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HOD REPORT – FALL 2015 – BELLEVILLE

You will see from the financials below that up to the end of September donations are down by 20% from 2014, although close to donations in 2013. With the exception of memorial gifts, H4S has yet to hear from eight District Chapters. We realize that at least two of the eight are struggling, but it's our hope that Chapters and individuals will come through with year-end donations that will reach our planned giving that so many groups and individuals depend upon. The need in Ontario is widespread and so many count on the Barbershoppers to "sing that they shall speak"!

Your H4S Trustees meet again on November 2 at the Speech and Stuttering Centre in North York and we have several requests that to turn them down would break our hearts. H4S covers all of Ontario, from Sarnia to Ottawa and north to Sudbury. We set a 2015 goal of \$100,000, but would be thrilled to reach last year's figure, below. It might be a far cry from what Ontario Chapters, Quartets and individuals raised prior to 2013, but reliance on the Harmonize For Speech Fund is widespread and you can take pride in what it has accomplished over the years, in the field of communication disorders! Long may it live!

| <u>Donations/Revenue to Sept. 30</u> | | | <u>Spending to Sept. 30</u> | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| \$35,373 | \$44,501 | \$35,510 | \$71,129 | \$81,354 | \$84,189 |

| | <u>TOTALS</u> | <u>DONATIONS</u> | <u>SPENDING</u> |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2015 | | ? | ? |
| 2014 | | \$86,341 | \$93,069 |
| 2013 | | 88,750 | 103,537 |
| 2012 | | 124,717 | 105,170 |

Your Trustees

We Sing That They Shall Speak

----- Original Message -----

From: George Shields

To: House of Delegates

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 11:41 AM

Subject: Christopher Brand

Last Spring you appointed Christopher Brand (Ottawa Chapter) as a Trustee of the Harmonize For Speech Fund, to replace the late David Austin. We have attached an email from Christopher and it is obvious that we made the right choice. Because of his excellent research into the Ottawa organization, the Trustees approved his funding proposal. Every submission for all funding receives the utmost attention of the Trustees and it is great to have Christopher on board!

H4S Trustee Introduction

It began with George Shields writing to ask whether or not I would consider being a Trustee of H4S. Yes was the instant answer as this amazing District initiative is one of the reasons that I was attracted to the risers in Ottawa 10 years ago. I am the uncle of a young man who was born with 75% hearing loss in both ears and I had heard of H4S through Voice for Hearing Impaired Children. As the H4S representative with The Capital City Chorus I have enjoyed a relationship with George and Bruce Dibble for more than 5 years. The progression to the group of Trustees is very special and I am humbled to be one.

My first quarterly meeting in this capacity began with an introduction to some of my fellow trustees and we then got quickly down to business. While I would have expected nothing less given my friendship with George S over the last few years, I was impressed with the organization behind the agenda and the skills with which the meeting unfolded. Bruce Dibble has the process nailed down and with George in the Chair, each and every one of the requests for funding that was placed before us was given all the time needed for discussion and careful consideration. And four hours later after a pizza lunch we were done.

I was interested to learn the breadth of the requesting organizations and how they related to supporting speech therapy, education and pathology. Aphasia, Acquired Brain Injury, Hearing Impaired, Diploma and Degree granting education, Children with Speech Challenges and more. Not only is there bigger bang for the buck in supporting those organizations that provide group therapy, it is well established that group rather than individual therapy is much more effective in accommodating the needs of the individual.

This was only my first meeting and I was able to contribute directly to our next get together in July by returning to Ottawa and visiting an organization that had not requested funds from H4S before to find out more about its submission and how it fit into our charity's overall mandate. I am looking forward to presenting my findings and recommending the request for funding and further, I hope to be able to contribute positively to H4S for a long time to come. It's all I expected it to be and more.

George Shields

From: "Catherine Dorais-Plesko" <cdoraisp@uwo.ca>
To: <georgesields@sympatico.ca>
Cc: <clamb43@uwo.ca>
Sent: October 14, 2015 10:47 AM
Subject: Request to profile the Ontario District Barbershop Harmony Society in Western's donor magazine
 Good morning George,

It was lovely speaking with you this morning. Dr. JB Orange was kind enough to provide me with your contact information. As I mentioned, we would like to profile The Ontario District Barbershop Harmony Society's long-standing relationship with the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the Faculty of Health Sciences. My colleague, Crystal Lamb, would be pleased if you could answer a few questions and provide a quote for the publication. I have included her in this email. I have contacted Dave Earle with the same request. Please let me know if we should be contacting someone else from your organization. *London Chapter*

Crystal's contact information:

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Many thanks for the Ontario District Barbershop Harmony Society's generous support.

Warm regards,
 Catherine



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Trustees - April 23/15
sent to Bob Souchett April 24/15

April 14, 2015

Mr. George Shields
Chairman
Harmonize for Speech Fund, Ont. Dist. Assoc. of SPEBSQSA
2 Gower St.
Toronto, ON M4B 1E2

Dear Mr. Shields,

We have been listening to our donors and are excited to tell you about a new donor recognition wall that is coming soon to a fresh new lobby at KW Health Centre.

In honour of your generosity to the Grand River Hospital, we would like to formally recognize Harmonize for Speech Fund, Ont. Dist. Assoc. of SPEBSQSA on our new donor recognition wall. Our records show that you have generously donated a total of \$38,572 to support patient care at Grand River Hospital. Thank you.

The attached form reflects how Harmonize for Speech Fund, Ont. Dist. Assoc. of SPEBSQSA will be displayed on the wall. **Please confirm the listing and return in the postage paid envelope provided by April 30, 2015.**

If you do not wish to have your name appear on our wall please indicate on the form and return to us. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Kim Wilhelm at kim.wilhelm@grhosp.on.ca or 519-749-4300 ext. 2294.

I am grateful for your generosity, and your commitment to local healthcare. On behalf of the Hospital, the Board of Governors, and most importantly the patients who benefit from your kindness, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "N Hewat".

Nancy Hewat
Executive Director

Enclosure

May 13, 2015

Bruce Dibble
Treasurer/Trustee
Harmonize For Speech Fund
2 Gower Street
Toronto, ON M4B 1E2

Dear Mr. Dibble and the trustees of the Harmonize For Speech Fund,

Thank you for your donation of \$2,500 to VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children's Family Camp that we received on April 30, 2015. Our annual camp fosters confidence in children who are deaf, through recreation and by creating opportunities to meet other children who are deaf.

Almost 90% of children with hearing loss are born to hearing parents and often are the only student using hearing aids or cochlear implants at their school. Attending Family Camp is an opportunity for them to meet peers that understand the challenges of learning to hear, listen and speak with the use of assistive technology.

Family Camp also provides children with the tools they need to participate equitably. Fun camping activities include canoeing, climbing, swimming, hiking and bonfires. This camp is the only one of its kind that brings together children from across Ontario who are deaf, as well as their families so parents can network and offer support to each other.

Thank you, again, for your generosity in helping children with hearing loss learn to hear, listen and speak for life.

Sincerely,



Ashley Boucher
Development Manager

Thank You -

Emily Freeman
 Emma Adelaide
 Angelina
 Jay West
 Denise
 Ryan Best
 Kristy Muller
 Eddie Ly
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 Erin Smalle
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 Kaita Schaffa
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Thank you from the
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 Class of 2017

Olivia P
 Alex Veith
 Emma Hines
 Alison McNeil
 Alisha Goldberg
 Keira Hughes
 Sunny King
 Amy
 Jess
 Raymond Pim
 Candice
 John

Dear Mr. George Shields

We wanted to thank you for thinking of the UoT SLP class of 2017, and for you and your organization's very generous contribution to our education.

Our class will most definitely get great use out of the textbook both during our studies and in our careers.

We find it amazing that the Harmonize for Speech Fund provides funds for numerous speech-related projects and equipment, among many other things!

It was lovely to get the chance to meet you, we hope to see you around again sometime soon

All the best,

Class of 2017

October 7, 2015

Mr. George Shields, Chairman
Harmonize for Speech Fund
2 Gower Street
Toronto, ON M4B 1E2

Dear Mr. Shields,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I think of your ongoing presence and support of the University of Toronto Speech-Language Pathology Alumni Association and our annual Graduation Reception. We are very thankful that you, your son, and your friends have been able to join us at the Graduation Reception in the last few years. Your performances are always the highlight of the afternoon. I cannot say “thank you” enough for your ongoing participation and generous support of this significant event for our recent graduates.

On behalf of the Speech-Language Pathology Alumni Association, I would once again like to extend to you an invitation to join us for this year’s Graduation Reception. The reception will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 in the Music Room at University of Toronto’s **Hart House** located at 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, Ontario M5S 3H3. The reception will take place from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. We hope that you can join us as we celebrate another year of successful graduates. The Faculty and students always enjoy seeing you there, and we especially love hearing you sing!

Thank you for your generous support of \$750 in support of the Alumni Association’s activities last year. Your organization’s sponsorship is greatly appreciated, as it allows us to host such important events for the graduating students. We hope we can count on the sponsorship of the Harmonize for Speech Fund once again. If so, a cheque can be made out to the Speech-Language Pathology Alumni Association and forwarded to my attention at the address below. If you prefer to submit the funds to us through the department, please let me know and I can simply arrange to have the amount processed appropriately through the department’s business officer.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of this event. Please RSVP by emailing or contacting me to let me know if you can join us at the Graduation Reception again this year.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Haws
Speech-Language Pathology Alumni Association President

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Thurs. July 23/15

200 HAS BAGS ALSO DONATED

Welcome donation



Supplied Photo

Pictured here is Frank Knoll, the Ontario District President and President of the Strathroy Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society giving a \$1,000 donation to Rose Sinclair, representing the Early Literacy Working Group of the Middlesex Children's Services Network. The donation is provided through the Harmonize for Speech Fund, which provides funds for numerous speech-related projects as well as equipment at hospitals, clinics and treatment centres throughout Ontario. The donation will be used to provide literacy bags to families of preschool children through a program called "From the Start Sing ReadDance Play...with me!" to enhance literacy skills throughout Middlesex County.



**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILIES OF
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Bruce Dibble, Treasurer,
c/o Ontario District Assoc. SPEBSQSA,
2 Gower St.,
Toronto, Ontario,
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September 11, 2015,

Dear Bruce,

Thank you very much for the generous donation of \$3,000 to the Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders. This money will help OAFCCD to offset the annual operating costs.

OAFCCD is actively engaged in the provincial government Special Needs Strategy for the integration of rehabilitation services, including speech and language. OAFCCD members are optimistic that proposed changes will improve the speech and language service system making it easier for families. The significant change that speech services and language services will no longer be separate for school age children is a major step forward.

Thank you for your on-going support of the organization. Your partnership is important to us, and the funds enable OAFCCD to help families across the province.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Morse,
Provincial Co-ordinator

cc. George Shields, Barbershoppers, 17 Notley Place, Toronto, ON, M4B 2M7

George Shields

From: "bruce dibble" <info@harmonize4speech.org>
To: "Jonathan Foster" <jonathan.foster@bell.net>
Cc: "George Shields" <georgesields@sympatico.ca>
Sent: March 7, 2015 2:49 PM
Subject: Thank you!

Hello Jonathan,

Thank you so much again for thinking of the Harmonize For Speech Fund in your payroll deductions through the Greater Toronto United Way. We were advised of your most recent donation this past week by the United Way. As you are aware, donations such as yours have an impact on the amount of funding we are able to offer to so many deserving hospitals, clinics, students and organizations dedicated to improving speech-related problems across Ontario. And because all our trustees are volunteers, our expenses are kept to an astounding 2% to 3%. Again, from all your barbershopper brothers across Ontario, a sincere thank you.

Bruce Dibble
Treasurer/Trustee
Harmonize For Speech Fund

From:
To:
Sent:

"Kerry Erle" <kerryerle@londonspeech.com>
"George Shields" <georgeshields@sympatico.ca>
June 16, 2015 8:01 PM

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for funding our daughter in the recent "Talk it up" camp at London Speech + Language Centre.

She had so much fun interacting with her peers & the amazing staff there. I can't believe how much that 6 week program made a difference in her speech. We still continue to work with her in her grammar, but this has sure given us a great platform.

We are planning on sending her back to do another camp later this year. And for any other families that may be having trouble in this area with their child, I would highly recommend LSLC. Thank you very much.

Yours truly

Bill, Carol &
Makenzie



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May 18, 2015

George Shields
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Dear Mr. Shields,

On behalf of Laurentian University's Speech-Language Pathology students and faculty members, I would like to express our sincere thanks for your generous donation of \$1,000.

Your kind support makes it possible for us to offer a monetary award to our most deserving student and to purchase a valuable resource for all the graduating students from our Speech-Language Pathology Program. The book *Survival Guide for the Beginning Speech-Language Clinician* will be offered to this year's graduates.

Thank you again for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Michèle Minor-Corriveau, Ph.D.
Speech-language pathologist
Program Coordinator for Laurentian University's
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(Speech-language Pathology)

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