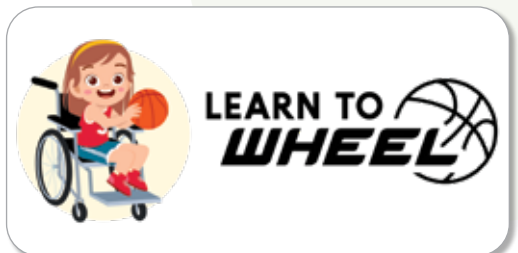
Learn to Sledge expanded to the Mariner Centre in Yarmouth and continues to grow the game in that community. Both sites in Halifax and Glace Bay continue to grow in registration with new participants.

“My child feels very proud of himself, sharing stories with his friends about the program. It gives him more motivation about the game and more friends.”



Learn to Wheel expanded to more communities this year with programs in Yarmouth and Sydney thanks to new partnerships made with Wheelchair Basketball Canada and Cape Breton University.

“This sport helps my son interact with other children and have fun enjoying something he loves and looks forward to.”



Serenity Acres was the home for Learn to Ride this year and the 2-week camp for kids and youth was at full capacity. New riders learned about horse care, farm chores and enjoyed learning how to ride with the help of volunteers and amazingly gentle horses.



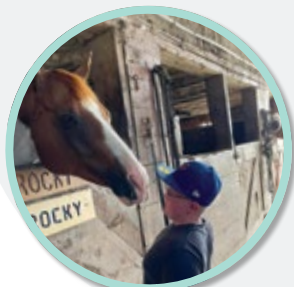
In partnership with the Maritime Conservatory, Learn to Dance ran a full Fall and Spring Session with kids from 6 to 16 learning the fundamentals of movement, stretching and dancing in this fully inclusive class.



The past few years in our Take Part Programs, we have been the recipient of amazing volunteers who are students of Dr. Sarah Moore, enrolled in the School of Health and Human Performance at Dalhousie University. As part of their curriculum, students choose the activities they want to volunteer with and because of that, we have enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to help with each inclusive sport.

In 2023, student Hannah Brown undertook an evaluation performance review of our Take Part Programs for kids. We are so grateful and pleased for the results, of which will help us better serve kids and youth with disabilities in Nova Scotia.

"My child's self-esteem increased in a positive manner through participation in dance. She enjoyed taking part in the activity and meeting new friends."



Did You Know?

84%

Participants reported enjoyment and happiness with Take Part

78%

Participants reported feelings of belonging and engagement in the activities

95%

Participants reported feeling excited before, during and after their activity

74%

Participants reported development of social skills among peers, as well as an opportunity to learn new skills

Wheelchairs & Assisted Mobility Equipment



Easter Seals Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services developed a Service Agreement in the past year which included increased funding for the growing wait list of DCS clients waiting for their wheelchairs. As result as of March 31, 2023, the wait list was eliminated for the first time in the program's history!

The Nova Scotia Wheelchair Recycling Program provided funding approval for 231 wheelchairs for DCS clients this fiscal year. We also provided just over \$245,000.00 for 731 repairs for wheelchairs in this program and we currently have 1110 active clients with 1257 wheelchairs in the province.

Our Assistive Devices we have provided over 150 pieces of equipment free of charge and have received 158 donations this year of equipment that was either refurbished or reduced to parts to maintain equipment in inventory. We currently have 1147 pieces of equipment out in the community.

Opened last December, the Yarmouth office now is an inventory and delivery satellite office for both of these programs resulting in faster client service and larger program opportunity for the Southwest region of the province.



Movement & Learning



The support from CIBC has supported children and their families acquire equipment and technology needed to move around independently, communicate with others, and to fully participate at school, in extra-curricular activities, and in their communities. A range of equipment such as mobility devices, hearing and speech aids, home modifications like lifts and ramps, learning and communication devices and software, and bath and toileting aids have all been provided through the program.



Jace MacAulay

"Our 6 year old son Jace loves getting around in his new Convaid EZ Rider. Jace has a rare genetic condition called CHD8 related syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder. As such, he suffers from various developmental delays. Jace has a hard time with waiting, transitions, and does not understand danger. This special needs stroller gets him out in the community and to his medical appointments safely."

We're so grateful to Easter Seals for providing funding so Jace could have the Convaid EZ Rider. This specialized equipment is life changing for our family. We now have the peace of mind Jace has a way to get around safely as he gets older and grows. Thank you for making our lives easier in many ways. We really appreciate it!

- The MacAulay Family

Sophia Phillips

Sophia has Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy and having access to an Interior start lift will improve her mobility within her own home.

"The stair lift is a huge help for Sophia and our family. It is a relief for us to know that she can now gain back some of her independence because of it and know that she is doing it safely!"

-Karen Phillips

Ferrisview Elementary School

"At the Learning Center at Ferrisview Elementary School in Cape Breton students have Autism, Down Syndrome, Global Developmental Delay, Hearing Impairment as well as other diagnoses. They have fine and gross motor challenges as well. This adapted bike is so beneficial as the students are able to regulate their bodies and be ready to learn after their session on the bike. Not only did it help with regulation, it also strengthened their gross motor skills and promoted an active physical living. Thanks so much for all that you do!"

-Sherry Power-Jessome, Learning Center Teacher

Skills Training & Employment



Our Community Employment Program including The Next Step Program for youth living with disabilities who face barriers to employment, continue to graduate young people into the labor market. There were 47 adults and youth supported over the last year through our employment programs resulting in new community employment partners and bringing our workshops to other organizations who serve persons with disabilities.

“My overall experience with The Next Step at Easter Seals has been very good. I had help updating my resume and working on my portfolio from my job coaches. In addition, that has also prepared me for job fairs and interviews. I have attended different workshops to improve my skills in the workforce and did the food safety training course.

My first job this program offered to me was a mail clerk position. I also had a job as a Legislative Page at the Nova Scotia Legislature. During my time as a page, I had provided a range of services to help MLAs do their job successfully such as photocopying and distributing documents. For the Next Step I am looking forward to more job opportunities that are available. Because I did the Junior IT Analyst program at NPower Canada, I'm hoping to get a job position related to IT since I have some basic knowledge with computer hardware and software.”

–David Tong



Kiera Sparks Lucas
as Tour Guide
at the Maritime
Museum of
the Atlantic



The Next Step

A Supported Employment Program for
Youth with Disabilities

David
working as
a House of
Assembly
Page

The Reverse Job Fair – Growing Bigger Every Time

The Next Step employment team held their 3rd Reverse Job Fair on October 7, 2022, at the Saint Andrew's Centre in Halifax. A move to a larger venue was necessary as the team supported 40 young adults with resume and portfolio building while practicing interviewing skills when meeting with potential employers. This unique approach to inclusive employment where employers come and meet multiple candidates for various positions has proven to be a recipe for success for both our participants and for workplaces looking to become more inclusive.

Workshops
at Churchill
Academy



Allie at
Museum of
Natural
History



Thank You to Our Community Employment Partners

Aramark Foods Service
Atlantic Superstores
Delectable Desserts
Dormie Workshop
Events East
Holiday Inn Express
Home Hardware
Kenny's Pizza
McDonalds'
Micco Companies
Mr. Lube
Mastermind Toys
NS Department of Community Services
NS Dept. Communities, Culture and Heritage
NS Dept. Labour, Skills and Immigration
NS. Legislative House of Assembly
NS Office of the Premier
Sobeys
Soul's Harbour Mission Mart
The Queen's Printer
Public Service Canada
Sackville Pharmasave
Subway



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Communities, Culture and Heritage

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&
CCTH



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REVERSE JOB FAIR

INCLUSION. EQUITY. DIVERSITY.

The New Leaf Reverse Job Fair is an inclusive event that supports Nova Scotians who identify as having a disability.

The Job Seeker has a booth to showcase their skillset and participate in informal interviews. The Inclusive Employer can engage multiple, qualified candidates regarding potential job opportunities.



Social Enterprise – Food Service, Home Décor & Business Services

Food services and catering production were full tilt last year as we exceeded pre-pandemic levels of sales and ordering in many areas. The New Leaf Café re-opened in the Nova Scotia Rehab building much to the delight of hospital staff and patients. Catering orders continue to increase as more awareness of the program spreads in the business community. The menu is extensive, delicious and meets all small or large event catering needs.

Candles, soap and wood products continue to be produced for purchase throughout the year and a new CNC Woodworking machine purchased with funding from Scotiabank. Staff are currently being trained and we look forward to sharing our designs in the near future.

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Christine
& Clare making
cinnamon buns
& cookies

Gretchen
& Sue
preparing
dough

Our
Fastenal
contract



Did You Know?

- 1. Staff, clients and volunteers made over 20,500 baked goods in 6 weeks during Christmas.**
- 2. Our Christmas baking program generated over \$16,500 in sales.**
- 3. Last year we fulfilled 217 catering orders throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality.**
- 4. The catering production crew can accommodate orders between 3-200 people and everything in between!**
- 5. New Leaf clients work on contracts for Burrito Jax, Fastenal and Heart & Stroke Bingo.**

New Leaf Enterprises – A Place To Learn New Skills, Have Some Fun & Make Friends

Over the past year, in addition to their social enterprise production, New Leaf Enterprises has also introduced new personal skills development and recreational opportunities. This client centred focus on choice has created numerous options for our clients to participate in during their day. In the past year, we have welcomed 3 new clients full time to the centre and continue to work through our waitlist for those seeking our services for fulsome and engaging day programs for persons living with both physical and/or cognitive challenges.

Playing basketball with staff, students & clients



The crew enjoying bocchia



Matthew creating Father's Day glasses



Coley weeding our front garden



Did You Know?

1. *New Leaf Clients participated in a NS Accessibility Act review with government.*
2. *Partnered with Halifax Transit to learn how to use transit independently.*
3. *Expanded the gardening program and grew peas, strawberries, tomatoes, green beans and herbs.*
4. *Learned from presentations from Seniors Safety and Divert NS.*
5. *Took lessons in learning ASL to increase our communication skills.*

Ability Makers Christmas Market December 2 & 3, 2022

New Leaf Enterprises hosted the 4th Annual Ability Makers Market with a full slate of vendors and nearly 300 shoppers enjoying handmade artisan treasures from a wide array of social enterprises and entrepreneurs living with disabilities. This market has become a must-do for Holiday shoppers, and it kicks off the Holiday season of baking and entertaining.



Volunteers Help Make Us #Unstoppable

We simply could not do what we do without the support of volunteers from the community. From the volunteers who sit on our Board of Directors, deliver our sports programs, bake our Christmas cookies to those who fundraise for us every year...Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

This year, we were especially pleased to present to 4 outstanding volunteers the Queen's Jubilee Medal for the years of volunteer hours given to Easter Seals Nova Scotia.

"When we cast our bread upon the waters, we can presume that someone downstream, whose face we may never see, will benefit from our action, even as we enjoy the gifts sent to us from a donor upstream."

–Maya
Angelou

Provincial
Liberal Leader,
Hon. Zach
Churchill dropped
by for Christmas
Baking



Volunteers
from
Scotiabank



Michelle
Mahoney
receiving her
Queen's Platinum
Jubilee
Medal



The
Halifax
Thunderbirds
Dance
Team



Joanne Bernard
presents the
Queen's Platinum
Jubilee Medal to
Gina McFetridge,
Steve Maltby &
Bob Janes



Red Shirt Day

All of us at Easter Seals Nova Scotia are proud to wear red to promote and celebrate National Accessibility Week.

We encourage people throughout Nova Scotia to wear red shirts to show their support for people living with disabilities. We believe in a world where everyone is included, and public awareness moves us closer to a fully accessible and inclusive society.

Red Shirt
Day
June 1,
2022



Dr. Sarah Moore – Dedicated To Making Our World More Inclusive

A volunteer on our Board of Directors and coach for our Learn to Sledge and Learn to Wheel, Sarah has been a wonderful volunteer addition to our Take Part programs. An Assistant Professor in Health Promotion, Kinesiology and Recreation and Leisure Studies at Dalhousie University, Sarah forged a wonderful partnership between Easter Seals Nova Scotia and students from the School of Health and Human Performance. Each semester, students are required to volunteer at one of our inclusive sports programs with our organization and others.

This partnership has quite literally been a game changer for our participants. The passion and commitment of Sarah is shared by her students who show up and volunteer with our kids and seniors every week in every way.

Thank you, Sarah, for helping us create a world where everyone is included!

"After two years of volunteering with Learn to Wheel, I can confidently say this experience is one of a kind, in the absolute best way possible! Each week the amount of kindness, positivity, and determination, radiates throughout the entire program in both the participants, instructors, and organizers. Take PART programs provide an inclusive space for all people in sport."

–Hannah



"Volunteering with the Learn to Sledge and Dance programs this term has been one of the best and most rewarding experiences I've ever had. These kids show up with so much excitement and it's incredible to watch them grow together every season. These programs truly provide the experience of a lifetime, not only for the children but for everyone involved and I'm so grateful to be a part of something so meaningful and impactful."

–Dercia



Drop Zone 2022

A bright and sunny August 13th was the day for Drop Zone 2022. We welcomed 44 new and returning rappellers to help us celebrate the 18th year of our signature fundraising event. Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors and rappellers who raised over \$56,055 after expenses that day.

Special shout out to rappeller Joey Saccary, who rappelled in his wheelchair. Joey attended Camp Tidnish for years as a child and felt very strongly about giving back to this organization that made such a huge impact on his life.



Rappeller
Joey
Saccary



Paper Eggs, Bunnyland & Shoot For Inclusion

Paper Eggs

Our annual Paper Campaign was led again by our regional partner Lawton's Drugs. We were also pleased to welcome Mastermind Toys aboard this year as our distribution list keeps on growing. Thank you to our campaign partners and to everyone who purchased a Paper Egg in support of Easter Seals Nova Scotia.



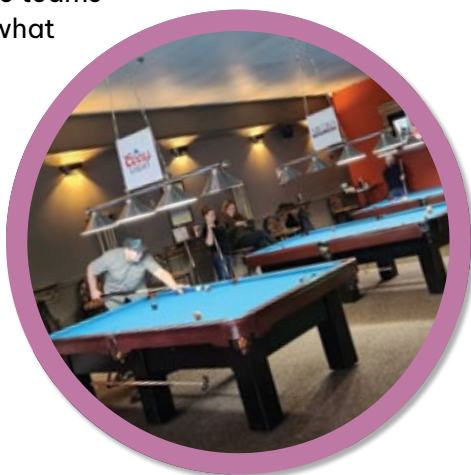
Bunnyland

MicMac Mall continues to be our valued partners with Bunnyland located in the bottom concourse on the days leading up to Easter. So many volunteers from groups, schools and businesses help us each year make this so much fun for the kids while helping us raise funds in support of our programs and services.



Shoot for Inclusion

New to our events calendar this year, Shoot for Inclusion brought together corporate teams for a day of pool and friendly competition. Thank you to all of the teams who participated in what we hope will become an annual event!



Thank You For Helping Us Help Others Be #Unstoppable In 2022

Every year, organizations and businesses in our Province lend their time, give their money or partner with us to deliver a program so that our work continues and, in many cases, expands.

We simply could not do what we do without you!



Bedford
MLA Braedon
Clark visits
New Leaf

Our Program Partners

Basketball Nova Scotia

Boccia Canada

Directions Council

Employment and Social
Development Canada

Glance Bay Minor
Hockey Association

Halifax Recreation

Hockey Nova Scotia

NS Health Authority

IWK Health Authority

NS Dept of
Community Services

Rotary Club of Truro

Parasport Nova Scotia

Northwood Inc.

Rotary Club of Amherst

Recreation Yarmouth

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Canadian Progress Club
Halifax Citadel

Century 21 All Points Realty

Century 21 Trident Realty Ltd.

Christie-Smith
Community Fund

Choice Properties CREIT

CIBC Wood Gundy

Cintas Canada Ltd.

Definity Insurance Company

East Peak Climbing

Flemming Charitable
Foundation

Fondation Bourassa Savaria

Formation Foundation

Friends of We Care

Giant Tiger

Halifax Protestant
Infants' Foundation

Halifax Youth Foundation

Harding Medical Supplies

Heartland Farm Mutual

Home Hardware Stores

Labatt Brewing Company

Lawton's Drugs

Mastermind Toys

McInnes Cooper

Medavie Foundation

Mic Mac Mall

Nine Locks Brewing

Sea Life Plants

Smitty's Restaurants

Stingray Radio

Tacten Industrial Inc.

The Craig Foundation

The John & Judy Bragg
Foundation

The KPMG Foundation

The Windsor Foundation

Volcano Construction

Treasurer's Report

I am privileged to provide my Treasurer's Report for Easter Seals Nova Scotia for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 2023.

Easter Seals Nova Scotia was able to welcome back Campers at Camp Tidnish in the Summer of 2022 at half capacity as the restrictions for COVID-19 eased and we were able to implement solid protocols for the health and safety of campers and staff. Easter Seals Nova Scotia looks forward to continuing to increase capacity allowances in 2023 at Camp Tidnish and provide life-long experiences to all that attend.

Easter Seals Nova Scotia continues to provide services through the other three key pillars of the organization; Take Part, New Leaf Enterprises and Assisted Mobility. The New Leaf Café located at the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre re-opened after closing for months due to a flood in the facility. As gatherings became possible, the catering side of New Leaf became extraordinarily busy with pre-pandemic production.

For the fiscal year 2022/2023, I am pleased to share that we recorded a minimal Excess/(deficit) revenues over expenditures \$(3,337) which slightly decreases reserves to \$650,503. The financial results are an example of management focus on providing sustainable programs to their clients and community members.

I want to thank all of the staff, volunteers and program participants for their passion and dedication to Easter Seals Nova Scotia. To our donors and funders; your contributions help make our vision of a world where everyone is included possible. We thank you for your continued support of accessibility, inclusion and equity.

–Alex Warner, CPA

Treasurer, Easter Seals Nova Scotia

Sonya
preparing
fragrant
sachets



Sarah &
Michelle
paint home
décor



Audited Financial Statements

MNP LLP have audited the consolidated financial statements of Easter Seals Nova Scotia as at March 31, 2023, and for the year then ended.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and Consolidated Statement of Revenue and Expenditures are included in this annual report. Complete copies of the audited consolidated financial statements with the auditor's report and notes are available by contacting the Easter Seals Nova Scotia office.



Consolidated Statement Of Financial Position

As Of March 31, 2023

	General Fund \$	Reserve Fund \$	2023 Total \$	2022 Total \$
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash	914,944	1,572	916,516	354,852
Accounts receivable	1,094,332	-	1,094,332	572,443
Inventory	11,882	-	11,882	9,913
Prepaid expenses	47,614	-	47,614	54,368
Restricted cash and investments – Wheelchair Recycling Program	969,157	-	969,157	509,395
	3,037,929	1,572	3,039,501	1,500,971
Investments – at market value	5,000	368,507	373,507	384,130
Capital assets	1,087,094	-	1,087,094	1,163,957
	4,130,023	370,079	4,500,102	3,049,058
Liabilities and fund balance				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payables and accruals	915,488	-	915,488	504,347
Current portion of deferred contributions	544,101	-	544,101	94,401
Current portion of capital lease obligations	12,974	-	12,974	12,072
Wheelchair Recycling Program	969,157	-	969,157	509,395
	2,441,720	-	2,441,720	1,120,215
Deferred contributions	507,960	-	507,960	326,750
Capital lease obligations	889,706	-	889,706	902,680
Loan payable	-	-	-	40,000
Camp Tidnish Fund	5,102	-	5,102	495
Elizabeth & Forest Fyfe Award Fund	5,111	-	5,111	5,078
	3,849,599	-	3,849,599	2,395,218
Net assets				
Unrestricted – General Fund	280,424	-	280,424	273,838
Internally restricted – Reserve Fund	-	370,079	370,079	380,002
	280,424	370,079	650,503	653,840
	4,130,023	370,079	4,500,102	3,049,058

Consolidated Statement Of Revenue & Expenditures For The Year Ended March 31, 2023

	General Fund \$	Reserve Fund \$	2023 Total \$	2022 Total \$
Revenue				
Special events	126,796	-	126,796	212,386
Campaigns	424,291	-	424,291	291,937
Planned Giving	11,622	-	11,622	3,613
Camp Tidnish	217,210	-	217,210	3,162
Active Living	16,489	-	16,489	9,385
New Leaf Enterprises	1,313,005	-	1,313,005	1,098,590
Development	4,223	-	4,223	3,087
Wheelchair Recycling Program	2,851,288	-	2,851,288	1,910,827
Assistive Devices	6,225	-	6,225	7,781
Other income	89,826	-	89,826	89,240
	<u>5,060,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,060,975</u>	<u>3,630,008</u>
Expenditures				
Administration	121,738	-	121,738	75,686
Programs				
Assistive Devices	24,783	-	24,783	22,792
Camp Tidnish	259,246	-	259,246	98,495
Wheelchair Recycling Program	2,851,288	-	2,851,288	1,910,827
Active Living	71,903	-	71,903	55,097
New Leaf Enterprises	1,270,948	-	1,270,948	954,919
Development	285,885	-	285,885	118,315
Fund-raising	117,441	-	117,441	118,069
Other amortization	51,157	-	51,157	51,157
	<u>5,054,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,054,389</u>	<u>3,405,357</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures before change in fair value of investments	6,586	-	6,586	224,651
Unrealized (loss) gain on investments	-	(9,923)	(9,923)	11,320
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenditures and change in fair value of investments for the year	<u>6,586</u>	<u>(9,923)</u>	<u>(3,337)</u>	<u>235,971</u>

Staff Members Who Make Sure We Are All #Unstoppable

Alex Baird – Food Service Instructor

Joanne Bernard – President & CEO

Rose Cole – Manager, Finance & Administration

Michelle Deveau – Program Instructor

Justin Eweka – Youth Job Coach & Instructor

Morgan Fleet – Digital Marketing & Communications Officer

Shonna Flemming – Food Service Instructor

Kyla Gagne – Job Coach & Instructor

Annette Hill – Multi-Program Coordinator

Shauna Krasuski – Special Events Coordinator

Carrie Layne – Multi-Program Coordinator, Yarmouth

Donna MacPherson – Manager, Program & Client Support

Carlton McDonald – Manager, Employment Support Programs

Lillie McGuire – Assistant Program Instructor

Dale McNamara – Equipment Technician

Ashley Oravec – Food Service Instructor

Ian Peters – Food Service Instructor

Roxy Peterson – Camp Director

Kim Rogers – Wheelchair Recycling Program Assistant

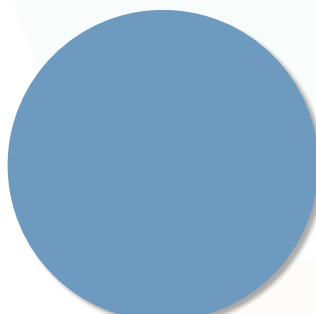
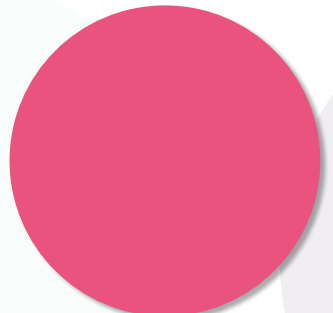
Wanda Sinclair – Director of Development

Gretchen Snow – Manager, Catering & Food Services

Heidi Wallace – Manager, Wheelchair Program/Assistive Devices

Amanda Williams – Executive Director – New Leaf Enterprises







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