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Board of Directors' Ethical Statements

Mission

To provide therapy, recreation, technology, training and support services to children and young adults who have a sensory impairment including being blind/vision impaired, Deaf/hearing impaired or those who have a communication disorder and their families across SA.

To support them to become as independent as possible and to assist young people to have greater access to education and employment so that they can achieve an enhanced quality of life.

Our Vision

"CanDo4Kids-Townsend House will be an organisation that excels and is recognised for a range of support and services to children and young adults with a sensory impairment.

We will help our children, young adults and their families achieve their full personal potential and help them become empowered to make informed choices about their lives.

We will be a positive influence on social policy in our community and be regarded highly as a valued advocate to policy decision makers.

We will be apolitical and respect protocols when dealing with Government Departments and Agencies and always act appropriately and in the best interests of the children that we assist.

We will create cooperative partnerships between ourselves, government, business and other community organisations.

We will engage our children, young adults and their families and industry professionals in regular dialogue to identify and agree future directions of our services.

We will be ethical and transparent in all of our dealings. We will treat all people with dignity and fairness."

Philosophy

CanDo4Kids – Townsend House aims to be regarded as the Centre of Excellence in the provision of services to children and young adults who have a sensory impairment. We will strive to be the best in whatever activity we undertake within the strategic direction of the organisation.

We believe that all people regardless of Race, Colour, Religious Belief, Gender, Sexual Preference and Disability have equal citizenship rights in our global community. We believe that all people have the right to explore their full potential. We believe that we will help to create opportunities for those people who are disadvantaged to realise their potential wherever possible."

Chairman's Report



It is with great pleasure that I present the CanDo4Kids – Townsend House Annual Report for 2005/2006. The past year has seen continued expansion of services, innovation and development. New initiatives have further contributed to the ongoing development of young people with sensory impairment and support for their families. In line with our vision: "CanDo4Kids – Townsend House is an organisation that excels and is recognised for a range of support and services to children and young adults with sensory impairment."

The Board is responsible for the overall corporate governance of the organisation and monitoring its strategic direction and performance. It strongly supports the new initiatives taken by the organisation, recognises that the demand for services is high and that highly qualified, motivated professional staff are essential to maintain the quality services that CanDo4Kids has always provided.

During the past year, the Board was very pleased to approve a 3-year sponsorship of the CanDo4Kids Auditory Processing Disorder Clinic at Flinders Medical Centre to the tune of \$50,000-00 per annum from the CanDo4Kids Foundation. Additionally we have seen a further major expansion of our charitable services in the areas of Auditory Verbal Therapy, Speech Pathology and Youth programs.

As we have grown over the past 3 years we have ensured that our staff continue their focus on upgrading professional education and standards. CanDo4Kids employees are very well trained and we focus heavily on their continuing professional development.

The governance regime of the organisation is excellent with Board sub-committees in the areas of Children's Services, Finance & Income Development and Remuneration. Board sub-committees meet regularly and where necessary appropriate professional external advice is obtained.

Our expansion into Retirement Estate Development and Management has proven to be very successful and a major financial contributor to our children's programs as has our wholly owned subsidiary in the ISP field, CanDo Internet Pty Ltd.

Our financial position continues to be sound with the excellent results coming from all of our income development areas underpinning our charitable children's services growth.

We were very pleased to find that our Chief Executive Officer, Paul Flynn, was recipient of the Ernst & Young Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award in South Australia in late 2005. Paul has been with Townsend House since 2001 and with the Board has guided the organisation through its transformation into the pre-eminent services provider for children with sensory impairment. Paul never loses his focus on the core business of CanDo4Kids - Townsend House and it is through his foresight, strategic management and outstanding leadership that the financial stability and service growth of the organisation is ensured.

The Board of Management strives to ensure it meets its responsibilities regarding the corporate governance of CanDo4Kids-Townsend House and for monitoring its strategic direction and performance.

The Directors who share their expertise in overseeing the core business and the direction of the organisation reflect an appropriate mix of skills and experience in management, administration, financial planning, health, service provision and education. We were delighted to welcome Mr Dennis Chamberlain back onto the Board this year and sad to farewell Ms Kate Maloney and Dr Nicola Spurrier. On behalf of the Board I would like to express my sincere appreciation for their contribution and outstanding service to the organisation.

CanDo4Kids employs an ever growing, dedicated staff both in the professional and business areas. I congratulate them all on their hard work, professionalism and commitment to achieving the vision and the strategic goals of the organisation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful individual and corporate supporters whose contribution has assisted us to enhance the lives of South Australian children with sensory impairment and their families. In 2006 growth and development has continued, new liaisons have been established and CanDo4Kids has moved into new areas. Thank you to all who have contributed to this growth.

Dr Carolyn Palmer PhD
Chairman

CEO's Report

It was once said that "you will not be remembered for what you have achieved for yourself, instead you will be remembered for what you have done for others".

We at CanDo4Kids-Townsend House are constantly trying to make the lives of kids in our community better by providing charitable services and programs that improve independence and create opportunities. With your continued support we can create a legacy of service that will be available not only for our children but also for future generations.

Over the past year we have experienced further significant expansion for CanDo4Kids-Townsend House with our children's services reaping the benefit of the financial input from Townsend Park Retirement Lifestyle Estate and from our ownership of CanDo Internet Pty Ltd. Along with our ability to generate funds for our charitable services from business operations we have also seen extra input from state government controlled taxpayer funds on a matched basis. The ongoing Townsend Park development has significantly contributed to a surplus of \$4,141,295-00 and at the same time CanDoNet has assisted us to make \$56,000-00 in contributions through the CanDo4Kids Foundation. The community support of our organisation has reached an all time high, with 100% of charitable contributions from donors going directly to our children's programs whilst our ongoing lotteries program has achieved national best practice efficiencies.



The Board of Directors has overseen a review of our long term strategic plan to ensure we remain sensitive to our environment and to the needs of the community, and a review of our operational governance procedures to ensure that the organisation continues to be well placed to carry on its 132 year legacy of charitable services well into the future.

The growth of the organisation has seen the need to appoint a Group Financial Controller to the executive team reporting to the Chief Executive Officer.

Children's Services

Our children's services have grown considerably with 5 new programs, 7 new staff and a 16% increase in new clients now totalling close to 800. Our community services hub, the Harold Raymond Building underwent refurbishment to cater for expansion of services and staff. We celebrated the formal handover of what is now our northern annexure at Modbury North to cater for clients living in the northern region. These clients make up 62% of our total clients.

At CanDo4Kids - Townsend House we are committed to a family centered practice that supports and respects a parent and young person having choice of services and communication. Our mission is to offer best practice and professional services to enable children to achieve the highest quality of life and to be as independent as possible.

We regard 2005/2006 as a year where we have delivered on our promise to re-establish Townsend House as a major charitable contributor to the South Australian community. In a calendar year that has seen further rapid growth the following results were achieved:

In June 2005 we welcomed a new member to our Early Intervention team for young children with vision impairment. As a result we now have a trans-disciplinary team consisting of a trained Special Education and Vision Impaired Teacher, Social Worker and Occupational Therapist. As a result we increased home and centre based services to families in both metropolitan and regional areas of South Australia.



Bryce Gibbs with William Maggs, Mitchell Wallis and Samuel Jones who participated in the recreation Auskick program. The kids were able to learn and improve their football skills as well as helping to develop their gross motor skills.

Photo by Matt Turner, courtesy of The Advertiser.

We understand that parents are the best teachers for their children and often the best informed. To share this knowledge and experience we have expanded our monthly meeting groups for parents and added a new program "Babies group". We now have regular meetings for parents in the north at our Modbury North Office, with guest speakers and the chance for parents to network and share their skills.

In July 2005 we assumed responsibility for the SAIL Program from Guide Dogs SA & NT. With this came the opportunity to integrate this program into our "whole of life", Life Skill Development Program for young people with a sensory impairment.

A Coordinator was employed to develop a combined SAIL and CanDo4Kids - Townsend House Mentor Program. In the 12 months this program has established advanced training for casual and mentor staff and 34 Mentor programs for clients across South Australia.

A total of 14 Mentors and 20 Casual staff deliver over 40 hours of service each week to clients in recreation, independent living, transition, communication and family support.

Occupational Therapy welcomed an additional team member in July and delivered to our youth with another well organised "Camp Independence". Eight clients aged twelve to eighteen years attended this intensive program to practice and be assessed across a wide range of daily activities including self care tasks, meal preparation, home maintenance tasks (cleaning, vacuuming, bed-making, ironing) and dining out.

The camp provided an opportunity to develop not only skills in independent living but also opportunities for social interaction, building of confidence, enhancing resilience and self esteem.

We welcomed a further opportunity to partner with Guide Dogs SA & NT for a second youth camp where we focused on orientation and mobility and independent living skills.

Aquatic therapy programs for preschool children were resumed to focus on developing gross motor, sensory processing and social interaction skills.

In August 2005 we engaged an additional Assistive Technology Officer to meet the demands of a growing training and equipment program. A high proportion of this service is implemented in the school system supporting children in DECS, Catholic and Independent schools.

In order to achieve this we have developed a strong partnership with SASVI (S.A. School for Vision Impaired), and throughout this year we have begun a process to provide a complete assessment of all children with a vision impairment across the state. This assessment will be completed in December and will inform us of the support and equipment needs for the future.

It is amazing the difference that additional human assets can make and during the year Assistive Technology managed to:

- Train 21 Teachers and 35 Student Support Officers in a range of technology including Mountbatten Brailers, JAWS, Magic (Software), Soundfield System use and techniques
- We installed 11 Soundfield systems in schools to support children who are hearing impaired (including 4 in the APY Lands)



Our goal to place a computer specifically programmed for a child with a vision impairment in each client's home was helped this year through our Second Life Computer Program. 39 computers were donated by the community including, The State Library, Southside Community Church, Ashby Molitor Executive, DML Construction and Brentnall's SA. Many of these were re-built with specialised software installed to meet the unique needs of individual clients.

Our Equipment Loan Program, supported by The CanDo4Kids Foundation, The Morialta Trust, Variety SA and Office of Disability and Children's Services provided:

- 2 Pac mates
- 3 Mountbatten Brailers
- 2 Braille Notes
- 12 Hand scanners
- 5 Jaws Software Licenses
- 5 Magic Software Licenses
- 6 CCTV's
- 8 Soundfield systems

A total of \$156,000.00 worth of new equipment into the community for the year. Additionally the CanDo4Kids Foundation provides over \$50,000 in grants during the year to assist children, families and small organisations to access the World Wide Web via CanDoNet which is Australia's first community owned ISP. CanDo Internet Pty Ltd which operates CanDoNet is a wholly owned subsidiary of Townsend House Inc.

Royal Visit

While South Australia enjoyed a visit from the King and Queen of Sweden we were privileged to assist with a visit by Her Majesty, Queen Sylvia to Klemzig Primary School. The visit allowed us to also present the work we do in supporting technology for children with vision and hearing impairment. We were happy to assist the South Australia Government to identify both Klemzig School and Cora Barclay Centre as excellent examples of South Australian organisations working in the disability sector.

E-Safety Program Cybersmart Detective Program

For a number of years CanDo4Kids - Townsend House have had a key role in the E-Safety program, providing information and training for young people and their parents about safe internet use. This year we were invited by the Australian Communications Authority and the South Australian Police to be part of the Cybersmart Detective Program.

Cybersmart Detectives has been advertised widely, it is a national program involving a number of schools and children from CanDo4Kids - Townsend House.



Cybersmart promotes online safety for young people. CanDo4Kids provides information and training for young people and their parents about safe internet use.

Children work online to solve a problem involving an internet-themed 'who-dun-it' scenario. The activity is based in a school environment, and brings together a number of agencies with an interest in promoting online safety for young people, including State and Federal Police, internet industry representatives and child welfare advocates.

In the scenario, children play the role of a school Deputy Principal concerned about the welfare of a student being bullied by someone met in an internet chat room. Children work collaboratively to respond to the questions and 'clues'. Children discuss risks of online and offline behaviours, and ways of managing risks. By the end of the activity children have learned valuable lessons about risks associated with internet use, and tips for chatting safely online.

In September 2005, for the first time we employed 2 full time Youth Workers – one for blind/vision impaired youth and one to support the young Deaf and hearing impaired. Support is now being provided during what is often a traumatic time for young people during the transition to adulthood. The program provides support from school to employment and or to further study, from home to independent living, social skill development and communication. In all there are now 92 clients in the youth service representing a 22% increase in 12 months.

A number of new programs have been developed during the year. We have held a number of forums with young people and parents and many have had individual counselling and support. The first of the forums was held in October - Youth Information Day. In February we held "Have your Say" night. In August we met with the Social Inclusion Unit for "Building Better Pathways" and more recently in September "Deaf Youth Forum" with Deaf Children Australia as part of a national youth strategy.



CanDo4Kids takes a lead role in advocacy for people with disabilities. CEO, Paul Flynn pictured leading a discussion at the recent Vision2020 Australia forum.

The forums and ongoing meetings with youth and parents have been the basis for a year of exciting developmental programs aimed at linking youth into the community and assisting the transition into adulthood. Programs have included "Food Adventures", which provided opportunities for young people to experience new food, nutrition and eating out. "Street Wise" was designed to alert young people to the need to be aware and to ensure the safe practices in clubs/pubs and at parties. Leadership groups continued to provide young people with the skills to have their say in the community.

Two of our young people represent youth on YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) Marion Council. Social programs provided experience in the community for young people to develop skills in independent living, socialising, assisting with building confidence and self esteem. The youth programs have also provided young people with the opportunity to share experiences and develop friendships with peers who may have similar interests.

December 2005 commenced with our annual Family BBQ Day, with face painting, games, MG Sports Car rides, karaoke/music, lots of food and treats for the families and children, and of course Father Christmas.

The annual Centres for Hearing Impaired Picnic Day was held on the grounds of Townsend House with over 100 children and teachers arriving from schools across the state. The day included a trip to the beach, BBQ, picnic style lunches, and Father Christmas handing out bags of lollies to all students.

Our youth program held a Christmas function at the Adelaide Gaol with food, drinks, music, karaoke, games with piñatas, and a tour of the Adelaide Gaol ensuring the night's success.

Many of the activities our clients enjoy at Christmas time are supported by the community. This year a Tennis Day was held for youth at Rostrevor where staff supported a number of young people to learn techniques and the rules of the game. The Life FM Christmas Party was held at the Adelaide Zoo and each year a number of our clients are invited to attend this very popular event.

In January 2006 the General Manager Community Services visited The Hear and Say Centre in Brisbane to discuss the Auditory Verbal Program and training being provided for professionals working in the hearing impaired sector. We were also represented at the Teachers of The Deaf Conference in New Zealand and took the opportunity to consult with professionals working in Deaf and hearing impaired services in both Australia and New Zealand.

The conference gave a much wider insight into the area of hearing impairment and the chance to meet with parents, parent groups and organisations. This ensures we remain at the leading edge in services to children who are deaf or hearing impaired.



Santa made our Christmas BBQ very special for this little boy.

In February 2006 we were able to put in place the last plank of our fully integrated children's services for the Deaf & Hearing impaired. The launch of our new Auditory Verbal Therapy Service saw us employ a certified Auditory Verbal Therapist who, as one of only 300 certified therapists globally, commenced a mentoring program with our Speech Pathologist.

This has enabled us to finally implement the full range of communication and early intervention programs for children who are Deaf or hearing impaired. As the principal provider of children's services for sensory impairment in South Australia we felt it vital to be able to respond to the community feedback and continue our commitment to support the needs of parents, who told us:

"We want to be able to go to one organisation that provides all models for my child to learn to speak and to have communication".

"We want one service that provides "whole of life support"

The programs for deaf and hearing impaired children we now have at CanDo4Kids - Townsend House includes:

- AUSLAN
- Sign assisted speech
- Auditory-Verbal Therapy
- Auditory habilitation - Oral focus

We have grown from a single Family Support Worker for Deaf and hearing impaired in 2000 to a much more inclusive whole of life skill model that includes:

- A Teacher of the Deaf for early intervention focusing on Auslan
- A Speech Pathologist for oral / signing communication.
- A Youth Worker to support the transition to adulthood.
- An Auditory Verbal Therapist for auditory and verbal communication.
- A counsellor with Auslan for children who are Deaf / hearing impaired and their families
- Programs are further supported by our Auditory Processing Clinic for assessment at Flinders University and our clinical program at Townsend House.
- All programs have the additional support of Occupational Therapy, Technology, Recreation, Mentoring and Counselling.

During the year the CanDo4Kids Foundation supported the DECS Hearing Impaired Youth camp with a grant of \$5,000.00. Three of our staff attended the camp including our Youth Worker, Family Support Worker and our Speech Pathologist.

In March 2006 staff had the first taste of the completion of the refurbishment of the Harold Raymond Building with an unofficial launch of the playground. Lunch was shared with staff who wore simulated vision impairment lenses to play and explore the equipment, which has been quickly followed by a series of groups of young children using the equipment to challenge their gross motor skills and to build the confidence needed to join with their peers in playgrounds, school play areas and parks.

For young people learning to drive is a major achievement, but for some young people who have a vision impairment it is not possible. The chance to get behind the wheel, to know how it feels to be in control of a car, knowing the skills of concentration and coordination needed is a big part of growing up and taking responsibility, even as a passenger.



Occupational Therapist Casey Daley in our new sensory playground which is a real hit with the kids!



Helen Smith, our resident APY Lands Speech Pathologist loves working with Aboriginal kids and makes screening fun!
 Photo courtesy of Independent Weekly / James Knowler

To help our young people achieve this, to have the thrill and to understand the language of driving we were once again assisted with a "Driver Day" at Virginia Raceway for Blind/Vision Impaired youth, by the Australian Drivers Trainers Association of SA. The Driver Trainers volunteered their time to instruct clients learning the skills of driving a car including, starting, stopping, turning, accelerating and becoming aware of the concentration it takes to drive.

The Recreation program continues to support young people to explore areas of interest for life long sport and recreation through the monthly Adventure Program, camps and special interest days.

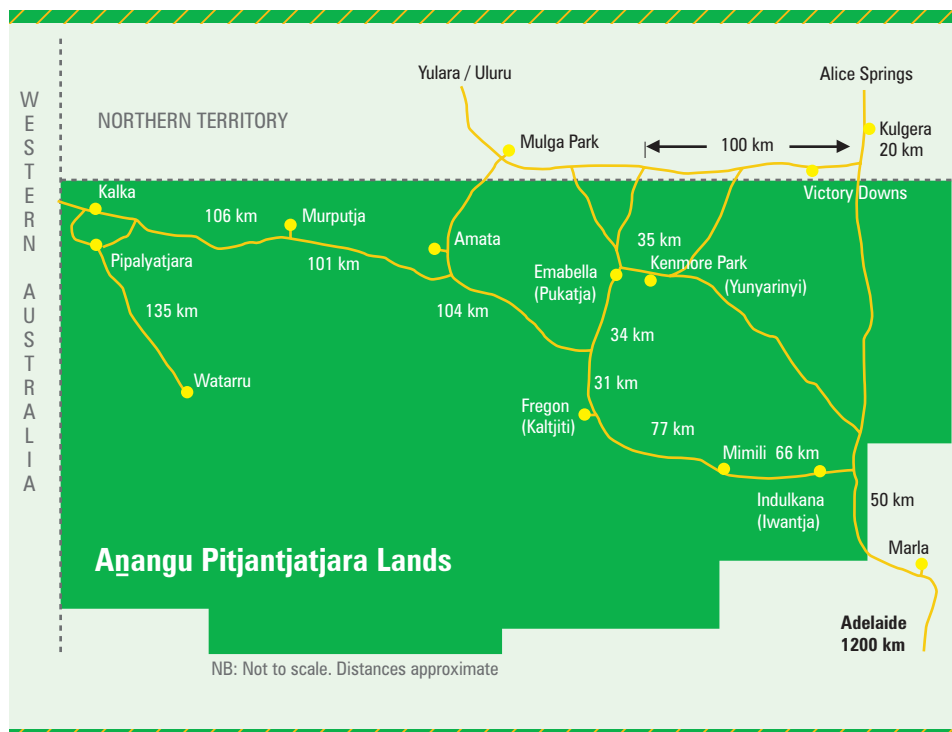
During the year young people enjoyed kayaking, Surfing, Sailing through Sailability, Fishing, Rock Climbing. As part of Adventure Club young people are given an entrée into a lifelong interest and commitment to fitness and health. One young man has pursued his interests through the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and has been supported to participate in a range of activities including the Activ8 Bronze Paddle held at Swan Reach, where he performed as a member of the Canoe SA Arrows Canoe Program team. Our client once again led a successful team in winning the Special Needs section of the paddle.

In April 2006 we saw the end of a very successful APY Lands Speech Pathology Project that had begun in March 2005. The success of the project is largely due to the partnerships that were developed. These included: The Education Department, in particular Anangu Education, Vodafone "World of Difference Program" Variety SA, The Premier's Department and Office of Disability and Children's Services.

The program supported a one year project for a Speech Pathologist to be based in Ernabella in the remote north west of South Australia to conduct hearing and vision assessments of young children.

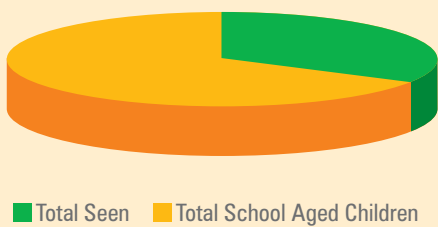
The Speech Pathologist, Helen Smith who had taken 12 months leave from her full time job at Royal Adelaide Hospital, travelled over 50,000 kilometres over the course of the 12 month project to 9 of the APY School Communities (Amata, Ernabella, Fregon, Indulkana, Kenmore Park, Mimili, Murputja, Pipalyatjara, and Watarru), testing the hearing, vision and language of pre-school and school aged children.

In addition, a number of Training and Development packages were created for individual training and education sessions for workers, with additional presentations designed to contribute to the ongoing and sustainable effectiveness of the project.



In total 296 preschool and school aged children were seen directly by the project with a total of 478 visits to the Child Parent Centres and Schools across the 9 school communities. The 2000 Census figures suggest approximately 600 school age children are living on the APY Lands indicating that the project worked with approximately 49% of the children eligible for education services.

Figure 3 Proportion of children involved in the project versus approximate population of eligible children on the APY Lands.



Assessment of children in the Child Parent Centres (3-5 year olds) indicated that sixty three percent of the children had a hearing loss in both ears. Of these 27% had a moderate or greater loss in both ears and would be eligible for assessment by Australian Hearing for possible Hearing Aid fitting. Children of school age were not a planned population for screening and consequently were referred only if there were concerns about their hearing, vision, or communication by teachers, members of the Student Services Team or parents/carers. Of the number assessed 64% of students had a hearing loss, with 34% with a mild hearing loss and 30% with a moderate hearing loss. These figures though are not indicative of the total population as only children with identified poor hearing were assessed.

Looking back over the year it was not only one of remarkable growth in client and staff numbers but indeed one of great learning, for individuals and the organisation. Our ability to support program growth has been matched by the organisation's commitment to training and development for its professional staff. We have a commitment to ensure that our clients and families obtain the best available advice and services in the area of children's services for sensory impairment. Over the past year our staff have undertaken professional development as follows:

- 'Talking Hands 2' Auslan course Deaf SA.
- Post Graduate Certificate Study - Vision Impairment Flinders University
- Masters Degree - Deaf Education - Uni of Newcastle - Renwick College
- Diploma in Business Management through Business SA
- Techshare assistive technology conference - held in Birmingham UK
- 'Hearing is Believing' Level 1 Auditory Verbal Therapy - Hear & Say Centre, Brisbane
- 'Break the Silence' Conference- Better Hearing Australia
- Teachers of The Deaf Conference - New Zealand
- Early Childhood Intervention Australia's national conference - "Early Childhood Intervention, Whose landscape is it?"
- Social Implications of Conductive Hearing Loss in Students/Children Conference
- Community Advocacy Conference - Dignity for the Disabled
- Oral Narrative Intervention Strategies at the Special Education Expo
- Music Therapy Conference
- Sexual Behaviour Workshop - Australian Childhood Foundation
- National Life Skills Model - Blind Citizens Aust
- Visit to Ceduna as member of Ministerial Advisory Committee Task Force for Otitis Media in Indigenous children
- Mandatory Notification Training - All Staff
- Senior First Aid training - Red Cross Australia.
- Public speaking seminar
- DECS - Professional Development: Hearing Impairment
- Carers Association - Grief and Loss.
- Communication Strategies for DeafBlind Workshop - DIRC.
- WCH - Electro-Diagnostic testing of visual field loss - Paul Weston.



Additionally, as part of our role as the principal provider of services to children with a sensory impairment in South Australia we often receive requests to second staff to representative committees for social policy and advocacy. Our staff have been actively involved in the following during 2005/2006:

- Charity Direct Inc - Chair & Secretariat
- Eastside - Job Support Agency
- HIDKON - Hearing Impaired Deaf Kindred Organising Network
- HAW - Hearing Awareness Week Committee
- Health Support Advisory Committee
- Service Excellence Framework Advisory Committee (Quality Assurance)
- Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) for students with Disabilities
- MAC - Research Task Group - Otitis Media
- Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening Committee
- ACROD (Peak Body) State Executive Committee
- ACROD Child & Youth Sub-Committee
- National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline and Complaint Resolution Hearing Help Forum.
- Women's & Children's Hospital Child Development Unit team meeting.
- Non-Government Special Education Committee meeting.
- Southern Region Health Reform Group
- South Pacific Educators of the Vision Impaired (SPEVI) state committee
- State Strategic Plan Review group
- Volunteer Ministerial Advisory Group & Task Force

Townsend Park Retirement Lifestyle Estate

As 2004/2005 saw the completion of stages 1 & 2 of Townsend Park, 2005/2006 has seen the commencement of the final stage 3. Stage 3 which will be known as John Rogers Court, will finalise the Townsend Park development and our first foray in Retirement Village development as an income generator for our children's services. When completed in August 2007, John Rogers Court will boast 11 magnificent penthouses, 38 beautifully positioned apartments and 12 delightful mews cottages.

South Australian Retirement Resort Management (SARRM)

As a result of our expansion into the Retirement Lifestyle area, we have decided to formalise this process by registering SARRM to focus on opportunities for income development coming from this niche area. At this point Townsend House, via SARRM has signed a management and consulting contract with WaterGarden Retirement Estate in Fulham Gardens and enter into a tri-partite joint venture to develop Strathalbyn Grove in Strathalbyn.



Townsend Park residents enjoy the retirement lifestyle the beautiful surroundings offer.

When fully occupied their will be 108 families living on our magnificent property at Hove and sharing this environment symbiotically with our children's services.

WaterGarden will be a magnificent, state of the art retirement estate in the inner western suburbs of Adelaide and we have executed a 5 year management agreement with the owners. The plans for Strathalbyn Grove have recently been lodged with the council and if approved we will execute a 30 year lease over the property to develop the estate in stages. The next year will see a great deal of activity in this area and will keep us all on our toes.



Children enjoyed being able to see, touch, feel and smell baby farm animals from Old McDonald's Farm.

CanDoNet

CanDoNet has continued to grow in an extremely competitive market. One of our corporate resellers has decided to focus on other strategic areas and we have absorbed their customers into the CanDoNet fold. Our web development and web hosting areas of the business continue to perform strongly. CanDoNet has contributed significantly to the CanDo4Kids foundation via the provision of web services and hardware to our children's families.

Staff

We have instigated a process of human resource policy reviews to guarantee that we are considered an employer of choice by potential recruits. This process has been necessary to ensure that we are always in a position to attract the brightest and the best in their field. The children and their families that we support deserve nothing less than the best we can offer in South Australia and with the employment market tightening we want to make sure that we offer excellent flexibility and family friendly employment policies so that the necessary skills are always on hand.

Services organisations rely completely on the quality of their staff to deliver excellent community outcomes. We have continued to build on our ability to ensure staff get continuing professional development opportunities to enhance their skills. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful team of caring professionals that I am privileged to work with. Every person in the organisation contributes meaningfully to the outcomes in children's lives and this state is fortunate to have such a dedicated team available to those most in need.

Volunteers

The saying that "nothing is stronger than the heart of a volunteer" is well placed at CanDo4Kids. We have a team of 125 volunteers who assist in all areas of the organisation. From a group that manufactures tactile books for our children's programs, another group who assist in our weekend programs, another group assists in administration, fundraising and in our grounds and maintenance. To all of you wonderful people, none of what we do could be done without you and we thank you so very much.

Board of Directors

The strength of any organisation can easily be measured by taking a snapshot of its strategic leadership group. Our Board of Directors is one of the most dedicated and talented team of professionals in the charitable non government arena in Australia. They hail from all walks of professional life and are all influencers and experts in their chosen fields. We are fortunate to have some of the finest strategic minds in this state and their ability to gel together as a cohesive team is amazing given their diverse backgrounds. These wonderful people volunteer their time in the interests of those that need our support and they have made a magnificent contribution to CanDo4Kids' ongoing ability to help the children of South Australia.

It is with great pleasure that I present our 2005/2006 129th annual report to the community of South Australia.

Remember, CanDo4Kids!

Paul Flynn

Chief Executive Officer



Volunteers help create valuable tools used in our children's programs.

Board of Directors



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- Chief Executive Officer
- General Manager Income Development/CanDoNet
- Group Financial Controller
- General Manager Community Services
- Communications & Sales Manager
- IT Manager
- Supporter Relationship Manager
- Retirement Village Manager
- Grounds Manager
- Events & Corporate Sponsorship Manager
- Relieving Events & Corporate Sponsorship Manager
- Manager Support Services
- Manager Family Support
- Manager Early Intervention

Treasurers Report - 30th June 2006

The following abridged financial statements contain an audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year end 30th June 2006. A copy of the full Financial Statements can be obtained upon application to the Chief Executive Officer of CanDo4Kids-Townsend House Inc.

I am delighted to be able to present this result to our members and supporters. The Statement of income and Expenditure shows a surplus of \$4,141,295-00 which represents a great effort by all of our hard working team.

The Board of Directors and Staff have worked tirelessly to not only generate sufficient income to significantly grow our much needed children's services, but to also ensure that we can capitalise for the future growth of our charitable community activities.



Michael Wall

Treasurer

Declaration by the Board - 30th June 2006

In the opinion of the Board the accompanying abridged financial report, comprising the Statements of Financial Performance and Financial Position present fairly the financial position of Townsend House Incorporated as at 30 June 2006 and the results for the year then ended, having been extracted from the audited financial report which is available to members upon request.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board.

Signed at Hove this 23rd day of October 2006



Board Member



Board Member

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30th June 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
Current Assets			
Cash assets	4	112,898	503,643
Receivables	5	442,365	462,358
Investments	7	899,330	1,543,313
Total Current Assets		1,454,593	2,509,314
Non Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	26,392,093	19,020,712
Investments	7	4,620,469	4,827,280
Total Non Current Assets		31,012,562	23,847,992
Total Assets		32,467,155	26,357,306
Current Liabilities			
Payables	8	1,134,863	616,063
Interest bearing liabilities	9	317,922	215,311
Provisions	11	341,466	175,475
Total Current Liabilities		1,794,251	1,006,849
Non Current Liabilities			
Interest bearing liabilities	9	714,031	100,245
Non-interest bearing liabilities	1(h)	18,584,000	18,287,433
Provisions	11	115,495	38,027
Total Non Current Liabilities		19,413,526	18,425,705
Total Liabilities		21,207,777	19,432,554
Net Assets		11,259,378	6,924,752
Equity			
Investments Reserve	13	359,239	165,908
Retained Earnings	12	10,900,139	6,758,844
Total Equity		11,259,378	6,924,752

Statement of Financial Performance

for the year ended 30th June 2006

Revenue	2006 \$	2005 \$
Government		
State Disability Service Office Subsidy	711,246	181,700
Commonwealth Special Education Recurrent Grant	273,342	198,307
Dept Families & Communities - Equip	-	87,954
Dept Industry & Trade	-	28,000
Dept Families & Communities - Minor capital works	212,629	9,091
Dept Families & Communities - Volunteer small equip	2,000	522
MAC Sitting Fees	840	1,120
CEO - VMAG attendance fee	540	932
Grant - Department of Premier and Cabinet	58,333	11,667
Other		
Department of Education, Training and Employment	-	119,872
Profit on disposal of assets	30,015	1,822
Profit on sale of shares	183,417	16,633
Commissions and Contracts	82,696	31,920
Interest Income	83,160	78,298
Dividends	336,760	125,917
Legacies and Bequests	241,786	343,851
Trust Income	54,336	45,813
Sundry Income	23,554	12,823
Special Events	76,878	68,672
Community Groups	24,346	29,935
Fundraising	952,390	872,667
Donations	436,350	360,108
Donations - In Kind	430	-
Corporate Sponsorship	57,814	51,405
Change Over Profit	140,210	-
Development Profit	4,293,497	2,214,424
Townsend Park	189,868	151,589
Total Revenue	8,466,437	5,045,042

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30th June 2006

Profit from Ordinary Activities	2006 \$	2005 \$
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expenses has been determined after:		
Expenses		
Administration Costs	391,200	440,024
Assistive Technology	1,137	801
Children's Entertainment and Resources	145,267	96,704
Invitation Day	12,811	12,858
Lottery Prizes	158,245	186,369
Motor Vehicle Costs	107,011	67,772
Property Costs	319,962	32,532
Special Events	57,851	38,739
Depreciation	230,447	188,157
Staff Costs	2,511,343	1,620,505
Demolition of School	-	479,956
Townsend Park	189,868	172,501
Impairment loss/profit on assets	200,000	-
	4,325,142	3,336,918



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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TOWNSEND HOUSE INCORPORATED

SCOPE

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of Townsend House Incorporated, comprising the Statement by the Board of Management, the Statement of Financial Performance, the Statement of Financial Position and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006. The Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on them to the members of Townsend House Incorporated.

Our audit had been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) so as to present a view of Townsend House Incorporated which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position, the results of its operations and cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report had been formed on the above basis.

INDEPENDENCE

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

QUALIFICATION

It is not practical for the organisation to establish accounting control over sources of revenue prior to their receipt. Consequently, audit procedures undertaken on the accounting treatment of revenues have only provided evidence to enable an opinion to be formed, once revenues have been received.



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AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, subject to the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the financial position of Townsend House Incorporated as at 30 June 2006, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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Chartered Accountants

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'I J Painter', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

I J Painter
Partner

Signed at Adelaide this 23rd day of October 2006

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