

Message from the Board President

This year, Dufferin Child and Family Services celebrated its 100th anniversary of serving the residents of Dufferin County. A lot has changed over the past century including the programming of DCAFS. Our original mandate of assisting vulnerable children in our community has expanded to include programming around children's mental health and child and adult developmental support services. This past year saw some significant achievements including the accreditation of our Children's Mental Health program through the Canadian Center for Accreditation. Further, in a year where our funding was further reduced as a result of the new funding formula introduced by the Ministry in 2013, we were successful in managing our resources such that we ended the year with a slight surplus. The management and staff of DCAFS are to be commended for their diligence with respect to the management of these resources. As a board, we have made significant progress over the past 12 months in advancing our governance practices, in monitoring agency performance and strengthening our financial oversight practices. These are ongoing efforts that will continue to be a focus of the board over the next twelve months. In particular, we would like to express our appreciation to Michael Mitchell who is retiring from the board after serving for 6 years. Michael's knowledge of the agency and of board governance practices in particular will be greatly missed. Finally, the board members would like to express their gratitude to the staff and management of DCAFS. The work that they do each and every day is a vital component of creating and maintaining a health community and so we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and service. There is a lot in our past to be proud of and lot to look forward to in the future. We look forward to the ongoing great work of DCAFS over the upcoming twelve months.

Steve Scott,
Board President

summarized financial position

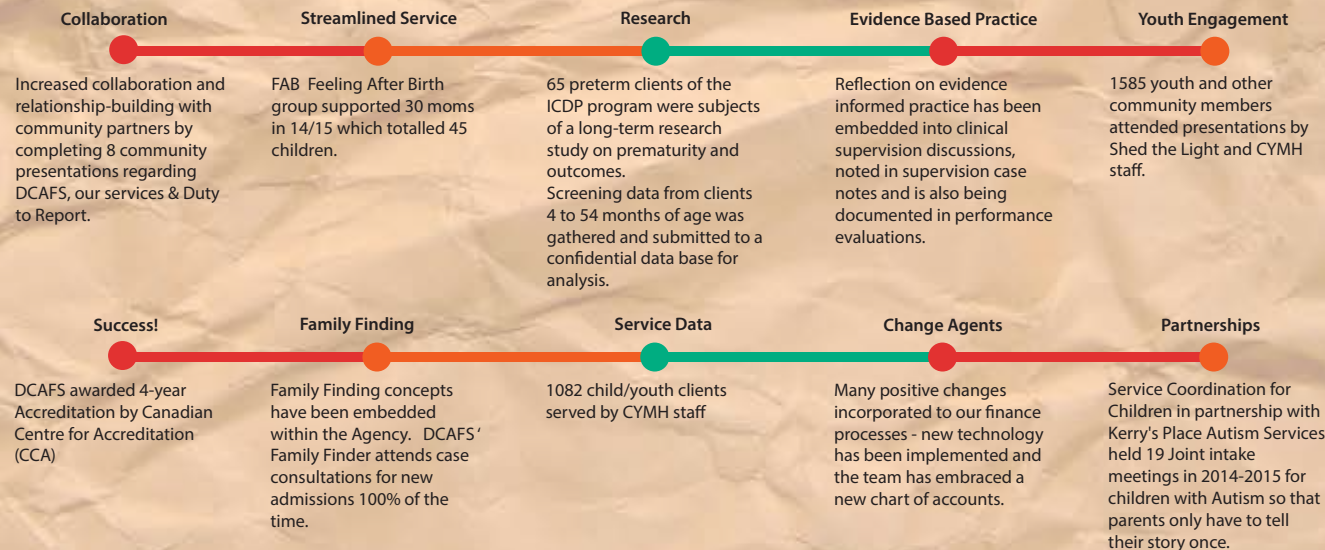


100 YEARS 1914 - 2014

LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME!



Reflections of Service 2014 - 2015



2014-2015 Board of Directors

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Staff Years of Service Recognition

5 Years of Service
Nancy Wood
Wanda Gauthier

10 Years of Service
Alicia McCay
Marianne Breadner
Allison Finch
Kathy O'Grady
Cheryl Schneider
Jennifer Taylor
Debbie Rodriguez

20 Years of Service
Jennifer Moore

Dufferin Children's Fund

RAISED: \$32,934.83
GRANTED: \$45,039.35

Thank you to the
community members
who support us and to
all of our funders.

Annual Report 2014 - 2015

child and youth mental health
child protection
developmental support services



A Historical Snapshot of DCAFS Over 100 Years of Service to Dufferin County!



We look forward to serving Dufferin County for the next 100 years!

Message from the Executive Director

2014/15 sure was an exciting year, with many accomplishments and much to celebrate. We started off the year with our Wellies to Wishes event, our one major fundraiser for the Dufferin Children's Fund. With the support of the community, the funds raised from that event allowed us to assist many youth to pursue their post-secondary dreams and educational pursuits; receive assistive devices to help them in school; attend summer camp to create great memories and gain valuable life skills; pursue sports and the arts; along with many other critical initiatives.

We honoured our 100th year in service in November, with local partners, board members, staff and service recipients where we talked about our history and the significant changes which have occurred over the years. Very few organizations can say they have been in existence for 100 years, and for us it is somewhat bittersweet. We are so proud to have been able to serve Dufferin County for a century, and at the same time, by the fact of our very existence we are well aware that issues we support people through – like mental health matters, developmental challenges and child abuse and neglect – are issues that hold significant impact in the lives of people in our community. That said, we are very proud to be serving Dufferin County as we have been for the past century and we will continue to do our utmost to support the people we provide service to in a way that reflects their individuality, builds on their strengths and in collaboration with our exemplary community partners.

Another significant event for us was the successful completion of our accreditation process through the Canadian Centre for Accreditation. Accreditation is a process that provides assurance from a respected third-party that the accredited organization meets commonly accepted standards for good governance, management, and excellence in service provision. It is one way that we demonstrate to our clients, community and funders that we are operating responsibly and providing responsive and quality services.

On a final note, I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to our skilled and caring staff, without whom we could not provide the level of service we take pride in offering the community; our supportive and innovate leaders across all of our service and corporate areas whose vision and authentic desire to help make a difference supports our staff to carry out their work; our dedicated resource families, who literally open their homes and their hearts to the most vulnerable children in our community; our valuable volunteers who have a significant impact on our service recipients; our Board of Directors, who give of their time tirelessly to ensure good governance for our organization and to all of our supporters and donors, please know your contributions are invaluable. Each of you are vital in our collective ability to achieve our strategic goals - thank you for all you do.

Jennifer Moore,
Executive Director