



## Fresh look, same commitment to enriching lives!

The Saskatchewan Abilities Council has been a staple in the province since its inception in 1950. Much like the province, our non-profit organization has evolved, grown and created a space of inclusion, trust and acceptance over time. Our mandate and name, originally the Saskatchewan Council for Crippled Children, have also reflected this progress. After thoughtful consideration, we decided it was time for another historic change.

On October 19, 2017, we unveiled a new operating name, logo, vision and mission to hundreds of supporters and staff members all across Saskatchewan through a live video presentation.

"We wanted to pay tribute to our organization's notable history while modernizing the logo to reflect the tremendous efforts we've made over the past several years. Our new logo is a true reflection of our growth and transformation," said Ian Wilkinson, Executive Director of SaskAbilities.

SaskAbilities is a more modern, streamlined version of our name that still maintains a respectful nod to our history and roots in the community. The colours chosen for the new logo are fresh and modern. The charcoal grey stands for stability and trust, while the green represents renewal, growth and well-being.

"At the heart of what we do will always be the individuals we support and the communities we serve," continued Wilkinson. "As we continue our work in the community, strong brand recognition will unify the many SaskAbilities programs, services and products."

By integrating the growth and expertise gained in decades of being a vital resource for individuals and families experiencing disability, SaskAbilities is positioned to better serve the interests of individuals with disabilities and promote strong, vibrant communities all across Saskatchewan.

Learn more about our rebranding at our new website [saskabilities.ca](http://saskabilities.ca).



### Mission

SaskAbilities supports people experiencing disability with programs and services to enhance their lives.

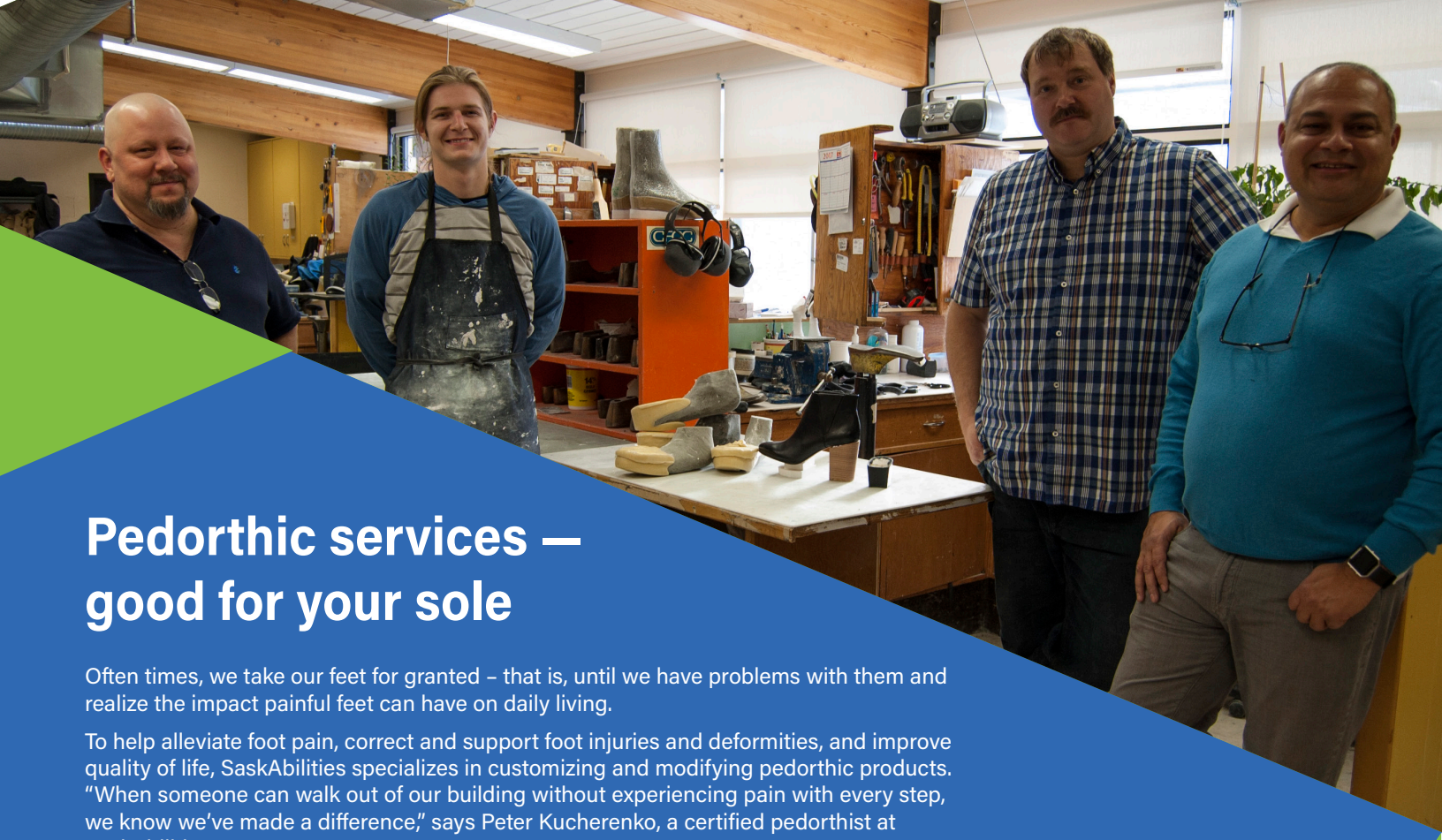
### Vision

Working together to build inclusive communities for people of all abilities.

### Values

We treat people with respect, honesty and compassion.  
Our programs and services are client-centred, goal-oriented and accountable.  
We value teamwork, excellence and innovation.



A photograph of four men standing in a workshop. From left to right: a man with a beard in a dark blue polo, a man in a blue long-sleeved shirt and a dark apron, a man in a blue and white plaid shirt, and a man in a teal sweater. They are standing behind a workbench with various shoe-making tools and materials. The background shows shelves with boxes and a window.

## Pedorthic services — good for your sole

Often times, we take our feet for granted – that is, until we have problems with them and realize the impact painful feet can have on daily living.

To help alleviate foot pain, correct and support foot injuries and deformities, and improve quality of life, SaskAbilities specializes in customizing and modifying pedorthic products. "When someone can walk out of our building without experiencing pain with every step, we know we've made a difference," says Peter Kucherenko, a certified pedorthist at SaskAbilities.

Our staff can provide everything from custom foot orthotics, shoe raises and modifications, partial-foot prostheses to toe fillers and custom fabricated therapeutic footwear. "For someone with a significant foot deformity, finding shoes can be a challenge," notes Nestor Lemus, pedorthic technician. "But we're here to help."

Lemus, who grew up in El Salvador where he learned the trade, and Stefan Schilling, a pedorthic technician who trained in Germany and worked as an orthopaedic shoemaker before immigrating to Canada, both bring years of training and experience to SaskAbilities. Nolan Anderson, also a pedorthic technician, is learning the trade and supporting clinical staff in the provision of quality products in this specialized service. Our team is passionate about the work they do, bringing innovation, dedication and fun-loving personality to the department.

Custom foot orthotics, often called arch supports, are the most commonly requested item from the department. Foot orthotics may be prescribed for conditions such as plantar fasciitis (pain in the bottom of the foot), heel spurs or metatarsalgia (pain in the ball of the foot), or to help relieve knee pain, back pain or shin splints. Foot orthotics may also assist in alleviating ulcers on the sole related to diabetes, arthritis, neuropathy and other diseases.

Another common service provided by the pedorthic department is shoe raises, used to help align leg length discrepancies. The process involves stripping the sole off an existing shoe, adding the appropriate raise and re-applying the sole. One of the goals of this modification is to integrate the raise as seamlessly as possible so it meets the client's physical needs while still maintaining the original appearance of the shoe. Schilling recently came up with an innovative idea of colour matching the shoe crepe to improve the appearance. Similar to colour matching for paint colour, we can now match shoe colours and apply them to the crepe – which opens a whole new area of possibilities for shoe modifications.

"It is rewarding when a client is thrilled with the result of a modification to their footwear," says Schilling. "We all need shoes and want them to look good. The more options we can provide, the better!"



**For over 67 years, SaskAbilities has been evolving and expanding in both scale and scope to meet new and emerging needs in the community.**

We have a long, rich history. Some of our highlights include:



- 1950** Parents of children with cerebral palsy found the Saskatchewan Council for Crippled Children (SCCC)
- 1951** SCCC extends services to include adults
- 1954** Camp Easter Seal opens for its first summer; Orthopaedic Services opens in Saskatoon
- 1980** Specialized Seating services is added to the roster of programs
- 1984** Regina introduces the sewing department, technical aids services and driver training program; the Saskatchewan Council for Crippled Children and Adults officially changes its name to the Saskatchewan Abilities Council
- 1994** Camp Easter Seal celebrates 40 years with a staff and camper reunion; the aquatic centre at Camp Easter Seal opens to campers
- 2009** Ministry of Social Services presents the Spirit Award for Community Organizations in the people with disabilities category to the Saskatoon Branch
- 2012** Yorkton RecyclAbility Enterprises opens
- 2016** Swift Current launches the Volunteering in Community initiative; Saskatoon Quality of Life Centre opens new facility; Regina begins delivering home and day supports in Moose Jaw; Saskatoon begins offering an autism-specific employment program
- 2017** Operating name officially changes to SaskAbilities

**Rehabilitation Services supports over 50,000 people in Saskatchewan!**

**We couldn't fulfill the needs of our clients without our team of highly trained staff members.**

**62** staff members supporting Rehabilitation Services across the province

**28** staff members in Orthopaedics

**30** staff members in Special Needs Equipment

**20,707** permits issued provincially through the Parking for People with Disabilities in 2016

**5** Special Needs Equipment depots located across Saskatchewan

## Join SaskAbilities today!

Your membership will help improve the quality of life for thousands of people living with disabilities in Saskatchewan!

**Enclosed is my membership contribution of:**

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## Upcoming Events!

### Snowarama - February 10, 2018

Fire up your snowmobile engines and prepare for some powder! Easter Seals™ Snowarama will be revving engines in Yorkton on February 10, 2018. Even after 41 years of snowmobiling for Easter Seals™ kids, the support of riders, corporate sponsors, volunteers and donors is unprecedented. Last year's event raised over \$180,000! Join in on the comradery, extended sled trail, cabaret and great prizes on February 10! For more information or to register, please contact Community Relations Coordinator Deana Jesmer at 306-782-2463.



### Ability Bowl - April 21, 2018

On April 21, 2018 we're bringing the beach to the bowling alley for the 31st annual Ability Bowl in Swift Current! Last year over 40 teams embraced the Rock 'n' Roll theme, bowled in support of the programs and services offered by the SaskAbilities Swift Current branch, and helped raise over \$70,000! This year, pack your floaties, bathing suit and sunglasses and join us for 'Beach Bowl'! For more information or to register, please contact Community Relations Coordinator Brenna Ekstrand at 306-773-2076.



### Drop Zone Saskatchewan - Tentative date August 25, 2018

Calling all superheroes! Drop Zone Saskatchewan is looking across the province for the next great adrenaline junkie superhero to rappel a high-rise building, all in support of Easter Seal™ Saskatchewan programs and kids. This year, the event is hosted in Regina, but we're bussing participants near and far to join us. For more information, please contact [funddevelopment@saskabilities.ca](mailto:funddevelopment@saskabilities.ca).

### Winter Windfall - 50/50 raffle

SaskAbilities is launching its first-ever provincial 50/50 raffle! Tickets can be purchased online and at select SaskAbilities branches beginning November 29, 2017 and we'll draw the winning number on February 10, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. at the Snowarama banquet in Yorkton. For more information, please visit our website at [www.saskabilities.ca](http://www.saskabilities.ca).

Licensee: Saskatchewan Abilities Council Inc. Only applicable to individuals aged 19 and over. Tickets shall not be sold to persons located outside of Saskatchewan. Cash winning up to \$58,480.

## SaskAbilities Programs & Services

### Vocational Services

- Employment Opportunities
- Supported Employment
- Support Services
- Training

### Rehabilitation Services

- Adaptive Technology
- Orthopaedics
- Parking Program for People with Disabilities
- Special Needs Equipment

### Recreational Programs

- Quality of Life Centres
- Camp Easter Seal
- Life Enrichment
- SLYP-Out
- Summer Fun
- Access Transit