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Our Mission Statement

To provide services and programs to families of children diagnosed within the Autism Spectrum Disorders to develop their child's behavioural, communication, and social skills, and to advocate for their ongoing needs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Capital Chordettes Christmas Craft Auction – Saturday, December 3, 2011 (1-4 PM)

Irene's Pub Fundraiser with Good2Go – Saturday, December 3, 2011 (8 PM)

6th Annual "Rollin' for Risk" Bowl-A-Thon – Sunday, January 22, 2012

11th Annual "Rockin' for Risk" Fundraising Dance – Saturday, March 24, 2012

Children at Risk

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



course winter fundraising events!

Greetings to all! Although I knew it was coming, it was still a shock to feel "crunch-crunch" as I stepped outside on this frosty morning. This, of course means many things, but for our charity, Children at Risk, it marks the transition from summer and summer functions to winter and winter functions like: Christmas, hockey season and of

So far we have held our Fall Raffle, started our 50/50 sales at the Sens and 67's – as well as completed our annual Celebrity-Carved Pumpkin Contest! It was wonderful to once again have the support of many businesses, personalities and volunteers to make this year's Pumpkin event another great success. December brings Santa photos at Westgate Shopping Centre, more Sens 50/50 and some events and activities being held for CAR's benefit like Coffee Sales, Chordettes Christmas Auction and Good2Go Pub Fundraiser.

Additionally, we are also working on next year - through the endless work and efforts of our Executive Director, Brenda and our Office Administrator Bambina, Children at Risk is thrilled to be once again a chosen charity at the H.O.P.E Beach Volleyball Tournament in July 2012. This event provides major exposure for Children at Risk not only regionally but nationally. This event requires a commitment of many Volunteers and we hope many of you can make it! Contact our offices for more details on how you can help.

The purpose of Children at Risk is ultimately to improve the quality of life for children with Autism and their families – to look for those "gaps" in community services and to increase awareness by the public and governments of the issues associated with Autism.

What we are working to achieve:

- Connect people and programs
- Become a clearinghouse of information on Autism
- Be of service to those working on the front lines of children with Autism
- Make Autism a national priority
- Work to inform and influence public policy

For whom:

- Children with Autism and their families
- Teachers/Therapists/Guidance counsellors
- Anyone else affected directly or indirectly by Autism

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

It is mainly through fundraising events like H.O.P.E., the Pumpkins, Rockin' for Risk, 50/50 tickets sales at hockey games, Santa Photos, raffles tickets sales and more that we are able to provide the much needed services to our community.

I would like to personally thank groups like the Capital Chordettes Ladies Barbershop Chorus for their many years of support of Children at Risk. Their musical talents are truly amazing. Come and see them at their Christmas Craft Sales and Auction on Saturday, December 3 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Lakeside Gardens. Contact our office for more details – and continue to turn the pages of this newsletter for more fun and exciting opportunities to support Autism through Children at Risk!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Paul Lacroix, Board President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Brenda Reisch

As 2011 “leaps” into 2012 (could not resist the opportunity to note that 2012 is a leap year!), many of us like to take this opportunity to both reflect on the year that will be ending AND look forward to the year that is yet to be written...we anticipate that changes in Children at Risk's services will continue to happen, as the charity adapts and reacts to changes in the Autism Community.

2011 was a “working” year, with much hard work by the charity, staff, volunteers, our Board, counselors, supporters – whew – makes me tired to think of it! But this hard work came with the satisfaction of a job WELL DONE! When I think of the accomplishments of 2011, like Camp Kaleidoscope, an increase in the number of children serviced by almost 22% from 2010 and a plethora of fundraising events and activities – analogies of “The Little Engine That Could” come to mind.

Of course, there is always more that can be done – needs to be done, but only so many hours of “man labour” can be fit into one year!! I know it seems that we are constantly, continuously and endlessly asking for Volunteers to help with our year-round fundraising – but that is the reality of being a charity that provides services without government funding. Please know that, although we do not always extend our thanks and appreciation, we could not do it without YOU! So, we raise a glass of your “cheer of choice” in YOUR honour and for all our Members, Supporters, Friends, Relatives, Patrons who worked tirelessly throughout 2011 to keep Children at Risk a viable entity – we award our December 2011 Newsletter “Hat's Off” award!!



Holiday Snowflake Party

When: Sunday, December 1, 1-4 pm
Where: Travelodge Hotel, 1376 Carling Ave.
Activities: Face painting, cookie decorating, Munchies, swimming, crafts and Santa!
Cost: Free to Autism Ontario and Children at Risk members.
Register: With Jody ottawa@autismontario.com or 613.230.6305 ext. 22

NOTE: REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED DUE TO MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE – WAIT LIST ONLY STATUS AT THIS TIME!

**CHILDREN AT RISK
2011 REPORT ON SERVICES****

Social Skill Therapy (Friendship) Groups

(Based on sessions of 10 weeks, 1 ½ hours/wk)

Ages 10-12 years 12 children
Ages 13-14 years 5 children
Ages 15-23 years 6 children

Asperger "Typical Teens": 38 youth (8 week session, 2 hrs/wk)

March Break Science Camps: 14 children

Camp Kaleidoscope - Summer Full-Day Camp (ages 5-20): 91 children

TOTAL: 166 children served

Sibling Support Workshop

2 Full-Day Sessions Ages 5-12: 16 children served

GRAND TOTAL OF NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING DIRECT SERVICES FROM CHILDREN AT RISK: 182

****In addition – we sent 8 children to Walt Disney World through Dreams Take Flight in 2011!**

2011/2012 ENTERTAINMENT COUPON BOOKS

Children at Risk still has for sale the 2012 Entertainment Coupon Book at only \$35 each! Once again, they include \$30 in Gift Cards, as well as all the regular coupons! They can be obtained through our offices or at 22 Quickie Convenience stores throughout the city. We also can get books for Montreal, Toronto or Vancouver for those "out of town" relatives! Centrepont parents can also get them from Merle Hagerman at 613-226-4982. East end or Tunney's Pasture buyers can call Brenda Desjardins at 613-951-0034. Kanata buyers can also obtain them at the 2 Quickie Stores and the Kanata Optometry Centre (99 Kakulu, 592-6193). They make great stocking-stuffers and gifts for those "hard-to-buy-for" friends and relatives! They make great stocking stuffers and books are available for other major cities like Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Submitted by Brenda Reisch, Fundraising Chairperson

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES SINCE SEPTEMBER 2011 ...

What Happened:

FALL RAFFLE TICKETS

Kicking off October as Autism Awareness Month was the Children at Risk Fall Raffle draw, held on October 3, 2011! Although we were only able to sell 65% of our tickets, we are excited to announce that we did sell enough to earn \$4,301 for Children at Risk!

The Winners are:

1st Prize – West Jet Tickets and Calgary Venues
Ticket # 1295 – Debbie Ng

2nd Prize – Sens Tickets, Jersey & Memorabilia
Ticket # 0198 – Anne Perkins

3rd Prize – Crabtree & Evelyn/Molly Maid
Ticket # 2485 – Karen Barrey

4th Prize – Joseph's Bayshore & Roses Are Us
Ticket # 3029 – Hazel Smith

5th Prize – Family Fun Package
Ticket # 0928 – Rosetta Tassi

6th Prize – Week 'O Dining
Ticket # 0958 - Jennifer Wilkinson

7th Prize – Week 'O Dining
Ticket # 0372 – Hugh O'Gorman

8th Prize – Lexmark Printer
Ticket # 1010 – Isabel Jodouin

Many, many thanks to all those who bought and/or sold tickets for this Raffle - we so very much appreciate your support!



FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND

After much deliberation, consideration and, most of all, calculation – Children at Risk decided to pull out of the Aviva Community Fund Contest ... Children at Risk was more than excited when the AVIVA Community Fund was suggested as a potential fundraiser for Camp Kaleidoscope! We felt we had a great idea that served the ASD community of Ottawa in a unique way and one that was in demand from parents – keeping with our mandate to “fill in the gaps” in services! It took 4 years to secure the funding for 2011 and with funding for 2012 currently out of reach, having one concentrated effort secure potentially \$50K to \$100K was a great opportunity.

Unfortunately reality was against us.

1. We have a limited membership being an Ottawa only based small charity – through 2 Rounds of Voting we were unable to gain any ground – keeping in mind that only the Top 30 in each category (10 in each of 3 rounds) get into the semi-finals – AND THEN THE TOP 10 FOR THE FINALS.
2. There were many ideas submitted for the Ottawa area and many directly supporting the ASD community, which further reduced the number of votes that we could solicit.
3. Despite our efforts to gain new votes, we were still only at 28 of 30 in our category! All this would mean is asking our Supporters to go through 3 rounds of voting – and if we made it to the semi-finals, another 4th round of voting WITHOUT MAKING IT INTO THE TOP 10 CHOSEN FOR THE FINAL ROUND OF JUDGING.

It is with this in mind that we made a decision to withdraw Camp Kaleidoscope from the AVIVA Community Fund competition. We felt, in all good conscience, that we could not ask our supporters to vote through two more rounds of effort with no potential of a favourable outcome. We are very grateful to the 627 supporters that we had voting for Camp Kaleidoscope and we hope that you will agree with our assessment of the situation. We know that many of you voted willingly, happily and daily for our cause! If you are still willing to vote daily, we would like to suggest that you vote for Main Street at <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf11289>

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND (Cont'd)

They provide an excellent and valuable service to the ASD Community and - having reached the semi finals in round 1- they have a terrific chance of winning, especially if we can direct our votes to them to keep them in the top 10 of their category in the Semi-Finals. So, relax, sit back and wait for us to remind you to support Main Street, as the Semi-Finals do not start until December 5, 2011!

BENEFIT BRUNCH FOR AUTISM –

Sunday, November 13, 2011

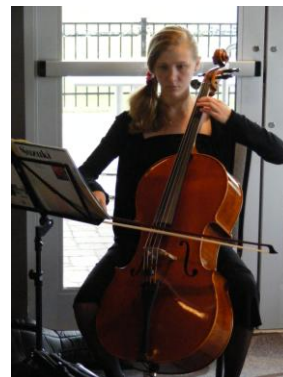
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THE KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS



Now in its 2nd year of existence, The King's Daughters and Sons Ottawa Autism Circle continued to support both Children at Risk and the Ottawa Chapter of Autism

Ontario by hosting a Fundraising Brunch! Held at the prestigious Falcon Ridge Golf Club, over 100 supporters from both charities and other Circles of KDS dined on delicious eats, were entertained by Eric Kavcic (flute) & Ema Grant-Zypchen (cello), students from the Suzuki School of Music and the Male Quartet “Sound Evolution” and bid on great gifts in the Silent Auction. Although we are still working out the numbers – it looks like each charity will receive a donation of \$1,200!!



Ema Grant-Zypchen



Richmond Wilson, President
Ottawa City Union

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

16th ANNUAL CELEBRITY-CARVED PUMPKIN CONTEST – OCTOBER 20-23, 2011

Outstanding Results! With the (teenaged) challenges that our 16 year old Event had this year, we were almost certain that funds raised would be affected... However, we are delighted to announce that it was, instead, "Sweet 16" for our Annual Celebrity-Carved Contest, earning almost \$9,300 in support of families raising a child diagnosed within the Autism Spectrum Disorders!!! 132 local Media, Politicians, Sports Figures and Businesses all "Carved for the Cause" and helped to mark October as Autism Awareness Month!



For 2 years running now, Stuntman Stu & Company will wear the crown of Top Celebrity Carver - join me in thanking and congratulating them for their efforts on behalf of the families who struggle with the daily challenges of living with Autism. Rest assured, much has been learned from this year and we will be back next year with improvements to make our Event bigger and better! Join me in thanking our Carvers, Volunteers, Donors and Sponsors - including Carlingwood Shopping Centre, Lincoln Fields Shopping Centre, Place d' Orleans and especially Merivale Mall (who hosted our Reception and purchased our pumpkins), as well as the Budget-Avis Group who donated the cargo van for our Pumpkin Express deliveries.

P.S. We will let you know soon when we have a Picassa site done for the Pumpkin Photos!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

ANNUAL CELEBRITY-CARVED PUMPKIN CONTEST 2011

Top Lucky Thirteen Celebrities (Final Results)

- 1) Stuntman Stu, Angie & Trisha – Majic 100 FM
- 2) Il Paradiso Spa & Tanning/Strandz Hair Design, Lincoln Fields
- 3) The Garlic King
- 4) Kurt, Jeff & Lianne – CTV Morning Live
- 5) Derick & Lois – Rogers TV Daytime
- 6) The Paul Rushforth Team
- 7) Rick Gibbons – The Ottawa Sun Publisher/CEO
- 8) Anthony Furey – The Ottawa Sun
- 9) Orleans Family Dentistry
- 10) Carter & Sandra – KISS FM Morning Show
- 11) Wayne Scanlan – Ottawa Citizen Sports
- 12) Joanne Laucius – The Ottawa Citizen
- 13) Nancy Stapleton & Ed Hand – Y101 FM & 1310 News AM

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED FOR CHILDREN AT RISK (Supporting Autistic Children): \$9,270.81

CANADA REVENUE AGENCY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Although they were unsure if they could do it, the Technology Services Division, Information Technology Branch of CRA once again – now for the 6th Year! – held a Golf Tournament for Children at Risk this Fall! Despite being smaller, this annual fundraiser (mainly organized by Dave Arcand and “advised” by parent Randy Fix) was filled with enthusiastic and supportive golfers who raised \$4,037.63. The six year total is now around \$22,037!! As we had thought it might not get off the ground this year – you can imagine how thrilled we were to once again receive this most generous gift!!



FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

What is On Now/Coming:

OTTAWA SENATORS 50/50 TICKET SALES



With 6 of our 22 games already completed – we continue to welcome Volunteers for selling the 50/50 tickets at the Sens games for the 2011/2012 Season!

Not only does this give our charity and Autism excellent profile – this activity was our highest form of fundraising dollars last year!!

Below we have listed dates that are upcoming – please check your schedules and let us know if you can help out for a few hours!! Call us at 613-741-8255 or email car@childrenatrisk.ca.

Wednesday, December 7 VS. Capitals (7 PM game)
Wednesday, December 14 VS. Bruins (7:30 PM game)
Tuesday, December 27 VS. Canadiens (7:30 PM game) Super Jackpot
Thursday, January 5 VS. Lightning (7:30 PM game)
Monday, January 16 VS. Jets (7:30 PM game)
Saturday, January 28 – All Star Skills Competition
Sunday, January 29 – All Stars Game
Friday, February 3 VS. Islanders (7:30 PM game)
Saturday, February 4 VS. Maple Leafs (7 PM game) Super Jackpot
Tuesday, February 7 VS. Blues (7:30 PM game)
Saturday, February 11 VS. Oilers (2 PM game)
Sunday, February 26 VS. Islanders (5 PM game)
Saturday, March 10 VS. Sabres (7 PM game)
Friday, March 16 VS. Canadiens (7 PM game) Super Jackpot
Saturday, March 17 VS. Maple Leafs (7 PM game) Super Jackpot
Tuesday, April 3 VS. Hurricanes (7:30 PM game)

Volunteers: Must be at least 16 years of age or older (but 16-18 teens must be very mature) - note that high-functioning ASD teens can come with a parent to sell as a team and get volunteer hours! Need to arrive 2 hours before the games. Will be given free parking, water bottle and then pizza and a drink AFTER sales are done. Will sell up to the end of the 1st intermission, then have to cash out before leaving or staying to watch the game - floats are supplied by Children at Risk.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

M.A.U.D.E.S. FUNDRAISER FOR
~CHILDREN AT RISK~

A black and white photograph of a five-piece rock band. Two members are standing in the back, one playing a guitar. Three members are sitting or kneeling in the front, one playing a guitar and another playing a drum set. The drum set has 'GOOD 2 GO' written on it.

**GOOD2GO
+ THE CUTMEN**
SAT. DEC 3RD
IRENE'S PUB 885 BANK st.
SPONSORED BY ANNE & DWIGHT TEAM REMAX

Starts 9pm to midnight \$10 tickets at the door
(no advance sales)

(the Pub is small, with room for only 100 persons, so
arrive at least by 8 PM to guarantee a spot!)

Raffle at Event for only \$5 per ticket (Sens Tickets, etc.)

6th Annual "ROLLIN' FOR RISK"

Bowl-A-Thon for Autism
Walkley Bowling Lanes
Sunday, January 22, 2012



Minimum Pledges of \$120/team for entry. All pledges over \$20 will receive an income tax receipt. Join us for fun, prizes and a rockin' & rollin' good family time! See info and pledge sheet included.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

SANTA PHOTOS

Once again, Children at Risk has been offered the opportunity to earn funds by taking the Santa Photos at



Westgate Shopping Centre this Christmas Season!

Santa arrived on Saturday, November 26 and returns next weekend.

This year again we are covering the entire holiday photo schedule - from November 26 to December 23.

For these weeks, photos are only being offered for Thursday & Friday evenings plus Saturdays & Sundays (one Wednesday the week before Christmas).

We will need volunteers throughout the schedule - more on Saturdays due to the volume - see below for the needs.

We will be using a digital camera and printing the photos on-site with a colour printer. Cost for a Santa photo will be \$5 with ALL of the proceeds being donated to Children at Risk!

Please look at the schedule below and let us know if you can help out - even a couple of hours at a time would be great! We will need both volunteers who are comfortable (and somewhat good!) at taking photos, as well as table workers to take cash/print the pictures (easy to learn).

This would also be an opportunity for a teen and parent to work together to get volunteer hours!

Saturday, November 26 - 11-4
5 hours - 2 Volunteers needed for the Table

Friday, December 2 - 4-8
4 hours - 1 Volunteer for Camera, 1 Volunteer for Table

Saturday, December 3 - 10-5
7 hours - 2 Volunteers for Camera, 2 Volunteers for Table

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

Sunday, December 4 - 11-4
5 hours - 1 Volunteer for Table

Thursday, December 8 - 4-8
4 hours - 1 Volunteer for Camera, 1 Volunteer for Table

Friday, December 9 - 4-8
4 hours - 1 Volunteer for Camera, 1 Volunteer for Table

Saturday, December 10 - 10-5
7 hours - 2 Volunteers for Camera, 2 Volunteers for Table

Sunday, December 11 - 11-4
5 hours - 1 Volunteer for Table

Thursday, December 15 - 4-8
4 hours - 1 Volunteer for Camera, 1 Volunteer for Table

Friday, December 16 - 4-8
4 hours - 1 Volunteer for Camera, 1 Volunteer for Table

Saturday, December 17 - 10-5
7 hours - 2 Volunteers for Camera, 2 Volunteers for Table

Sunday, December 18 - 11-4
5 hours - 1 Volunteer for Table

Wednesday, December 21 - 4-8
4 hours - 1 Volunteer for Camera, 1 Volunteer for Table

Thursday, December 22 - 4-8
4 hours - 1 Volunteer for Camera, 1 Volunteer for Table

Friday, December 23 - 4-8
4 hours - 1 Volunteer for Camera, 1 Volunteer for Table

DONOR'S CORNER

In Memory of Laurretta McKay \$50

In Memory of John Stacenko \$50

Redsell-Seguin Financial Services \$500

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

CAPITAL CHORDETTES LADIES BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Since 2004, the Capital Chordettes Ladies Barbershop Chorus has supported Autism through Children at Risk with annual generous donations and associated donations now totalling \$20,922.71

Much of their fundraising efforts are done at their Annual Christmas Craft Sale & Auction – coming up this year on Saturday, December 3 from 1-4 PM. (See Ad on Page 11).

Please consider attending not only for the charitable support, but for the great Christmas gifts available, yummy treats and a mini-concert from the Chordettes – families and children welcome!

Hope to see you there!

Brenda, Children at Risk, Ottawa

H.O.P.E. 2012 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Children at Risk just received the exciting news that our charity has been chosen as one of the recipients for funds raised from the 2012 Ottawa Volleyball Summerfest!

The event takes place on Saturday, July 14, 2012 - so please note this date on your calendar - as we will need a

commitment of 50 Volunteers to fulfill the charity requirements. Funds donated from HOPE will help to finance Camp Kaleidoscope! More info will be forwarded as it becomes available!

2011/2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Paul Lacroix
Treasurer	Lesia Gilbert
Secretary	Mark Lalonde
Director	Robert Jaffray
Director	Hazel Smith
Director	Kelley Matheson

THANK YOU

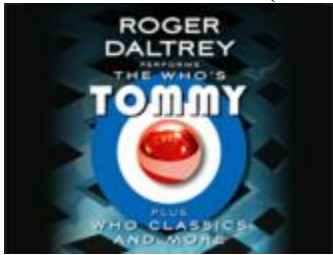


“Thank you very much for the tickets. David enjoyed the music very much. Also as a parent with an autism kid, I struggle all the time. Only when I was in this concert, I totally relaxed and found life is so beautiful. Thank you.” Susan

“Thank you for arranging for the Andre Rieu tickets. I went with a neighbour and it was a lovely evening away from the ongoing stresses of parenting. The neighbour is an older friend who has been very supportive of our son over the years and who brings a good perspective to things as she knows how much and how well he has developed over the years. Thanks again for the tickets.” Patricia

“Just wanted to express our appreciation for the Andre Rieu concert tickets. We enjoyed the show very much, and notably, Daniel was thrilled and smiling ear-to-ear throughout the concert. After the concert ended, he didn't want to go home and we had to bribe him with promises of pizza for lunch! It was a great show.” Mark

THANK YOU (Cont'd)



“This note is to express our appreciation for the two tickets we received from the Sens Foundation. The Roger Daltrey concert was very memorable -- my partner loves the rock opera Tommy and I've been a long-time fan of The Who. The second half was an unexpected treat, when Roger played many rousing Who classics as well as some of his personal favourites by other artists (who knew that Roger Daltrey could channel Johnny Cash so well?). And we absolutely loved the final song, in which he strummed a ukelele. Thanks again for this wonderful opportunity.” John

“We would like to send a heartfelt THANK YOU for the donation of the tickets to see Roger Daltrey. This is definitely a concert that my husband and I would not have been able to attend if it wasn't for the generosity of donors! The seats were absolutely fabulous --- the closest I've ever sat to the stage. Once again, thanks for the makings of an amazing "date night"!” Bill and Brenda

“I just wanted to thank you for the Roger Daltrey tickets. We arrived just as the concert started. He has really looked after his voice and stayed in shape. He was just as good as he was, the first time I saw him as a teenager. Lauren put her ear muffs on when it got too loud for her. She sung her heart out to a lot of her favorites - Pinball Wizard and See Me, Feel Me...and a few others. She really enjoyed the experience and behaved like a real gem. It was so nice not to have to worry about everything, we all had a good time. It was another memorable evening for our family. Thanks again! “ Jocelyn

“Thank you so much for the tickets to Roger Daltrey's concert. Our son Jon is a huge fan of 80's music and The Who and really enjoyed himself, as did his parents. We had wonderful seats and appreciated the opportunity to be at such an event as a family. A great evening!” Ena, Jack and Jon

THANK YOU (Cont'd)

“Dear Sens Foundation - Thank you for offering the tickets to the Roger Daltrey concert. We attended last night and it was brilliant. A great night that took us back in time with a rock legend that I would not have seen if not for the generosity of the Sens foundation. Thanks for helping to make special memories.” Marco and Nadia

“I just wanted to thank everyone at Children at Risk and at the Sens Foundation for the donation of the Roger Daltrey tickets for last night's performance. It was absolutely great to have a night out. We especially enjoyed Paul Freeman's performance. It was someone we had never even heard of and he was a pleasure to watch... engaging and talented! Thanks Again!” Lisa

“Thank you for the tickets to the Roger Daltrey tickets. David and I had a great time - he said he recognized the music and he enjoyed the effects. Regards” Monique

“The opportunity to attend the concert with Ashley as a family was a great experience which offered a sharing activity which would be beyond our means. The main focus of our family economy is laying the foundation for Ashley's future while maintaining a healthy home and an inspirational set of living activities. The balance of learning life skills and participating in interesting pursuits is extremely costly in a post age 21 era. Ashley may be profoundly autistic but this concert gave her and her family a night out outside the normal range of affordable events. On our behalf please extend a heartfelt thank you to those who make this type of relief available. “ Nancy

“Thanks for the tickets to see Avril Lavigne. Jazmine and I enjoyed the show and the company very much. I have never seen Jazmine that excited, as the band New Cities played before Avril, which is one of Jazmine's favourite bands. She bought their CD, the band autographed it and she got her picture taken with the band. Of course she also loved Avril's performance, she is also one of Jazmine's favourite musical artists, she told me that it was the most amazing night ever!!!! It is awesome that through ticket donations to the families, one night could mean so much to someone. It is definitely a night Jazmine will always remember and never forget! Thanks for making that night possible.” Judith

THANK YOU (Cont'd)

“Thanks so much for the donation of the tickets to the Avril Lavigne concert! My daughters and I were able to attend, away from my son and husband, and we had a great "girly time"! We'd never be able to do so without this donation. It was fantastic to be able to go and enjoy this concert together. Thanks so much!!!”
Brianna, Kristin and Brenda

“Thank you to Children at Risk and United Way for the tickets to NAC concerts. We enjoyed the concerts very much.” Lydia

“A big thank you for NAC tickets for Brahms concert, my son with autism especially liked gentle sounds of Mozart's and Brahms' Symphonies and sat still throughout most of the concert. “ Nataliya



“I wanted to thank you for the hockey tickets yesterday. It was my 7-year old son's first NHL game and despite his fears of loud noises and crowds - and general indifference to hockey - he had a wonderful time. It was a great game. He hasn't stopped talking about it, and even asked to see the next game on Sunday. Thanks for turning him into a hockey fan, and making his dad very happy.” Leo

“We were one of the families blessed with the donation of tickets to a hockey game! Thank you SO much for the tickets to the Sens game on November 9th vs the Rangers. My husband and 12 yr old son, Dylan, went to the game and had a great time! My son is a huge Sens fan and he loved the game! Thanks again!” Suzanne



“My boys and I truly enjoyed Ottawa 67'S game that we attended in October and we are looking forward to attending another game.” Nataliya

THANK YOU (Cont'd)

“Our family thoroughly enjoyed the 67's game last night. Our team won, so that made it even better! Thanks very much to you and Children at Risk for the tickets, and for your efforts getting them to us. It was a great night!” Shelley



“We are so appreciative of George and Sons Upholstery for donating the suite tickets to the 67s game. All five of us were able to attend the game, and it was our very first time in a suite at the 67s game. What a view! And, to boot, the hotdogs, pop and popcorn were an unexpected treat. Our son, Mitchell, happily ate and said that this was so good it was "just like a spa"! (huh, he's never been to one, but I'm sure he was expressing that he felt treated like royalty --- like we all did). Many, many thanks to George and Sons Upholstery for this generous donation. It was a memorable time!!”
Brenda

DEAR staff at Children at Risk - We have been happy receiving Sens tickets recently and were able to take three other adults to a Sens panthers game - enjoyed it and would love nothing better than to see another Sens game! With huge gratitude I wish to tell everyone, that the game we went to was awesome, the friend I took with me had never had the opportunity to attend a real Sens game, as they do not drive, not do they have the means of finance. We had an evening out, and were able to return home safe and sound before midnight on a school night! Thanks so much for the time it takes to get the emails out and to have a huge volunteer staff at hand to distribute the tickets, thanks so much to Mr. Greg Bonnah and his son Zac. Zac is enjoying volunteering (just like dad) and then again he has had a great role model. I am thankful for such volunteers, their dedication to the families and for the donated tickets to all the shows. Thanks so much everyone, you all deserve to know how much I and others appreciate all you all do.” Jenn

Thank You

Capital Chordettes Christmas Craft Sale & Auction

Saturday, December 3, 2011
1:00 – 4:00 pm

Ron Kolbus Centre – Lakeside Gardens
Britannia Park

Live & Silent Auctions
Music & Light Refreshments
Crafts, Baking, Books, Jewellery and more

Tickets: \$10 adults, Seniors/students \$8
Children under 12 free
Available by calling
613-837-7704 or at the door

**For more information visit
our web site:
www.capitalchordettes.ca**



Harmony, Inc.

DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT 2011



Once again, Children at Risk was included as one of the many charities sending children on the 1-day trip to Walt Disney World in Florida through Dreams Take Flight!

On September 28, 2011, eight children from Children at Risk boarded a plane at 5 AM for an adventure that will last a life-time! Dreams Take Flight Ottawa (DTF Ottawa) is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing a one-day trip of a

lifetime for physically, mentally or socially challenged children in Canada's National Capital Region. Air Canada donates a dry aircraft and they are responsible for the remainder of the costs associated with this adventure. The trip is funded through corporate and private sponsors as well as fundraising events. Air Canada employees and members of the community donate their time year round to raise the funds, plan the adventure and make this a memorable day for the children.



Currently funds are being raised with a terrific raffle <http://yow.dreamstakeflight.ca/en/raffle.php> - and Children at Risk is helping to sell tickets - contact our office to buy yours today! September 26, 2012 is the date set for the next Dreams Take Flight Ottawa trip and hopefully Children at Risk will be fortunate to again be involved - more info TBA!

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