



scottish
spina bifida
association

Scotland's voice for Spina Bifida,
Hydrocephalus and related conditions

Annual Report 2008

Our Strategic Development Plan

Summary Achievements 2007-2008

Each year we examine key aspects of our development under four main headings:

Learning and Growth: This reflects the extent to which our organisation is consistently evaluating and reviewing its operations and supports staff, volunteers and users to have a clear vision of the needs of our client group we serve, in the context of living in Scotland in the 21st Century.

Stakeholders: All those who have an impact on the Association, for example, users, supporters, funders, central and local government and any other interested parties or external factors which may impact on the work we do.

Internal Systems: This looks at how we manage the organisation operationally.

Financial and Legal: We examine ways in which we evaluate our financial controls and systems and other areas of compliance and governance.

Over the past year our achievements can be summarised as follows:

Learning & Growth

- National Evaluation survey of the Family Support Service
- Area of development identified
- Direct Services expanded
- Healthy Living Project and healthcheck clinics developed
- Regional Genetics Service monthly clinic

Stakeholders

- Continued development of innovative partnerships with colleagues in NHS Scotland
- Continued support in advocating mandatory fortification of flour with folic acid
- Continued influence at local national and international levels to promote issues of direct relevance to service users.

Internal Systems

- A matrix is now in place for regular review of all policy documents

Financial & Legal

- The Fundraising Strategy has been updated to reflect the requirement for increased income generation year on year to support new and existing developments
- The Association's Memorandum and Articles have been reviewed to ensure compliance

The Mission

"The Scottish Spina Bifida Association seeks to increase public awareness and understanding of individuals with Spina Bifida/Hydrocephalus and allied conditions. It aims to support all those affected to identify their needs and to empower them to make informed choices and decisions."

Annual Review - 2008 Achievements and Performance

The Association continues to offer a wide range of services to over 3000 users in Scotland and is continuing to be called upon to provide information, support and guidance to a wide range of professionals.

In November 2007, our Honorary Patron, Gordon Ramsay OBE, Presided at the Association's First prestigious Gala Dinner at Stirling Castle. Over £130,000 was raised on the evening. In January 2008, our Burns Supper Committee organised their annual events in the Hilton Glasgow and the Roxburgh Hotel Edinburgh to further increase our funds significantly from corporate donations.

With the appointment of a new Services and Development Manager in August 2007 the organisation has begun the process of enriching and developing the range of direct services offered to our "users". The core service delivery arm of the Association continues to be the Family Support Service which offers individualised support for families, children, young people and adults with spina bifida or hydrocephalus throughout Scotland. In addition, the success of the pilot healthcheck Project has developed even further with the first reviews of young adults being undertaken over the winter months. Our thanks are due to our volunteer nursing staff who have ensured that the project has developed from strength to strength.

At a national level the Association has been significant in influencing the debate around the redesign of Neurosciences services and in particular neurosurgery through its involvement in the Scottish Government's Neurosciences Implementation Group. A specialist workstream on developing a paediatric pathway for children who have shunts has been meeting over the past months. Our Association has been ably represented by Tracey Rendall, as our parent representative.

Despite the Food Standard Agency last year having agreed to recommend to Ministers in all four countries that Flour should be fortified with Folic Acid in order to reduce the incidence of neural tube defects (NTD's), the Chief Medical Officer in England and Wales has stalled progress in the UK for a further 18 months in order to carry out further research. We will continue to exert pressure along with our sister organisation in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (ASBAH) to ensure that progress is not further delayed. Mandatory Flour fortification would significantly improve the health of the nation and most importantly would reduce the incidence of neural tube defects by approx 30%.

Future Developments

A one day course for professionals on all aspects of spina Bifida and hydrocephalus is planned for the early part of the new financial year, as is the commencement of a young adults group and a new parents group to be held at our new Family Support Centre.

Subject to increased funding, we also plan to roll out the successful “healthcheck clinics” under the banner of “the Health Living Project” and to offer these innovative and holistic clinics to adult users throughout Scotland. Also in the coming year in conjunction with the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Yorkhill we plan to trial some of the combined spina bifida clinics for children in the West of Scotland at the Dan Young Building. Work is currently being done to ensure that clinicians can access Yorkhill’s Hospital Information System and Picture Archiving software (to view scans) remotely.



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Andrew H D Wynd, Chief Executive

Chairman’s Report

The speed of change within the organisation over the past few years has been both significant and reassuring.

There is no doubt that the decision to relocate to a purpose built headquarters and Family Support Centre has been a very real and tangible example of this growth and the enthusiasm to develop and expand a range of high quality services for our service users, parents, carers and the wide range of professionals who support them is clearly evident .

There is a huge commitment from Directors, Staff and volunteers within the organisation at all levels to ensure that our service users are at the centre of everything we do and are pivotal in shaping the future of an ambitious programme of supports services the length and breadth of Scotland.

None of this work would be possible without the continued financial support from companies, trusts and individuals who have seen for themselves that their contributions really make a difference for those for whom we have a very special responsibility.



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Dr Margo Whiteford, Chairperson

Summary Accounts

Legal and Administrative Information

President	Daniel G Young	
Chairman	Margo L Whiteford	
Directors	- Jonathan R Best	- P Michael Samuel (Appointed 16/9/07)
	- Deyrick Smith	- David Griffin
	- June F Devlin	- Christine M Hudson
	- Robert Carachi (Appointed 8/5/07)	- Graham M Hudson
	- James Lawson	- William H Humes
	- Vivien Morton	- CY Chambers
	- Samuel P Forrest	
Chief Executive & Company Secretary	Andrew HD Wynd	
Senior Management Team	Andrew HD Wynd Julie Snaddon Deborah Roe Mark Lees	
Company number	SC213050	
Scottish charity number	SC013328	
Incorporation date	21 November 2000	
Registered office	The Dan Young Building 6 Craighalbert Way Cumbernauld G68 0LS	
Auditors	Barrie Scott Limited 16-18 Weir Street Falkirk FK1 1RA	
Business address	The Dan Young Building 6 Craighalbert Way Cumbernauld G68 0LS	
Bankers	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh	
Solicitors	Gillespie MacAndrew WS, Edinburgh	
Investment Advisers & Stockbrokers	Gerrard Limited, Glasgow	

The last 12 months at Scottish Spina Bifida Association

A personal word from our Patron: Gordon Ramsay, OBE

Charity has become a huge industry in its own right. It is part of our social fabric, and clearly has a highly important role to play. For someone like myself who is asked to help on a daily basis, it means that I have to focus on the few areas where I can help best. I have already learned not to reach in my pocket every time a good cause is put in front of me. Too often, this just doesn't achieve the right results. There has to be self respect where charitable hand outs are concerned, and if it is likely that respect will fall by the wayside for whatever reason, then it's best that I don't contribute. There has to be some sort of plan, which means no more than concentrating my efforts on causes that I feel strongly about.

Seeing what children with spina bifida are faced with and how they cope is an inspiration that makes me want to be involved and supportive. A helping hand is there for these children because they need it to help themselves. They have self respect in bucketfuls, and that is how it should be.

I look forward to visiting the Centre again over the next 12 months and hope we can continue to raise the much needed funds to provide support to the families affected.

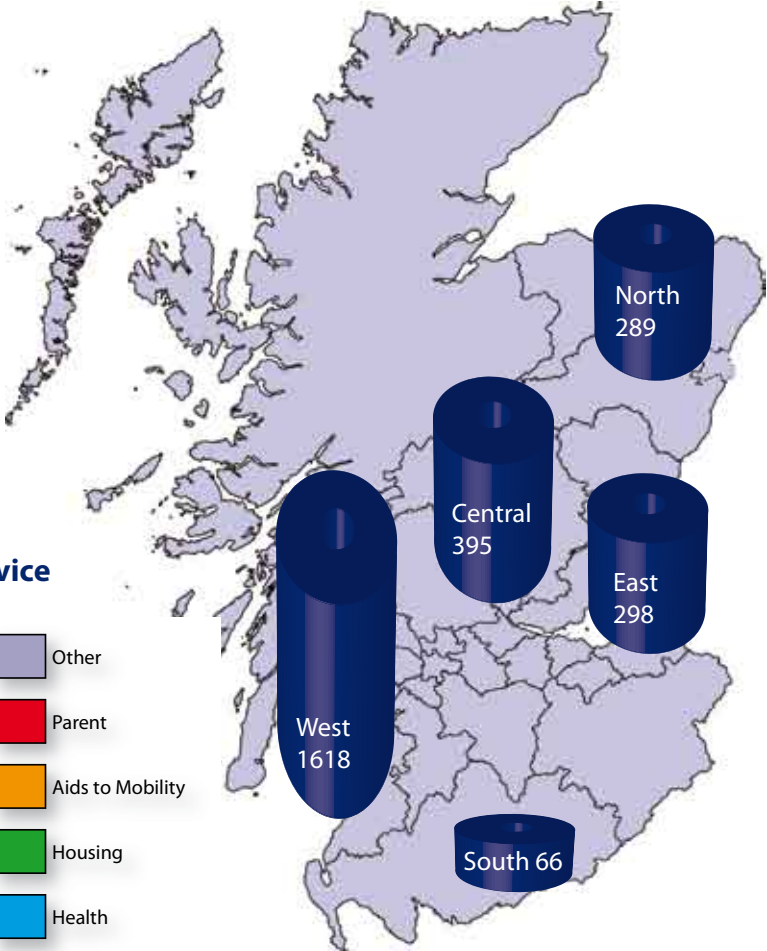
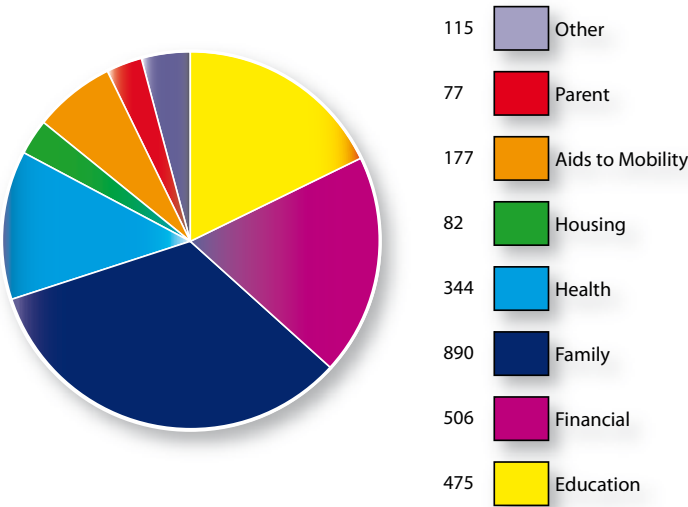


Gordon Ramsay OBE



Statistical Analysis

Contact Analysis Family Support Service
2007/2008



Number of contacts in each of
our 5 regions in Scotland



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Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

Year ended 31 March 2008

	Restricted Funds (note 14)	Unrestricted Funds (note 14)	Total 2008	Total 2007
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds;				
Voluntary income	25,900	87,597	113,497	121,504
Activities for generating funds	18,411	514,632	533,043	360,325
Investment income	-	18,853	18,853	15,854
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	-	25,421	25,421	28,485
Other Incoming Resources	-	4,357	4,357	27,531
Total Incoming Resources	44,311	650,860	695,171	553,699
Resources Expended				
Costs of generating funds	-	223,492	223,492	106,053
Charitable activities	44,311	349,522	393,833	349,887
Governance costs	-	20,643	20,643	22,465
Total Resources Expended	44,311	593,657	637,968	478,405
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers	-	57,203	57,203	75,294
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net Incoming Resources Before Holding Gains/Losses	-	57,203	57,203	75,294
Gains/(Loss) on revaluation of investments	-	(3,944)	(3,944)	4,214
Total Funds Brought Forward	-	1,188,042	1,188,042	1,108,534
Total Funds Carried Forward	-	1,241,301	1,241,301	1,188,042

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008		2007	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	10	-	830,445	-	847,758
Investments	11	-	50,200	-	63,297
		-	880,645	-	911,055
Current Assets					
Debtors	12	127,764	-	101,115	-
Cash at bank and in hand		315,561	-	269,288	-
		443,325	-	370,403	-
Creditors:					
amounts falling due within one year	13	(82,669)	-	(93,419)	-
Net Current Assets		-	360,656	-	276,984
Net Assets		-	1,241,301	-	1,188,039
Reserves					
Restricted Fund	16	-	-	-	-
General Fund	15	-	288,581	-	267,691
Designated Fund	17	-	952,720	-	920,348
Members' Funds		-	1,241,301	-	1,188,039

NOTES

The above statement is an abbreviated summary of the full audited accounts, copies of which are available from the Association National Office at The Dan Young Building, 6 Craighalbert Way, Cumbernauld, Glasgow, G68 0LS. It should be borne in mind that this summary may not give sufficient information for a complete understanding of the Association's financial affairs.

The full accounts, which have been audited and given an unqualified audit opinion, have been approved by the Board of Directors and will be placed before the Annual General Meeting in September 2008. This summary is consistent with the Association full accounts.



Margo L Whiteford, Chairperson



Barrie Scott Ltd

Chartered Accountants, Registered Auditor

Fundraising 2007-2008

Thank you to all our supporters and donors. Support has come from many sources such as: sponsored events, coin collections, organised events in the community, community groups, corporate events, trusts, schools and individuals. This support allows us to continue supporting all those who contact SSBA for help. Every single penny counts and is greatly appreciated.

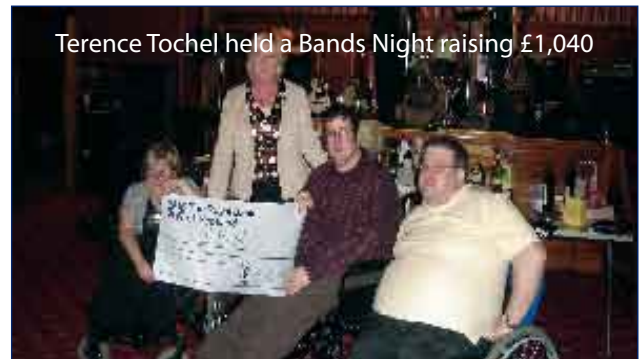


Over £6K was raised by the 2008 Fire and Glass Walkers

The first Association Ladies Lunch raised £7,000



2 Glasgow Marriot staff 'swam with sharks' and raised £1,308



Terence Tochel held a Bands Night raising £1,040



The Redrow Foundation donated £10,000 to renovations at Rebecca Cottage

Craig O'Connor undertook a sponsored walk on New Years Day and raised over £2,307



Mr Billy Kirkwood donated all proceeds from his birthday celebrations to the Association



Stewart Mackay and friends created a sponsored cycling challenge raising over £1,600

Our Supporters

Over the past year thousands of ordinary people throughout Scotland and beyond have given their time, talents and money to help us provide essential services for our users. Without their support we could not continue. Thank you for making a real difference.

Sponsors over the past year include:

Corporate & Individual Donations

Bearsden Golf Club
Jennifer Durham
Resolution Management Services Ltd
Sally Ann Bareford
Slater Mens and Ladies Wear
Scottish Power
Response Intelligent Outsourcing
Anne Moir
Mr McNulty
Bette Saunders
Marriott Hotel
Philips Lighting
Leith Ladies Darts League
Brian Wallace
Leslie Whiteford
Andrew Montague
Terence Tochel
Cy Chambers
Catherine McCleary
Kenny Monaghan
Bearsden Cross Church
Coloplast
Neilstra Ltd
Scottish Building Federation
Peter Weanie
Stewart MacKay
Linda Mathers
David Lambie
Jo Mickel
Round Table - Area 51
Janice Anderson
Billy Kirkwood
Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4
Brandon Homes (Scotland) Limited
J Wylie
Lloyds TSB Foundation Matching Scheme
Regency Homes - Scotland Ltd
UBS AG
Lesley Wiggins
Anne Ferguson
Lorn MacNeal Architects
Niall Miller

Robertson Construction
Helen Macindoe
J H Civil Engineering Ltd
Tom Nolan
Baronsgate Estates Limited
MJM International Ltd
Clydesdale Bank
Johnston Carmichael
Mario Rea
John MacIntyre & Son Ltd
City Facilities Management
Gordon Ramsay OBE
Euan Snowie
Duncan Bannatyne OBE
The Burns Supper Committee
The Property Gig Committee

Trusts

JTH Charitable Trust
The Appletree Trust
Royal Bank of Scotland Group Charitable Trust
The Erskine Cunningham Hill Trust
Alexander Moncur Trust
The Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust
The Darroch Charitable Trust
Aberbrothock Charitable Trust
P F Charitable Trust
The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust
The Robertson Trust
Templeton Goodwill Trust
The R J Lang Family Charitable Trust
Children's Aid (Scotland) Ltd.
The Merchants House of Glasgow
Leith Benevolent Association
Redrow Foundation
The Mugdock Children's Trust
The AMW Charitable Trust
The Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust
RKT Charitable Trust
Cruden Foundation Ltd
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust
Cumberland Building Society
Charitable Foundation

William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd
The John M Archer Charitable Trust
Noble Resolve and Temperance Auxiliary
The D W T Cargill Fund
The Hugh Fraser Foundation
Lord Rosebery's Charitable Settlement
The Saddlers' Company Charitable Fund
John Liston Scottish Charitable Trust
The Ponton House Trust
The Tay Charitable Trust
Edinburgh Children's Holiday Fund
The 'Courant' Fund for Children
Lloyds TSB Foundation
The Hugh & Mary Miller Bequest
The Beatrice Laing Trust
The Martin Connell Charitable Trust

Local Authorities

East Dunbartonshire Council
South Ayrshire Council
Glasgow City Council
Dumfries and Galloway Council
East Lothian Council
Perth and Kinross Council
North Ayrshire Council
South Lanarkshire Council
North Lanarkshire Council
Clackmannanshire Council
Dundee City Council
Angus Council
Scottish Borders Council
Renfrewshire Council

Legacies

In additions we were privileged to receive support from individuals who had included us in their wills.

Ms Isabel Mary Stark	£1,500.00
Ms Audrey Sandercombe	£8,204.43
Ms Mary Margaret Brown	£200.00



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