I report to you on the work of the Western Cape Association for Persons with Disability for the year ending 31 March 2015. The past year has been challenging. However, we appreciate contributions by a broad network of individuals and organisations helping WCAPD to stay true to its mission as a group of people, both volunteers and staff, who work together with persons with disabilities towards becoming as independent as possible and to integrate into society on an equal basis with others.

WCAPD renders social services to persons with disabilities covering all areas of life, drawing on related services for child care, education, employment, skills development, occupational therapy, assistive devices, awareness raising, accessibility and training. These services continued under difficult circumstances, including lack of staff on different levels, shortage of resources to render effective service at all times, and high turnovers in leadership on branch level. However, WCAPD continued to render services free of charge and be open to anyone who needs help, with professional and other staff who are dedicated to WCAPD’s mission.

Two programmes serve as examples of continued comprehensive service to persons with disabilities by WCAPD. The parent leader and peer supporter programmes currently run in 9 areas across the Western Cape with some 90 peer supporters rendering the service. The peer supporters conduct on average 4050 home visits per quarter. Family Preservation is a new project working towards keeping families together. The research component was finalized in collaboration with Dr. M Strydom and the University of Stellenbosch. In the next phase the programme will be written and developed through action learning, and will be piloted in Hessequa and Worcester areas during the next financial year.

Networking and partnerships have become an important method to organise the work at and through WCAPD. These co-operative opportunities give access to services that are otherwise too expensive. It also affords us learning opportunities and sharing of knowledge with other service providers. One such partnership is with the UCT Knowledge Co-op. This programme creates the opportunity of evaluating our current electronic client tracking system and to improve on it where necessary. WCAPD also contributed to a joint submission on Early Childhood Development (ECD) Policy to Department of Social Development (DSD), submitted a reviewed section of Ilifa Bantwana/National DSD’s ECD National Framework for
Action for Children with Disabilities, while the Occupational Therapy department presented at the **OTASA conference**. Leigh-Ann Richards also presented a paper at the **2015 Disability Employment Summit**.

In order to render the service we dream of, we need sound organisational and support systems. WCAPD continued to grow the structures of the Provincial Office and its interaction with the twenty seven Branches of the Association. The need for capacity building on branch level is still, and even more than before, a priority and a "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seem to be no hope at all." Dale Carnegie prerequisite for sustainable professional service to persons with disabilities in the future. Despite some organisational challenges, WCAPD and its Branches are still fortunate to have a core of highly skilled professionals, administrators and volunteers.

WCAPD grew in organisational ability over the past year. The two Provincial Directors have created a stable environment for service delivery. The Provincial Management Committee guided the transformation process into a new phase of strategic development which is now driven by the Provincial Directors. The envisioned Audit Committee is growing in stature to assist the Provincial Director Governance in managing some aspects of the support services. We are not satisfied with the service of the present auditors, and this meeting will have to decide on our future relationship.

WCAPD is still in rough waters. However, I present this report for a second year in a row as symbol of hope for WCAPD and the community of persons with disabilities which we serve. I am grateful to the Provincial Directors, staff, volunteers, partners and friends for their dedication and loyalty to the vision and services of WCAPD. I believe in our cause. Please support it and continue with the good work together.

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I thank you.

**Eddie Orsmond**

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*Insert: Le-Ana vd Merwe, Emma Walters, William Scott & Madelie Voigt.*
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Mobility aids donated:
- 65 wheelchairs & 18 crutches

231 children came into our SCCs, day care

13 people placed in residential care

48 staff trained over 4 training events

25 social workers supervised 64 sessions

28,816 people reached – groups, activity, talks, workshops and special care centres

5 Access scans

Permanent employment for 55 people in the open labour market

68 Peer Supporters made 19,500 visits

during 5 sessions of Sensitisation

70 people were reached

305 days visiting 26 Branches

5 Access scans

25 Days carers

28816 people reached – groups, activity, talks, workshops and special care centres

Types of disability
Mobility 67%, Sensory 6%
(Hearing 3% & Visual 3%)
Intellectual 12%, Multiple 3%
Psychiatric 3% & Other 9%

Age
Elderly 8%, Adults 27%
Youth 38% & Children 27%

Ethnicity
African 23%, White 7%, & Coloured 70%

Monitoring & Evaluation:
27 days visiting 25 branches

68 Peer Supporters made 19,500 visits

during 5 sessions of Sensitisation

70 people were reached

305 days visiting 26 Branches

5 Access scans

Physiotherapy

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Social Interaction

393 people now getting out of their homes

Motor vehicle rebates:
- 6 successful applicants

Social Services

2572 one on one cases

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Total Staff

206

Directors 2

Social Work Supervisors 4

Senior Social Workers 2

Social Workers 39

Social Auxiliary Workers 7

Community Development Practitioner 1

Community Development Assistants 16

Occupational therapists 4

Day carers 56

Programme Implementers 9

Workshop Managers 12

Workshop supervisors 3

Finance & Administration 45

Awareness 3

Human Resource 1

Fundraising 2

Services

14% Physical care

Basic needs 14%

4% Health care

Education/Training 12%

12% Work/Employment

Social Integration 12%

30% Therapeutic services

Community resources/integration 2%
Duncan Sauls

... is 19 year old man who has a rare genetic disorder called the Shprintzen –Goldberg Syndrome. A disorder of unknown cause resulting in neural, cardiovascular and connective tissue abnormalities. He attended the Alta du Toit School in Cape Town since the age of 8 years but had to return home when he turned 18 years.

Duncan is one of many youngsters who found it difficult to find a job due to their disability. However, he is one of the fortunate ones who were given the opportunity to be trained on site at Dutchies restaurant. Where he received a stipend during his training and has now been offered a permanent position.

He has grown in confidence, developed new skills and is very grateful for the opportunity being given to him. In addition, he has become more independent and has learned to travel on his own.

Duncan is now fully employed due to the insight and preparedness of one person to make a difference. He is a success story, but there are others like Duncan who would love the opportunity to be trained to work in the open labour market or in the hospitality sector.

Dorothy

is a Peer Supporter in Beaufort West and the mother of a child with a disability and here she tells a story of how she was able to assist one of her clients.

When Dorothy first visited a young 10 year old girl with cerebral palsy and intellectual disability, her mother shared how she had never sent her daughter to school as she was afraid that the other children would tease her. She shared how she always carried her daughter around on her back when they go out. Dorothy discovered that the mother had never applied for a care dependency grant.

She offered to accompany the mom to the SASSA office to apply for a grant, but the she kept on putting this off despite the offer of help. The mom was afraid the SASSA officials would ask her if her child was in a centre or a school. Dorothy kept visiting and eventually persuaded the mom to go, she explained to the mom that it was not about her; but about her child’s needs.

Dorothy and the mom went to SASSA and within a month they had an appointment to see the doctor. This was surprising as most people have to wait a long time – Dorothy thinks that her accompanying the mother made the difference. Within a month the grant application was approved and she shared how the mom appreciated her support and practical help. The young girl is waiting for a place in the local ELSEN unit and she will then start attending school for the first time in her life! In Dorothy’s own words: “Is this not something to be thankful for!?”

Dorothy is also assisting the mother with the process of getting a wheelchair for her daughter so that she doesn't need to carry her around when they go out. In Dorothy's own words: “If I think of how life was for the child and her mother ... now there is hope and an income! I am so glad that I could make a difference in someone’s life!”
Treasurer’s Report

COMMENTS ON THE SUMMARISED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income Statement
- The net deficit for the 2015 financial year amounted to R957 133, against a deficit of R1 000 609 during 2014. Each year the deficit is financed with the fair value adjustment of investments and profit on sale of share investments.
- Income increased by R121 325 to R3 521 620 and the expenditure increased by R74 849, to R4 403 904.
- The increase in income is mainly attributable to the income from Trusts and Bequests.
- The subsidy from the Department of Social Development is to subsidise posts of professional staff and to reimburse WCAPD for expenditure incurred to administer the funds on behalf of the Department.
- Only R20 400 was allocated from the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund to Staff expenses in 2015. Although it has a limited effect on the financial performance of the Association it does have a major effect on the service delivery to persons with disabilities.
- Fundraising incurred a net deficit of R105 841 during the year against net deficit of R121 861 in 2014.
- The net deficit from the Roll-in-Shop amounts to R75 372 for the year. [2014: R116 605 (deficit)]
- Gross staff expenses decreased by 1% during the 2015 year. The increase of 23% in the General Administration expenses is attributable to the cost incurred in connection with the annual general-, branch and other meetings (R62 799) as well as the general increase in running costs.

Bequests
- Trust Funds and bequests amounting to R689 432 were received during the year. (2014: R557 135)

Balance Sheet
- The market value of the shares amounted to R15 638 178 at 31 March 2015. (2014: R14 614 301)
- Money on Money Market investments and in bank accounts was R647 780 on 31 March 2015.

Chris Botha
Treasurer
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Motivate your colleagues to sign up for payroll giving
- Let us have your children's old toys, books & puzzles for our day care centres
- Wood offcuts lying around in your garage can be used in our workshops
- Keep an eye on our wishlist & see where you can help
- Place a link to our website on your e-mail signature
- Collect bric-a-brac in your neighbourhood for our opportunity shops
- Connect with us on Facebook & Twitter
- Select us as a beneficiary on your MySchool card
- Challenge your sports team or group to participate in a sporting event for our cause via GivenGain
- Send your furniture to us for reupholstery
- Volunteer your skills or time
- Give in memory of a loved one
- Donate your birthday gifts
- Gift your shares
- Leave a legacy

Western Cape Association for Persons with Disabilities

Branches

2014/2015

1. Olifantsrivier APD (Vredendal) 021-783-1274
2. Bergrivier APD (Veldrif) 022-783 0420
3. West Coast APD (Saldanha) 023-312 3935
4. Moorreesburg APD 078-137 0045
5. Jo Dolphin APD (Malmesbury) 022-486 4186
6. Robertson House (Milnerton) 021-551 3780
7. Bethesda Hout Bay APD 021-790 7037
8. Ocean View APD 021-783 1274
9. Cape Town APD 021-637 1204
10. Tembalethu Day Care (Gugulethu) 021-633 2100
11. Tygerberg APD (Goodwood) 021-592 4173
12. Drakenstein APD (Paarl) 081-463 2068
13. Paarl Stimulation Centre 021-862 7113
15. Witenberg APD (Ceres) 023-312 3935
16. Helderberg APD (Stellenbosch) 021-882 8852
17. Overstrand APD (Hermanus) 028-315 2610
18. Hessequa APD (Heidelberg) 044-873 4959
19. Goukam Neurological Life Association 028-713 4130
20. Wallace Anderson Home (Riversdal) 028-713 3626
21. Mossel Bay APD 044-693 2478
22. George APD 044-878 0063
23. Knysna APD 044-385 0126
24. Die Sterreweg Day Care (Plett) 044-533 2639
25. Oudtshoorn APD 044-272 0683
26. Beaufort West APD 023-415 1650
Acknowledgements

The Association extends our sincere and grateful thanks to all those who assist us in our mission, be they volunteers, donors, staff, partner organisations, sponsors or friends. It has been said that no man is an island, and that goes for organisations as well. We could not have achieved all that we have during this year without the collaboration of partners, the support of sponsors and donors, the dedication and hard work from volunteers and staff alike, and the guidance of our leaders.

PARTNERS

National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa, Cerebral Palsy Association of the Western Cape, Muscular Dystrophy Foundation—Cape Branch, Western Cape Forum for Intellectual Disability, QuadPara Association of the Western Cape, Afrikaanse Christelike Vroue Vereniging, Western Cape Network on Disability, Western Cape Rehabilitation Centre, Inclusive Education Western Cape, National Institute for the Deaf, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Institute for the Blind, Cape Mental Health, RampUp, BADISA, Autism Western Cape, Parkinson's Association, SA Haemophilia Foundation.

EDCON DONATIONS

WCAPD received an audited amount of R 341,001.18 donations from EDCON. The donations were distributed to various APD branches within the province.

PROVINCIAL EVENTS IN COLLABORATION WITH BRANCHES

971 Car Booklets (30 tickets per booklet) were distributed
10,550 Casual Day stickers were sold by WCAPD (WCAPD was nominated 5th in ticket sales in the WC Province)
74,100 LOLLIPOPS were distributed

FUNDERS