

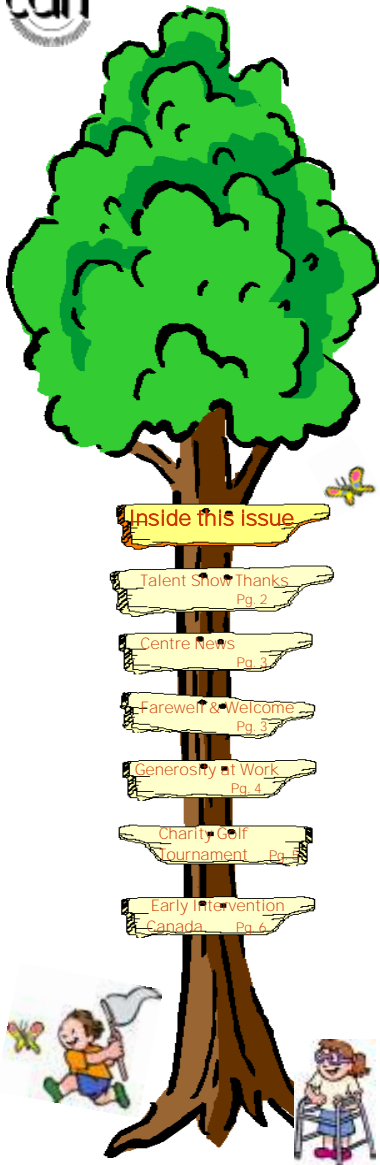


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 for our children's future."**



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from Penny Gagnon, Executive Director

With the arrival of spring comes the near completion of Project Build-A-Fort! This remarkable space has now come to a place of reality with the completion of the new wing and a very successful transition of moving from the old to the new. Staff worked together to make the move as smooth as possible to make way for work crews to renovate

the existing wing. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to all of the staff for their cooperation, hard work, and teamwork through this entire building process. The patience that has been endeared is one I have not ever experienced within the workplace. The staff of the CDC is to be commended for their true dedication to the children, families, and

the centre as a whole. Thank you!

It always humbles me the level of generosity this community continues to provide even through more difficult economic times in our province. The support for Project Build-A-Fort continues to be strong with the shift moving from bricks and mor-

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Investing in our Children - Canadian Natural Resource Ltd.

Since the Child Development Centre's beginnings in 1973, there has been a very consistent force that has helped us move forward, the amazing support of our community. In this little section it is our desire to highlight different businesses and individuals that have invested in the children of the CDC.

Reflecting on the several months that have passed since our last newsletter, we are humbled by the perseverance, dedication, and resilience of the families that make up the CDC community. Often in the midst of a great journey it is so easy to lose sight of the passion and purpose that invoked the courage to embark in the first place. Project Build-A-Fort is a major milestone in the life of the Child Development Centre. The sheer size of the project, the mishaps and delays that come with any construction, the constant changing and moving of space as we renovated has been a true adventure for staff and our families. However, the opportunity to provide such an amazing space to our precious clients and their families, our dedicated staff and the community as a whole, has been well worth the growing pains! A stabilizer in the midst of construction chaos has been the strength and dependability of our extended community support. It would be impossible to sit in this beautiful space, reflecting on our path over the past two years, marvel at the growth of our clients, and not have our thoughts linger on our extended community, our donors. 'Community' can be defined as sharing, participation, and fellowship. The employees of Canadian Natural Resource Ltd. came alongside the CDC with a generous donation of \$30,000.00 in support of our families and programming. They graciously shared their resources with us, participated in seeing Project Build-A-Fort become a reality, and fellowshiped with us as we have had the honor of supporting some of their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.



Maggie McTurk, Community Relations & Communications Analyst took great pride

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** A Night of Stars **

36th Annual CDC Talent Show



Thank-You

for supporting the CDC!



Together we raised
\$93,930.12
 towards Project Build-A-Fort

Donations of \$500 or more

- Arctech Welding and Machining
- Block Oilfield Services
- BPO Elks Lodge #288
- Carsten Schuett Mortgage Solutions
- Cascade Services
- Cherie Dunn
- Cross Country Mechanical Ltd.
- Dean Robbins
- Dr. Bryan Rogers
- Dr. Rob Meyers
- Eagle Vision
- F&J Pembina Pipelines Social Club
- Glenn Fox Sand & Gravel
- Independent Order of Foresters
- Jodi Osborne
- Nortech Data Services
- North Peace Savings & Credit Union
- North Peace Savings & Credit Union Customers
- Oxygen Salon and Day Spa (Cuts for Kids)
- Pomeroy & Gentles Barristers and Solicitors
- Price Smart
- Rhyason Contracting
- Scotia Bank
- Scotia Bank Customers
- Sierra Land Consulting
- Thunder Controls Inc.
- Tom and Thelma Ostero
- Torque It Up Mechanical Services Ltd.



Honorable Mentions: (Top Pledge Collectors)

- Northern Vision Care & Northern Imprinting donated the Early Learning Program's T-Shirts
- Christopher Baumeister \$11,319
- Country Horizon Sound \$1,235
- Kateyn Robbins \$1,090
- Justin Giles \$820
- Brook & Carter Kosick \$800
- Miranda Laboucane \$795
- Renee Stirling, Julia Wissink & Doreen Gwilt \$775
- Jillian Wilson \$671
- Larry Evans \$595
- Jayden Stafford \$534

Performers

- Adam Wynn
- Amanda Axten-Heins
- Ambika Adhikari
- Ashtyn Lockyer
- Brittany Hansen
- CDC Early Learning Program Classes
- CDC Staff
- Charlie Lake Elementary Students
- Chelsea Emstey
- Christy Jordan Fenton
- CM Finch Students
- Dallas Balatti
- Dana Coates
- Emma Hake
- Ethan Blackley
- Harlie Peever
- Jamie Cowie
- Jamie Lee Rother
- Jason Gill
- Jenessa Roberts
- Jennifer Sharma Davies
- Jody Betuzzi
- Kayla Hardy
- Mariah Kantz
- Members of the F&J RCMP
- Morgan Forbes
- Myron Studer
- Nancy Helm
- Nicholas Bragg
- Nicole Emstey
- North Peace Gymnastics
- NPLP Jr. Lifeguard Club
- Reese Cavers
- Ryley Tschiedel
- Skyler Rowseil
- Susan Cross
- Tom Cole
- William Paynter



Ambika Adhikari performing a traditional Nepali Folk Dance



Members of the F&J RCMP

Silent Auction Donors

- Angela Kosick
- Annette Block
- Big Bam Ski Hill
- CDC Early Learning Program
- Christine Whitford
- Cindy Singer
- Darcy Wheeler
- DunVegan Gardens
- EpiCure Spice ~ Jennifer Jarabek
- Family Image Photography
- Fort St John Soccer Club
- Gifts for Girls
- Grandhaven Bed & Breakfast
- Hair Bin
- Lake Point Golf & Country Club
- Lisa Kalls
- Lynn Photos
- Martin Travel
- Maximum Fitness
- Megan Tisner
- On the Rocks
- Peace Country De-Lite
- Precision Paws Dog Obedience
- Peace River Building & Feed
- Sarah Haise
- Tana Millner
- Tom Kalls
- Unforgettable Memories
- Wal-Mart
- Wee Piggy's & Paws

Volunteers

- Ami Jo Dunn
- Andrea Rogers
- Ayla Malcolm
- Barbara Daley
- Brandie Youngberg
- Britt Kashyban
- Catherine McCauley
- Christine Whitford
- Cindy Singer
- Dan Crossley
- Daniel Vecchio
- Deanne Kosick
- Debbie Robin
- Denise Bragg
- Emily Jackson
- Fatima Vido-Vecchio
- Jason Gill
- Jen Amon
- Jody Betuzzi
- Jonathon Stewart
- Karen Stubberfield
- Kayla Cavaliere
- Kim Beauchamp
- Lisa Kalls
- Lisha Colley-Knipple
- Mary Czerulinski
- Nancy Large
- Natalie Belacourt
- Nicholas Bragg
- Pamela Thompson
- Paula Spinov
- Penny Gagnon
- Rose Leering
- Sarah Haise
- Shannon Stewart
- Shiante Pereira
- Susan Cross
- Tammy McAlenny
- Tammy McNutt
- Tana Millner
- Tanya Merrill
- Tara Maddigan
- Terry Beard
- Terry McCauley
- Tracey Hotston
- Tyacie Watchel
- Trevor Czerulinski



Christopher Baumeister performing one of his songs.

CDC Month Events

- Great Canadian Oil Change
- North Peace Savings & Credit Union
- Oxygen Salon & Day Spa
- Rudy's Highway Car & Truck Wash
- Scotia Bank

Day For The Kids

Raised \$24,674.45

- Arctech Welding & Machining
- CDC Staff
- Brandy Christiansen
- Christopher Baumeister
- Crystal Wutrich
- Deleste Haddow
- Jenessa Roberts
- Treana Marcin
- Mandy Gallant
- Moose FM Staff
- Jenn Brooks
- Raquel Summerfelt
- Karen Mason-Bennett
- Megan Tisner
- Miranda Laboucane



Thank-You to everyone who pledged performers or donated money at the various events throughout February and March!

* The CDC sincerely apologizes to any business or individual that we may have failed to acknowledge in this list. We encourage you to call and inform us so that we may correct our oversight in our next issue. Thank you so much for your understanding.

CDC News & Events

Summer Closure

Summer is almost upon us and with the change of season comes changes in the CDC. The CDC will remain open throughout the summer with the exception of a **two week closure from July 26th to August 6th.**

Farewell & Welcome

Farewell



Fatima Vido-Vecchio
Physiotherapist



Lisa Kalis
Speech-Language Pathologist

It is with a collage of emotion that the CDC team says farewell to two of our valued and esteemed team members. Fatima Vido-Vecchio, our physiotherapist for the past 18 years was honored **with being accepted as a new therapist at BC Children's Hospital** in Vancouver. Lisa Kalis, our Speech-Language Pathologist will be moving with her family to Alberta at the end of the school year. We wish each of these ladies the very best for the future and are incredibly grateful for the dedication and heart they gave to the CDC and the families they served.

Welcome

Pamela Lillico, new Interactive Play Centre Facilitator has moved roles within the CDC. She started with us in our Supported Child Development and Early Learning Programs and we are excited to see her take the reins of our new play centre in the Fall.

Please welcome Jodi Staples, who will be our interim

Family Services Coordinator from July 1, 2010 through to September 2011 while Terry Beard takes some time to travel and enjoy family and friends.



Early Learning 'Summer' Program

Children between the ages of three and five are welcome to register for our summer Early Learning program sessions. Half-day sessions will run Monday to Thursday from August 9th to 26th. Sessions are \$15.00 each and full payment is required at time of registration. For more information please call 785-3200 or come by reception to register your child(ren).



Canadian Natural con't

during a recent telephone conversation in emphasizing the importance of 'our employees' and 'our community' within the *Canadian Natural* culture. *Canadian Natural* may be one of the largest independent crude oil and natural gas producers in the world, yet they are deeply rooted in each community in which they operate. The strength of **Canadian Natural's** culture and base of their corporate generosity is found **in their employees.** A company's true value and reflection is only found in the faces of their employees who live, play, shop, and give in the communities where they work and raise their families. *Canadian Natural* highly values the experiences and efforts of their team members. They follow their employees lead when it comes to deciding where to invest within the communities in which they reside. The Fort St. John office of *Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.* was integral in the decision to further invest in the CDC. It was through the Field-Corporate Matching Donations program that Bob Kylo, Superintendent for *Canadian Natural*, was able to present the CDC with a \$30,000.00 cheque. As the importance of families and collaborative **teamwork is an integral part of the CDC's core values**, it is a double honor to be able to accept this donation. Being recognized by individuals and families within the *Canadian Natural* community in a way that saw them petition for greater support for the work we do, well, it definitely makes all the construction dust and **noise seem trivial. We want to say, 'Thank You,'** to each employee of the Fort St. John Canadian Natural office, to Bob Kylo and to Maggie McTurk for seeing the power and ongoing possibilities that come with investing in the families and children who make the Fort St. John Child Development Centre.

Generosity at Work



The generosity and heart of Fort St. John never ceases to amaze us. Greg Hammond and Bob Batchelor of Greensmart Manufacturing Ltd. approached the CDC and asked us if they could raffle off a playhouse they built during the CKNL Tradeshow with all proceeds going directly to us. We were thrilled and happily accepted their offer. Tickets were sold over the weekend for \$5.00 a piece with the draw being held on Sunday at 4:00pm. Mr. Dennis Townsend was the lucky winner, however to our surprise and delight, he immediately donated the playhouse back to the CDC! **The generosity doesn't stop there.** We had an 8x10 playhouse that now needed to be moved, no



problem, Mr. Brian Burtch of Mile 36 Ventures loaded it up and moved it to our site Free of Charge! Knowing we are still in construction and our playground unfinished, he will be coming back to move the playhouse to its permanent home when we are ready.

We are so honored to be apart of such an amazing community, thank you!



Bruno Bourassa, Director of Gaming Operations of Chances in Fort St. John presented the CDC with a cheque for \$3653.68, monies raised from the recent Sean Hogan Benefit Concert held on March 19th and from the Found Money Program.

\$2900.00 was generously donated by the Buick Creek Operators Charity Fund after their successful Dinner and Dance followed by a silent auction. We want to thank all of the community members that participated in the event and Buick Creek Operators for taking the time to organize the event.



On May 15th, nine teams of women took to the soccer fields at Dr. Kearney School to compete in the **2nd Annual Women's Charity Soccer Tournament.** Through this event, \$1850.00 was raised and donated to the CDC. Thank you to all of the teams that participated, the volunteers and especially to Jaimelia Turner, Tournament Coordinator, for all of her time and effort on behalf of the CDC.

Therapy assistants, Jody Betuzzi, Pamela Thompson, and Emily Jackson accept cheques totaling \$156.50 from Bronwyn Ross of Principle Services from their recent 'Casual Day' where staff donated to the CDC and the company matched their giving.



"Generosity consists not of the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed" - unknown

Project Build-A-Fort 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

June 19th at
Lakepoint Golf & Country Club

Thank You to our Sponsors



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Massage & Yoga*



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tar” to now to paying down our mortgage. Our two annual events, Night of the Stars Talent Show and Annual Charity Golf Tournament, will assist in our endeavors to become mortgage free! Our 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament was on June 19th and was a great success. We had over 100 golfers, great sponsorship from our many supporters and raised over \$18,000.00. Thank you so much to the organizing committee, the volunteers, sponsors and golfers for your support.



**2010 Tournament
Champs**
Rick 'C' Walters Team
(left to right)
Aaron Webster
Manny DeJesus
Rick Walters
Warren Millner



Wiffle Ball Shot



Putting Prowess



**Congratulations to
Mark Kalas
Frisbee Toss Winner
37" Flat Screen**
Donated by Hamilton Copiers

Penny Gagnon accepts a cheque for \$700 from Ryan Ross of Principle Services. Tyler Kosick donated his auctioneer skills during the tournament in order to decide which table was to head to the BBQ for steak first. Ryan was hungry and outbid the room to win the first plate!



Early Intervention Canada

The Early Intervention Research Project team is working on a 3 year study to improve and influence Canadian public policy that affects children with developmental disabilities (0-9) and their families, researchers, practitioners and all health professional at both the federal and provincial levels of government. Let your voice be heard by visiting www.earlyinterventioncanada.com to fill out their National Survey.



The CDC has launched it's newly designed website. Learn more about our programs and services, how to contact us or make a referral. Check out our Early Learning Program, Career opportunities, or how Project Build-A-Fort is progressing. You will also find a Calendar of events, information about our Talent Show and Golf Tournament, digital copies of our newsletters and reports. There is lots to explore and we'd love to hear your feedback and ideas around the website.

We are in our
New Wing



The CDC is now working out of our new wing. Please note that our main entrance has moved and can be accessed off of 106th Ave. Our new address will be 10417-106th Ave. The old entrance is closed to the public due to construction.

Renovations are underway in our old wing with completion targeted for August 31, 2010

Watch our website for Grand Opening celebration dates!

Do you want your donation dollars to make a strong, local impact?



Get involved with Project Build-A-Fort!



The Fort St. John CDC served approximately 700 children last year; that's an opportunity for impact.