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## *Pacific Association for Autistic Citizens*

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July 30 1984.

Dear President:

We have not previously requested financial help from a Labour Organization in British Columbia. However, perhaps if you know of our circumstances and the needs of our children either your organization or individual members will be willing to give us a hand.

Every day an entire world of discovery is lost to an autistic child, unless we help. All of us.

Your support can promote early diagnosis, appropriate education, services and research into this challenging behaviour syndrome. As P.A.A.C. has only a small operating grant from the Ministry of Human Resources, funding must be found for all projects.

Last year, due to the generosity of donors and also, notably, the media, the Vancouver Sun and CKNW, some new and significant accomplishments were made possible in addition to our regular programs:

- a) Four Camps: - and, for the first time it was possible to separate the younger children from the older ones.
- b) Early Diagnosis Project

Early indicators in Autism were identified and this information was sent throughout the Province to many categories of resources and diagnostic personnel, who come into contact with autistic children early in the child's life. The feedback has been invaluable.



c) Communication Conference

Liaising with Speech and Hearing professionals who are very importantly connected with the developmental processes of autistic children, we organized our first Communication Conference. It was most successful, bringing forth a great deal of information and bringing together many multi-disciplinary professionals concerned with our children as well as offering instruction to parents.

This year, with your help some of further new projects we wish and need to pursue are

a) Vocational Survey

b) Resources Manual

c) Early Diagnosis Project Part II, which will concentrate on information to Physicians


d) Communication Conference II This conference would deal with therapeutic methodology and the whole spectrum of Autism from low functioning to high functioning.

e) Communication Camp For parents and siblings to assist them in improving communication methods with the autistic child.

f) Physical Fitness Program This program is based on the evidence that recent systematic programming of physical exercise in the Autistic child's day reduces inappropriate behaviours, promotes their general physical well-being, coordination, and can positively influence attention-span as well as social interaction.

This year our financial situation is even more strained than ever before. Please help us to help these severely handicapped children. Should you care to have a speaker for one of your meetings to learn more about our children or our organization, P.A.A.C. would be pleased to send one along.

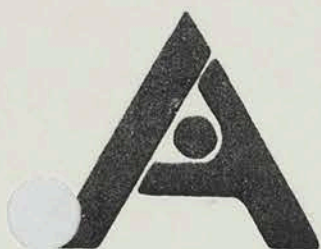
Sincerely,

  
Sylvia Banyan  
Executive Director

Enclosures: 'What is Autism?'; Fund Raising Sheet, Audit, Swimathon Pledge Form

P.S. If it is your custom to donate to the United Way you may not be aware that it is possible to designate to non United Way organizations as donee. We would be most grateful in this event if you would so designate us.





## WHAT IS AUTISM ?

The syndrome of Autism is a developmental disability which is defined and diagnosed behaviourally. Signs and symptoms appear before 30 months of age and indicate disturbance in each of the following areas:

- 1) Developmental rates and sequences - Normal coordination of the three developmental pathways (i.e. motor, social-adaptive, language-cognitive) is disrupted by delays, arrests and/or regressions among or within one or more of the pathways.
- 2) Responses to sensory stimuli - These may be generalized over- or under-reactivity or alternations of these two states. One or more sensory systems are involved, e.g., sight, hearing, touch, pain, balance, position, smell and taste.
- 3) Development of speech, language-cognition, and non verbal communication - Speech may be absent (mutism) or delayed in onset with persistent immature inflections, syntax, and articulation. Language-cognitive deficits include absent or limited ability to use symbols, only specific capacities may be present, failure to develop the use of abstract terms, concepts, and reasoning, echolalia, and/or absence or delayed development of the appropriate use of gestures, dissociation of gestures and language, and/or failure to assign conventional symbolic meaning to gestures.
- 4) Relationships to people and objects - These are manifested by the failure to develop normal responsiveness to people and to use objects appropriately (to assign proper symbolic or thematic meaning to objects).

The syndrome is caused by an underlying physical dysfunction within the brain, the exact nature of which is as yet unknown. It occurs alone or in association with mental retardation and other disorders known to affect the brain.

The syndrome occurs approximately 20-21 times per 10,000 births and is 4 to 5 times more common in males. It afflicts persons in all parts of the world, of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, and all social classes. Studies of families with autistic persons have failed to identify any unique features, including personality characteristics and IQ.

Although autistic persons live a normal life span, the syndrome is severely incapacitating. Symptoms change over the course of time and periodic medical evaluations and special educational programs are required. Facilities with behaviourally structured developmentally appropriate programs have been demonstrated to be most helpful.

As with other physical disabilities, family counseling, supportive psycho-therapy and medication to decrease symptoms may enhance social-adaptive functioning in specific patients.

For medical diagnosis, see DSM III, 290:000

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PACIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISTIC CITIZENS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1983

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISTIC CITIZENS

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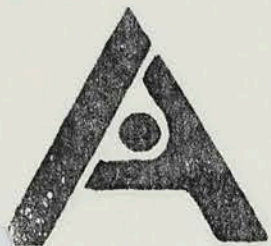
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### NOTE TO AUDIT

P.A.A.C. changed to computer accounting for the 1982/1983 Audit. Due to the Accounting change the Audit is a statement of Receipts and Disbursements, not of actual commitments. Therefore the apparent surplus shown in the Consolidated Statement is a temporary surplus the money having been earmarked for Education services.

In the Disbursements, an Expenditure amount of \$3,714 is shown for Public Relations. This was a donated amount from WestCan Communications Ltd. which is also reflected in the Donations figure.

Contract Services are Computer Services Ltd. provided by C.P.S. Ltd. in conjunction with our research study on 'Aggression and Self Abuse'.

Sylvia Banyan  
Executive Director



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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members  
Pacific Association for Autistic Citizens

We have examined the consolidated statement of receipts and disbursements and the statements of receipts and disbursements - General Operating and Sundry Funds, Vancouver Foundation Fund, International Year of Disabled Persons Program and Summer Youth Employment Program for the year ended March 31, 1983. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances, except that it was not practicable to extend our examination of donations beyond accounting, on a test basis, for donations as recorded.

In our opinion, except for the effect of any adjustments which might have been required had we been able to extend our examination of donations, these financial statements present fairly the cash position of the Association as at March 31, 1983 and the results of its cash transactions for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles disclosed in Note 1, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, except as explained in Note 1.

The figures for 1982 included for comparative purposes are based on the statements of receipts and disbursements for that year which were reported on by other auditors.

Vancouver, B.C.  
August 12, 1983

*Manning, Jamison, Pearson & Co.*  
Chartered Accountants

## PACIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISTIC CITIZENS

## CONSOLIDATED

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1983

	1983	1982
RECEIPTS		
Grants	\$ 89,619	\$112,886
Donations and miscellaneous	24,379	7,754
Estate of H.R. MacMillan bequest	10,000	-
	<u>123,998</u>	<u>120,640</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Audit and legal	3,135	3,890
Bank charges and interest	186	139
Camp costs	5,898	1,774
Computer services	12,664	-
Contract services	10,622	12,671
Conferences, work shops and meetings	4,247	3,390
Depreciation	-	658
Insurance and licences	401	443
Memberships	586	379
Miscellaneous	672	1,114
Office expense	7,382	8,462
Provincial tour	1,346	-
Publications and films	1,124	2,203
Public relations	3,714	-
Rent	6,000	5,916
Staff travel and parking	2,576	1,693
Telephone	3,094	2,750
Wages and benefits	<u>68,741</u>	<u>49,945</u>
	<u>132,388</u>	<u>95,427</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS (DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS) FOR THE YEAR	(8,390)	25,213
RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENT TO FUND BALANCE (Note 1)	-	(6,665)
BANK BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>18,824</u>	<u>276</u>
BANK BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 10,434</u>	<u>\$ 18,824</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



PACIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISTIC CITIZENS  
GENERAL OPERATING AND SUNDRY FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1983

	1983	1982
RECEIPTS		
Ministry of Human Resources grant	\$57,879	\$51,678
Donations and miscellaneous - net	22,102	6,713
Estate of H.R. MacMillan bequest	10,000	-
Administration fees	3,002	2,856
	<u>92,983</u>	<u>61,247</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Audit and legal	3,135	3,890
Bank charges and interest	121	104
Camp costs	2,534	265
Conferences, work shops and meetings	4,147	3,390
Depreciation	-	658
Insurance and licences	401	443
Memberships	586	379
Miscellaneous	190	1,114
Office expense	6,215	7,272
Provincial tour	1,346	-
Publications and films	1,124	2,203
Public relations	3,714	-
Rent	6,000	5,916
Staff travel and parking	1,618	1,190
Telephone	3,094	2,750
Wages and benefits	50,226	33,453
	<u>84,451</u>	<u>63,027</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		
(DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS) FOR THE YEAR	8,532	(1,780)
RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENT TO FUND BALANCE (Note 1)	-	2,677
BANK BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,173	276
	<u>1,173</u>	<u>276</u>
BANK BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 9,705	\$ 1,173
	<u><u>9,705</u></u>	<u><u>1,173</u></u>

NOTE:

The General Operating and Sundry Funds are set up to account for the operations of the general office and the winter camp program (Buddy Account).

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

MANNING, JAMISON, PEARSON & CO.-CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF AUTISTIC CITIZENS  
VANCOUVER FOUNDATION FUND  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1983

	1983	1982
RECEIPTS		
Vancouver Foundation grant	\$ 9,938	\$27,938
Interest income	<u>884</u>	<u>692</u>
	10,822	28,630
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DISBURSEMENTS		
Administration	1,310	1,597
Bank charges and interest	29	12
Computer services	12,664	-
Contract services	8,915	2,235
Miscellaneous	15	-
Office expense	-	583
Printing and photocopying	557	-
Transfer to general fund - net	<u>1,597</u>	<u>-</u>
	25,087	4,427
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EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS (DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS) FOR THE YEAR	(14,265)	24,203
RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENT TO FUND BALANCE (Note 1)	-	(9,938)
BANK BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	14,265	-
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BANK BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ Nil</u>	<u>\$14,265</u>

NOTE:

The Vancouver Foundation Fund was set up to account for a Research Study on Aggressive and Self-Abusive Behaviours. The project was completed in December 1982.

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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PACIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISTIC CITIZENS  
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS PROGRAM  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1983

	1983	1982
RECEIPTS		
Provincial Government grant	\$ -	\$15,000
Other income	-	349
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,349</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Administration	690	1,259
Bank charges and interest	2	23
Contract services	1,707	10,436
Miscellaneous	341	-
Office expense	-	291
Printing and photocopying	600	-
	<u>3,340</u>	<u>12,009</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS (DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS) FOR THE YEAR	(3,340)	3,340
BANK BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,340	-
	<u>3,340</u>	<u>-</u>
BANK BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ Nil	\$ 3,340
	<u><u>Nil</u></u>	<u><u>3,340</u></u>

NOTE:

The International Year of Disabled Persons Program was set up to account for the publishing of a Resource Manual/Directory of Services and production of a colour video to be used instructionally for parents, professionals and the media. The project was completed in November 1982.

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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PACIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISTIC CITIZENS  
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1983

	1983	1982
RECEIPTS		
Federal Government grant	\$21,802	\$15,445
Provincial Government grant	-	2,825
Other income	<u>2,990</u>	<u>-</u>
	24,792	18,270
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DISBURSEMENTS		
Administration	1,002	-
Bank charges and interest	34	-
Camp costs	3,364	1,509
Miscellaneous	236	92
Office	-	224
Travel	958	503
Wages and benefits	<u>18,515</u>	<u>16,492</u>
	24,109	18,820
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EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS (DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS) FOR THE YEAR	683	(550)
RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENT TO FUND BALANCE (Note 1)	-	596
BANK BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>46</u>	<u>-</u>
BANK BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 729</u>	<u>\$ 46</u>

NOTE:

The Summer Youth Employment Program is set up to account for The Summer Community Integration Project.

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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PACIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISTIC CITIZENS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1983

1. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

The Association is a non-reporting Society as defined by the B.C. Societies Act, and accordingly prepares only statements of receipts and disbursements on a cash basis as required by the Act. Accordingly, fixed assets are included as disbursements in the year paid, and no depreciation has been provided.

In prior years the Association prepared statements of receipts and disbursements on an accrual basis. The net effect of the change from an accrual basis to a cash basis of accounting is a net decrease to fund balances at March 31, 1982 previously reported as follows:-

Fund Name	Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance
General Operating and Sundry Funds	\$ 2,677
Vancouver Foundation Fund	(9,938)
Summer Youth Employment Program	<u>596</u>
Net Decrease in Fund Balances	<u><u>\$(6,665)</u></u>

2. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Society is a non-profit society registered under the B.C. Societies Act, and is also registered with Revenue Canada as a charitable organization. As such, it is not liable for income taxes.



# Autism

Every day an entire world of discovery is lost to an autistic child, unless we help. All of us.



He screams constantly or won't talk at all. He doesn't look at you, his brothers or sisters - or anyone else. He can't play with other children and he can't call a friend on a rainy day. He is alone. . .

We need your support to help promote early diagnosis and appropriate education, services and research into this challenging behavioural syndrome.

Your donation is tax deductible. Thank you.

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