

**Pacific Autism
Family Network**

**GoodLife
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Family Autism Hub



2016

ANNUAL REPORT
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A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDERS



SERGIO COCCHIA
O.B.C., L.L.D. (Hon)
Co-Founder/Board Chair



WENDY LISOGAR-COCCHIA
O.B.C., L.L.D. (Hon)
Co-Founder/Fundraising Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In 2016 we celebrated the realization of many years of hard work towards a dream – the opening of our GoodLife Fitness Family Autism Hub. Hundreds of people, families, self-advocates, service providers, government agencies, academia, researchers and clinicians dedicated thousands of hours to make this dream a reality and we are so grateful for every single supporter. Because of this collaboration, Pacific Autism Family Network (PAFN) is now poised to link communities around our province with our Hub and Spoke network that is designed to provide access and build capacity throughout all of British Columbia.

A very special thanks is due to the Government of British Columbia for sharing in our vision and for their unwavering commitment to our community. To our great friends Patch and Silken who donated so generously and to whom the GoodLife Fitness Family Autism Hub is named – we sincerely thank you. To our Capital Lead Donors, Variety the Children’s Charity, Autism Speaks Canada and the Milan and Maureen Ilich Foundation, as well as the hundreds of other corporate and individual supporters – thank you for your immense generosity and for sharing in our passion and determination.

Over this eight-year project we have been supported by a group of tremendous colleagues who form the board of our Foundation – we thank you for sharing your vast wisdom and guidance.

Finally, to our family, and to all families throughout British Columbia who support individuals living with Autism – we welcome you to PAFN’s first family-centered and lifespan-focused location of excellence for ASD and related disorders.

W. Lisogar-Cocchia

OUR 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our board is comprised of visionary, experienced and dedicated business and community leaders. Their tireless commitment to guiding our organization forward through good governance will ensure we are able to have the greatest impact possible, both now and in the future.

Board members listed alphabetically.



SUE DOI
Board Member

Sue was named a Lexpert Leading Lawyer under 40 in November 2013 and has over 14 years of experience as in-house counsel to a variety of corporations. Sue has also been both a participant and a leader in the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference, a national, intensive leadership development program that aims to bring Canada's leaders from business, labour, First Nations and community sectors together to understand each others' perspectives, including the reach and intersections of their spheres of influence. Sue is highly motivated to improve herself and those around her, and loves asking engaging questions to uncover hidden perspectives.



DAVID PATCHELL EVANS
Board Member

David Patchell-Evans, known as 'Patch', is the founder and CEO of GoodLife Fitness, with 375 clubs and 1.3 million members across Canada. Patch's unwavering purpose is "to give all Canadians the opportunity to live a fit and healthy good life." When his three-year old daughter, Kilee, was diagnosed with autism, Patch worked tirelessly to help other families find answers. He served as President of Autism Canada. Patch's GoodLife Kids Foundation introduced physical activity grants for children with special needs. He co-founded with Dr. Derrick MacFabe at Western University, the *Kilee Patchell-Evans Autism Research Group*. The group was recognized by NSERC as one of the Top 50 Scientific Discoveries in Canada and in 2017 will present at the Nobel Forum, Stockholm. In 2007, Patch's received the Canadian Medical Association Medal of Honour. Patch has pledged \$5Million to the PAFN to help build the GoodLife Fitness Autism Family Hub in Richmond, BC.



GRAYDEN R. HAYWARD
Board Member

Grayden is the President of Grayhawk Management Inc., a Vancouver-based company providing executive level management services. He has served on the Vancouver Board of Trade as Senior Advisor and as Interim CEO in 2010/11, and has shared his business acumen with many community organizations over the span of his career. He also has an extensive and distinguished public sector career including terms as BC Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Tourism, Recreation and Culture; Assistant Deputy Minister of Alberta Transportation; and City Administrator in Kamloops and Nanaimo, BC. Currently, Grayden is a Director of The Vancouver Board of Trade Foundation and Corporate Secretary of the Rix Center for Corporate Citizenship & Engaged Leadership. In 2014 he was awarded an Honourary Lifetime Membership of the Vancouver Board of Trade.



JACK MCGEE
Board Treasurer

Jack is a retired President of the Justice Institute of British Columbia. He served in the Canadian Forces, and in post-secondary education as a Dean of George Brown College and President of St. Clair College in Ontario. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration, the Special Service Medal (NATO), and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for service to Canada. He is active on community and charity boards, as well as an engaging public speaker. Jack holds a Bachelor of Arts (St. Mary's), a Master of Public Administration (Auburn), completed doctoral courses in International Relations (York) and was presented an Honorary Doctor of Laws (Windsor), for his work in education and the community.



DENNIS SKULSKY
Board Member

Dennis is the President and CEO of the BC Lions Football Club. A member of the league's Board of Governors and numerous CFL committees, Dennis has a well-earned reputation as the driving force behind many of the league's innovative initiatives. He honed his business acumen as a successful media executive. After arriving in BC in 1996, Dennis has become immersed in the community and is currently involved on local boards such as the BC Football Hall of Fame and the Richmond Olympic Oval. Dennis has received numerous awards for his community involvement, including the British Columbia Community Achievement Award in 2005, and the Harold J. Merilees Award in 2006.



PETER WEBSTER
Board Member

Peter is active in corporate and nonprofit governance in British Columbia, nationally and around the world, serving as director or chair on various boards. Peter's past community service includes serving as the Chair and as a director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada Foundation, and the University of British Columbia Investment Management Trust. Peter is the Chair of the Board of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service, and a member of the Vancouver Police Board. He is a past Executive Director of the British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, and is also an inductee for his work as director of the Vancouver Canucks and the Vancouver Whitecaps soccer club. Peter has also won numerous awards including the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and the federal government's International Year of the Volunteer Medal.



ART WILLMS
Board Member

Art is an educator, economist and businessman with forty years of experience in related fields. He taught mathematics in public school, lectured in economics in university and spent thirty years in the global energy business with a Vancouver-based firm before joining this board. Throughout his career, Art has served in many capacities on dozens of boards across the public, private and nonprofit sectors. A passionate supporter of education, arts and cultural institutions, Art is pleased to be playing a key role supporting individuals and families affected by autism through his work on the board.

ABOUT THE PACIFIC AUTISM FAMILY NETWORK

The Pacific Autism Family Network is a charitable initiative that aims to serve the lifespan needs of individuals and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder and related disorders across British Columbia.



OUR VISION

To help British Columbia become the best place in the world for individuals and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder and other related disorders.

OUR GOVERNANCE

The PAFN is made up of 3 unique divisions:

- 1 Our Foundation:** Raises funds and awareness to support PAFN programs, operations, and needed expansion efforts – A registered Canadian Charity
- 2 Our Society:** Manages the GoodLife Fitness Family Autism Hub and related programs, in accordance with a Service and Funding Agreement with the Foundation – A registered Canadian Charity
- 3 INFORM – Every Autism:** Our national Autism research initiative encourages the sharing of research and information

ABOUT AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is emerging as one of the most pressing issues of our time. It is now the most commonly diagnosed neurological disorder in Canada, with approximately 1 in 68 children facing a diagnosis. Studies have shown that autism is four to five times more common among boys than girls, with an estimated 1 out of 42 boys and 1 in 189 girls being diagnosed. ASD affects 69,000 in British Columbia and tens of millions of people worldwide.



“I want to thank the Pacific Family Autism Network, all the community advocates, and the Goodlife Fitness Family Autism Hub for making a real difference. Their hard work means families across the province will have access to a new state-of-the-art facility for information, learning, assessment, treatment and support.”

– Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia



ABOUT OUR FOUNDATION

We are designed as an inclusive charitable organization. We strive to collaborate with service providers, community agencies, professionals, vocational schools, academic institutions, policy makers and researchers.

Our goal? Support the lifespan needs of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families by raising the needed funds to build upon existing services, and address the need for further support and programming across the province.

Thanks to the immense generosity of our partners, to date we've raised over \$32 million and collaborated with over 60 organizations to bring these essential resources all within one connected network of province-wide locations. At last, a place to go for families seeking reliable, unbiased information and help, no matter where they live in BC!

We envision a Hub-and-Spoke modeled network. We opened our main 60,000 sq. ft. building, the GoodLife Fitness Family Autism Hub, in November 2016 in Richmond, BC. And, through the generous support of our donors and community partners, we will continue to open smaller spoke locations across the province to ensure all British Columbians have access to state-of-the-art resources for assessment, treatment, education, support and research. By collaborating with local partners throughout the province, we can ensure full access to the expertise and information offered at the Hub.



“Our family has recently started visiting the Pacific Autism Family Network. My 22-year-old son has been privileged to join some of their amazing programs such as the employment programs and social groups. Josh and his Autism Service Dog “Wabi” have been welcomed with open arms and have made some wonderful friendships. Josh’s confidence is growing through these programs. We are very grateful for this incredible facility!”

– Mary, Mark, Josh & Wabi, PAFN Family



ABOUT THE GOODLIFE FITNESS FAMILY AUTISM HUB

The first facility of its kind in Canada, the GoodLife Fitness Family Autism Hub (the “Hub”) is a multi-purpose facility that offers assessment, therapy, education, and support services and programs for children, youth and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families.

Managed by our Society, the Hub has highly specialized clinics, treatment centres, lab classrooms, spaces for Autism-focused organizations and nonprofits, lecture theatres, video conferencing facilities, a music room, and a library and resource centre.

At the Hub, we create a calming atmosphere that many consider a home away from home. The space is an oasis for people with autism and their families – a place where they can visit a doctor, get a haircut, learn new skills in the kitchen, or socialize in a specially designed playground that increases interactivity.



THE PAFN APPROACH

We value teamwork and collaboration to move forward the Pacific Autism Family Network mission:



OUR FOUNDING PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

Thanks to the generous support of our valued partners, we opened the doors of our main Hub in 2016 and laid the groundwork for our navigator program which will see eight smaller Spoke locations open across the province.

THANK YOU TO THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



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List is not exhaustive. We apologize if we missed you!

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

On November 9, 2016 we celebrated the grand opening of our main Hub. BC Premier Christy Clark attended the ceremony alongside representatives from federal, provincial and municipal governments, as well as supporters and friends of the network.

The lead-up to the opening, and event ceremonies, generated buzz in the local and national media:



PACIFIC AUTISM CENTRE SET TO OPEN IN NOVEMBER
JUNE 13, 2016

MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR AUTISM CENTRE OPENS IN RICHMOND
NOV. 9, 2016

SPECIALIZED CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM OFFICIALLY OPENS IN RICHMOND
NOV. 8, 2016



FINANCIALS – OUR FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016

	2016
REVENUE (\$)	
Donations	429,337
Amortization of Deferred Capital Contributions	96,953
Gift Store Sales	808
	527,098
EXPENSES (\$)	
Professional Services	270,622
Amortization	137,362
Office	75,621
Wages and Benefits	100,426
Fundraising Costs	72,846
Insurance	12,826
Bank Charges and Interest	5,276
Interest on Capital Lease Obligation	1,452
	676,431
Deficiency of Revenues Over Expenditures	(149,333)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016

	2016
ASSETS – CURRENT (\$)	
Cash	1,122,995
Restricted Cash	1,275,179
Accounts Receivable	4,730
Due from Pacific Autism Family Centre Society	77,734
Prepaid Expenses	40,593
Inventory	1,497
	2,522,728
Property Under Development	-
Property and Equipment	27,835,479
	30,358,207
LIABILITIES – CURRENT (\$)	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	834,543
Holdbacks Payable	1,275,293
Taxes Payable	31,039
Due from Pacific Autism Family Centre Society	114,992
Current Portion of Capital Lease Obligation	136,436
Short-term Loan	1,500,000
	3,892,303
Deferred Capital Contributions	25,000
Capital Lease Obligation	308,072
Deferred Capital Contributions	22,258,194
	26,483,569
NET ASSETS	
Invested in Land	5,036,387
Invested in Property and Equipment	90,414
Unrestricted	(1,252,163)
	3,874,638
	30,358,207



A LETTER FROM THE SOCIETY

After eight years of planning, immense consultations and construction, the end of 2016 marked the opening of PAFN’s main location, the GoodLife Fitness Family Autism Hub (the “Hub”). As 2017 progresses, this promises to be a very active inaugural year of its operation. As we are a lifespan organization, we are busy filling the Hub with partners who will be providing information services and resources to individuals and families living with autism, regardless of age. By the summer of 2017, the Hub will be providing services to hundreds of people on a weekly basis.

The Hub was always intended to be a focal point for a community serving the needs of both families and individuals on the spectrum. We are a place where people come to meet, learn and collaborate with each other.

As we look ahead, we are already hosting informational seminars and meetings sponsored by local and national autism organizations. Social groups are being hosted by partners and friends of the Hub, and Music Heals has moved in and begun conducting their programming.

We’ve also launched two Federal programs in the area of employee readiness. Worktopia, as well as a partnership with Ready, Willing and Able that has already led to the employment of over 70 people on the spectrum. Through these programs, we have been developing meaningful and long-term partnerships with community organizations, and are increasing the number of inclusive employee partners we have here in British Columbia. We look forward to continuing these programs into the coming year and involving widespread communities across our province.

We are working tirelessly to open two more regional Spokes this year. We will partner with existing resources within communities, and work with them to further increase their capacities and capabilities through information services and new programming. This year we begin to realize the planned Hub and Spoke model of services delivery, which eventually will touch communities throughout our vast province.

Finally, I would like to thank the dedicated board members who have provided their unwavering support of a very ambitious strategic plan. And of course, our dedicated employees who are working tirelessly to ensure that we are able to make our vision a reality for all those affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder in British Columbia.

Dr. Gabe Kalmar
President & CEO

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016

	2016
REVENUE (\$)	
Funding Contributors	299,006
Amortization of Deferred Capital	730
	299,736
EXPENSES (\$)	
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	346,547
Office	95,473
Professional Services	65,229
Amortization	5,735
Bank Charges	872
	513,856
Deficiency of Revenue Over Expenses	(214,120)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016

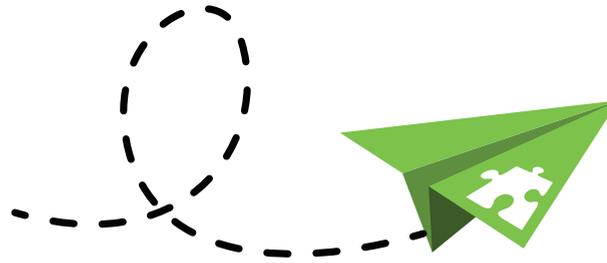
	2016
ASSETS – CURRENT (\$)	
Accounts Receivable	54,691
Prepaid Expenses	3,666
	58,357
Property and Equipment	30,372
	88,729
LIABILITIES (\$)	
Bank Indebtedness	34,040
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	81,234
Due to Pacific Family Autism Centre Foundation	77,734
Deferred Operating Contributions	94,011
	287,019
Deferred Capital Contributions	15,830
	302,849
NET ASSETS	
Invested in property and equipment	25,287
Unrestricted	(239,407)
	(214,120)
	88,729



Hub photos by Chris Brown



“The PAFN will be a place of community for Canadians with ASD and related disorders. It will serve to deepen the ties between Canadians of all backgrounds, an outcome that will strengthen our country.”
– Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada



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