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2 005 has been a year of growth for the Todd Foundation. We have increased the total funds distributed, we have developed our understanding of the sectors we fund and we have been joined by new Trustees and staff.

This year we distributed a total of \$1,250,826 from the three Todd Foundation programmes, a new record high.

We continued to refine the focus of our General Fund, which currently targets the health and education of children and young people. We identified three special themes for 2005: Supporting Early Childhood Education; Supporting Children and Young People with Disabilities; and Supporting Talented and Gifted Kids. Focus groups were held to identify the key needs and funding gaps in each area, and we'd like to thank the many talented people who gave their time to contribute to these very informative meetings.

Our Centenary Fund this year focused on rare diseases and genetic disorders and received some particularly interesting proposals for funding. I'd like to thank our specialist advisors who guided us through the application process: Dr Garth Cooper from the University of Auckland and Dr Vernon Chow from the Health Research Council.

This year we presented nine awards for postgraduate research, supporting projects ranging from investigating how the printing industry can become more environmentally sustainable to examining what causes naturally formed dams to fail.

2005 has also been a year of change and growth for our people at the Todd Foundation. We are sad to farewell long-serving family Trustees Joanna Todd and Lady Philippa Tait and our representative from the Law Society, David Collins; we will miss the insight and wisdom they have brought to the Board table. We welcome their successors, Malcolm Whyte, Charles Reid and John Marshall, as well as our new Associate Trustee, Georgina Ralston. I'd like to thank all our Trustees on both the Investment Board and the Administration Board for their ongoing contributions.

On the staff front, our outstanding and long-term Foundation Manager, Shirley Day, has chosen to reduce her hours owing to personal circumstances and has taken on a new part-time role as Grants Administrator for the Foundation. Shirley has contributed hugely in the past six years and we deeply appreciate her remaining with us. We have also created the new role of Executive Director, and welcome Kate Frykberg to the position. Kate has been involved in the philanthropic sector as a volunteer and a trustee and is also on the board of Philanthropy New Zealand. She has a business background and was the ASB Business Woman of the Year in 2000.

Finally, I'd like to extend my thanks to the many people who willingly provide the Todd Foundation with advice and guidance; to the shareholders, staff and Board of the Todd Corporation; and to all the people involved in delivering the programmes we support.

John D Todd

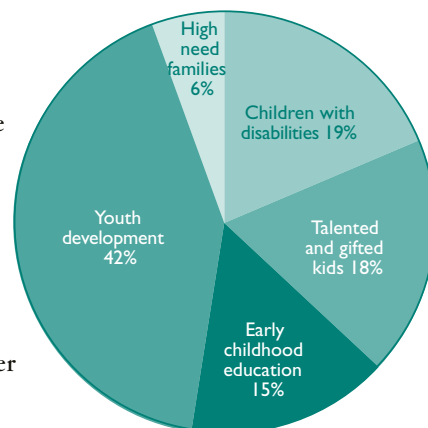
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Kerikeri High
students get
involved with their
community on the
Future Problem
Solving Programme
for gifted kids.
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executive director's *report*

I'm delighted to present my first report as Executive Director of the Todd Foundation. 2005 has been a great year for the Foundation; we received excellent applications in each of our funding programmes and we look forward to continued growth and learning in 2006.

THE GENERAL FUND

The General Fund continues to focus on children and young people, and this year made grants in five key themes: disabilities, talented and gifted kids, early childhood education, youth development, and supporting high need families. The chart opposite shows how funds were distributed across these themes. We've also included stories of some of the resulting grants in this report: introducing refugee families to early childhood education (on page 5), developing leadership skills for families with disabled children (on page 6) and challenging talented and gifted kids to make their communities a better place (on page 4).



THE CENTENARY FUND

In 2005 the Centenary Fund focused on rare diseases and genetic disorders, attracting a wide range of interesting proposals. We made four major grants and four smaller grants from the Fund. In this report you can see how the Todd Foundation is helping an investigation into the unexplained deaths of young people (page 6) and to discover what might be causing the debilitating and increasingly common Crohn's disease (page 4).

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Nine postgraduates from throughout New Zealand were presented with Awards for Excellence in 2005. We were impressed by the students' passion and by the diversity of their applications and we look forward to the findings and resulting benefits from each of their projects.

In 2006 we plan to continue reviewing our goals and how we achieve them so we can further increase the effectiveness of the Todd Foundation. We also appreciate that while our funds help to enable change, it is the organisations receiving them that make that change happen. I'd like to thank everyone who applied to the Foundation for funding this year and I look forward to an excellent 2006 for the whole community and voluntary sector.

Kate Frykberg

TRUSTEES AND STAFF

All decisions in response to applications for funding are made by the Trustees of the Todd Foundation Administration Board. Funding meetings are generally held twice a year in May and November. The Board comprises three representatives of the Todd family, an associate trustee from the Todd family and a representative from each of the New Zealand Law Society, Business New Zealand, the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions and Federated Farmers of New Zealand. The current Trustees are John Todd (Chairman), Malcolm Whyte, Charles Reid, John Marshall, David Moloney, Ross Wilson and Tom Lambie. Our Associate Trustee is Georgina Ralston.

The Todd Foundation Investment Board is responsible for investing the funds and advising the Administration Board on the amount available for distribution. Members of the Investment Board are John Todd (Chairman), Kevin O'Connor, Alan Harwood and David Wale.

The Foundation employs two part-time staff, Executive Director Kate Frykberg and Grants Administrator Shirley Day.

uncovering the mysteries of Crohn's disease



With the Todd Foundation's help, researchers may be on the path to finding the cause of a debilitating, chronic disease that affects thousands of people in New Zealand.

Crohn's disease (CD) is one of two types of inflammatory bowel disease that require lifelong medication and often major surgery. Yet despite blighting the lives of millions around the world, little has yet been learned about its origins.

That's about to change, because medical researchers at the Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Otago, and Southern Community Laboratories have made significant progress in understanding CD. And now, with a Centenary Grant from the Todd Foundation, they'll be able to conduct further research into its causes.

Past research has already revealed that people suffering from CD often have a faulty 'CARD15' gene, which reduces their immunity to bacterium – and researchers believe the bacterium causing the disease could be *Mycobacterium avium subsp. paratuberculosis* (or MAP).

"We've already shown that CD patients with faulty CARD15 are more likely to have MAP in their blood," explains researcher Dr Rebecca Roberts. "Now we want to carry out a conclusive study to prove the link between MAP and CARD15."

"If we can do this, we may pave the way for the development of novel medications to manage CD," says researcher Dr Richard Gearry. "It could also lead to health initiatives designed to reduce MAP in the environment."

For CD sufferers, research like this could bring much-needed answers and relief – helping them to lead more enjoyable and productive lives.

engaging gifted kids in transforming our future



An innovative programme is helping to unleash young people's potential to influence – and transform for the better – the societies of today and tomorrow.

Future Problem Solving (FPS) is designed for gifted primary and secondary school students nationwide. Over the course of a year, the students work in teams to consider some of the complex social and scientific problems our global society is likely to face in future. Using a six-step problem-solving process, they are encouraged to think creatively and critically, consider values and ethics, find solutions and develop plans of action to solve the problems they identify.

This programme also includes 'Community Problem Solving', where students identify a problem in their local community, apply the problem-solving process they've learned, develop a plan of action and implement their solution. This has contributed to some profound changes in local communities – like the Year 6 team in Kerikeri who were a key force behind the Far North District Council's decision to build a bypass around the Kerikeri Stone Store Basin. Originally developed in the United States and introduced to New Zealand in 1990, FPS is available in many New Zealand schools thanks to the dedication of the largely volunteer staff. The Todd Foundation has helped to put the organisation on a more secure footing by funding administration and office expenses, which will allow it to expand the programme further this year.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING: WWW.FPSNZ.CO.NZ

introducing refugee families to early childhood education

Helping refugee parents support their children in Early Childhood Education is an important aspect of successful resettlement for refugee families with young children.

Every year, New Zealand accepts 750 refugees from the United Nations refugee agency, UNHCR – and as part of their resettlement programme, all newcomers undertake a six-week orientation programme at the Mangere Refugee Centre.

The programme aims to answer refugees' questions about their new country and culture – including how to ensure their young children are well cared for and educated.

To meet this need, the early childhood education centre (located at the Mangere Refugee Centre and run by the Auckland University of Technology) provides a pre-school programme that reflects New Zealand's early childhood curriculum, *Te Whariki*. A crucial part

of the programme is a 'partnership' between parents and teachers, who together support the children's learning.

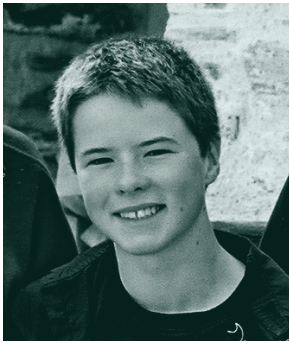
Many refugee families (particularly mothers) have no formal education and are not literate in their own language – yet they need information if they are to feel comfortable in their new setting and empowered to make appropriate decisions for their children.

Recognising this issue – and a lack of resources currently available for newly arrived parents – the Todd Foundation is supporting the production of a multilingual DVD and picture booklet on early childhood education in New Zealand; how it works, what the children are taught and how parents can help their children in the learning process. The DVD and booklet will be used both at the Mangere Refugee Centre and at early childhood education centres throughout New Zealand that have refugee or migrant children on their rolls. Together, they will provide a useful and easily understood introduction for our new residents – helping them to become full and contributing participants in our society and their children's education.



Refugee children, parents and teachers learn together at the Mangere Refugee Centre Early Childhood Education Centre.

lucky to be alive...



Twelve-year-old Cure Kids ambassador Daniel McKay is lucky to be alive. He's one of many young New Zealanders who suffer from the inherited cardiac disease 'long QT syndrome', otherwise known as the 'silent killer'.

Dan, who wears a pacemaker, is one of the lucky ones diagnosed before it was too late. Others are not so fortunate and many apparently fit, healthy and active children can die from long QT, suddenly and without warning. What's more, the victims' family members may also be at risk. In fact, the disease has become so prevalent that it outstrips childhood leukaemia with at least 80 deaths every year.

Cure Kids, an organisation committed to raising funds for medical research into children's life-threatening illnesses, is spearheading research into long QT syndrome and other inherited cardiac conditions. The research will be undertaken by leading Auckland paediatric cardiologist Dr Jon Skinner and his team at the Cardiac Inherited Diseases Group, who are passionate about setting up a national screening programme for diseases like long QT. "Cure Kids recognises the importance of a national screening programme and subsequent genetic testing for family members," says Chief Executive Kaye Parker. "It will mean immediate life-saving treatment for anyone suffering from long QT and other inherited cardiac diseases.

"Diagnosing the problem is expensive," she says, "and we're indebted to the Todd Foundation for helping us with this vital project. It's a contribution that will have far-reaching benefits for many New Zealand families."

CURE KIDS:

WWW.CUREKIDS.ORG.NZ

empowering families *with disabled children*



"Magic happens when families are given an opportunity to focus on our sons and daughters and really see their gifts, talents and courage." (Sharon Burke - Crucial Times, November 2005)

Families who have children with disabilities have an ally and advocate in 'Standards Plus' - an independent agency that promotes leadership and quality services for people with disabilities and their families.

With support from the Todd Foundation, Standards Plus has developed a free-of-charge series to help families identify the possibilities in their children's lives and to pursue more positive futures for their children. The goal: to dispel the myth that children's disabilities define who they are and the opportunities available to them - and to recognise that it's not the disability that prevents a positive future, but the devaluation, low expectations, exclusions and misunderstandings that disabled people experience during their lives. Running for one weekend a month over a five-month period, the 2006 series will focus on supporting families with children from birth to 15 years, and the 2007 series on supporting families facing the challenges of young adulthood.

Both series will cover theoretical and practical advice and, as a follow-up, Standards Plus will provide each family with individual support in meeting the inevitable challenges and dilemmas they encounter. It's a wonderful opportunity to help carers to make a positive difference to their children's lives - and develop their own strengths and skills in the process.

STANDARDS PLUS :

WWW.IMAGINEBETTER.CO.NZ

ABOUT THE TODD FOUNDATION

The Todd Foundation, one of New Zealand's earliest private family foundations, was established in 1972 at the initiative of the Todd family.

THE GENERAL FUND

The General Fund currently focuses on children and young people in the areas of education, health and life skills, and prefers applications from charitable organisations for major projects or initiatives that will:

- support families to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children
- help children to be school-ready by age five and, after that, to actively participate in school life
- help young people to develop their potential and participate fully in the community.

THE CENTENARY FUND

The Centenary Fund is an invitation-only fund for projects of national or regional significance. In 2005, we targeted Health and Science, and focused on Genetic Disorders and Rare Diseases. In 2006 we will target Arts and Cultural Heritage, and will select projects that promote tolerance and celebrate our cultural diversity.

SCHOLARSHIP IN ENERGY RESEARCH

This newly introduced, three-year postgraduate Scholarship in Energy Research will be awarded for doctoral research undertaken at a New Zealand university or approved research institution.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Awards for Excellence are available to postgraduates for research projects that are likely to directly benefit New Zealand and its people and are undertaken at an approved university or polytechnic. The Awards are offered each year in three categories: Science and Technology (including Agriculture and Conservation); Engineering and Manufacturing (including Architecture and Design); and Business and Commerce.

For scholarships and awards, please contact the New Zealand Universities' Vice-Chancellors' Committee. For all other enquiries, visit www.toddfoundation.org.nz, email info@toddfoundation.org.nz, phone (04) 931 6189, or write to PO Box 3142, Wellington.

GRANTS APPROVED – 2005

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the nine recipients of our Awards for Excellence. A total of \$47,000 was awarded, compared with \$59,000 in 2004.

Ming Wei Bong (Canterbury) for a Masters study into building fire safety, **Richard Faville** (Auckland) for a PhD study into modelling pacemaker cells for the gastrointestinal tract, **Michelle King** (Massey) for a Masters study into emotional intelligence and occupational stress, **Jack Lee** (Auckland) for a PhD study into the dynamics of blood flow in the heart, **Sara Pritchett** (Victoria) for a PhD study into sustainability issues in the printing industry, **Joanna Somers** (Waikato) for a PhD study into the structure and function of chromatin and gene expression, **Malina Storer** (Otago) for a PhD study into the measurement of vitamin deficiencies in elderly hip fracture patients, **Qing Wang** (Massey) for a Masters study into the logical basis of query languages accessing web databases, and **Jeremy Wishart** (Canterbury) for a Masters study into what causes dams caused by natural landslides to fail.

CENTENARY FUND: FOR RESEARCH INTO GENETIC DISORDERS AND RARE DISEASES

Cardiac Inherited Disease Group and Cure Kids	\$130,000	University of Otago	\$28,000
<i>Long QT syndrome research</i>		<i>Neurological assessment of subjects with callosal agenesis</i>	
Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences	\$40,725	Discretionary Grants	\$27,600
<i>Crohn's disease research</i>		<i>(Human Genetics Society: \$11,000 for prenatal testing and childhood leukaemia diagnosis, Genetic Services of New Zealand: \$1,600 for website development, NZ Organisation for Rare Disorders: \$15,000 for support group websites)</i>	
Human Genetic Society of Australasia	\$20,580	TOTAL CENTENARY FUND GRANTS 2005:	\$246,905
<i>Researching support needs for hereditary cancer risk</i>		Total Centenary Fund grants 2004:	\$250,000

GENERAL FUND

Arts Access Aotearoa	\$5,055	NZ Association of Gifted Children	\$12,000
<i>Arts advocacy initiative for young people in Northland</i>		<i>'Philosophy over Pizza' roadshow for gifted children</i>	
ASDAN Educational	\$15,000	Parent to Parent	\$10,000
<i>Interactive education tools for students with profound learning needs</i>		<i>Training programme for Sibling Support leaders</i>	
Auckland University/Pacific Foundation	\$100,000	Project K Trust	\$50,000
<i>MATES programme to support secondary students into tertiary education</i>		<i>Support for regional Project K programmes</i>	
Autism New Zealand	\$10,000	Rape Crisis Auckland	\$15,000
<i>Support for the Biannual Autism NZ conference</i>		<i>'Body Safe' programme for secondary schools</i>	
Book Council, New Zealand	\$34,600	Royal Society of New Zealand	\$50,000
<i>'Writers in Schools' and 'Wordspace' programmes</i>		<i>CREST awards for science and technology</i>	
CPS Training	\$33,900	Standards and Monitoring Service	\$82,587
<i>Attendees on Child Protection courses</i>		<i>'Partners in Policy Making' for families with disabled children</i>	
De La Salle College	\$60,000	Standards Plus	\$49,800
<i>Literacy Centre support and expansion</i>		<i>'Taking a lead' programme for families of disabled children</i>	
Ethnic Word	\$20,000	Starship Foundation	\$19,250
<i>Bilingual Pasifika books to Pasifika pre-schoolers</i>		<i>Purchase of a brain rescue monitor for the Neonatal Unit</i>	
Future Problem Solving New Zealand	\$75,000	Child Development Foundation	\$56,750
<i>National administration to support and extend the programme</i>		<i>Upgrade the 'Reaching Out' programme for 11-13 year olds</i>	
Girl Guide Association – Te Rōpu Tamariki Club	\$15,000	Water Safety New Zealand	\$30,000
<i>Resources for Te Rōpu Tamariki life skills programme</i>		<i>Development of a pre-school water safety kit</i>	
Haemophilia Foundation	\$10,000	WestREAP	\$50,000
<i>Support a family camp for newly diagnosed families</i>		<i>Support and expansion of the Early Literacy Project</i>	
Holiday seminars for gifted children	\$4,800	Youth Skills New Zealand	\$50,000
<i>Six scholarships for children from low-decile rural schools</i>		<i>Support and strengthen the Youth Skills national office</i>	
Kidpower*Teenpower*Fullpower Trust	\$25,800	Youthline	\$10,000
<i>Kidpower personal safety training programme in Auckland</i>		<i>Seminars for intermediate and secondary students</i>	
Mangere Refugee Centre	\$35,000	YWCA – Auckland	\$15,000
<i>Tools to introduce refugees to early childhood education</i>		<i>Mentor training for the 'Future Leaders' programme</i>	
Napier Family Centre	\$12,379	TOTAL GENERAL FUND GRANTS 2005:	\$956,921
<i>Professional development and counselling services</i>		Total General Fund grants 2004:	\$869,539



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