



Creston & District Society For Community Living

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Dear Family Members and other Program Partners:

Another year has come and gone in the life of individuals, staff and volunteers at CDSCL. It was a year in which we continued to concentrate on providing high quality support to individuals supported by CDSCL, while working on implementing the practices initiated through the preparation for our successful 3-year Accreditation

With our funding base stabilized and our financial position in good shape, we were able to increase staffing supports in some areas, including the creation of a part time Maintenance position and increases in hours in several program areas. We also had two new clients, which increased our contracts to an annual total of \$2.5 million.

The main concern and challenge we have as we move into the new year is addressing the escalating needs of our aging population through staff training, review and reallocation of staffing hours, the development of respite supports and working with the health community to provide better support and services for people we support.

In addition to residential, life-skills and day program supports, we have expanded our programs to include the acquisition and management of a 26 unit subsidized senior apartment building and have realized our goal for the Therapeutic Riding Program to be self sufficient.

New for 2008 will be a new home for the office and Day Activity Program. We recently purchased the former library building on 7th Avenue (close to the Woodshop) and are in the midst of renovations. We plan to move into the new building by the end of April. We will be also offering our services as an accredited agency to oversee life-sharing options for clients who are not currently under our services, but who are supported by individuals or families in their homes.

Enclosed please find a copy of the annual reports as presented at our Annual General Meeting held on September 10, 2007, a list of current Board members, and a Stakeholder's Satisfaction Survey form. As your input is *vital* in reviewing and improving on our programs, please fill out the form and return it to CDSCL in the self-addressed envelope by February 7, 2008.

For more information, visit our website at www.cdsc.com. Thank you for your ongoing support of CDSCL and its staff.

Yours truly,

Peter Feltham
Executive Director