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In addition to the specialty diets, we must also meet the every day nutritional requirements of the remaining campers and staff. The kitchen staff serves from as few as 75 people to over 200 people in each camp session.

Previously, ingredients were spread out into several chest freezers at different locations in our kitchen, causing special diet staff to spend extra time searching for what they need.

The commercial walk-in freezer is used to store all ingredients in a central location, which has significantly increased productivity and efficiency in our food preparation.



United Way Worldwide/Cargill Commercial Walk-in Freezer

We would like to thank United Way Worldwide/Cargill for their wonderful contribution to our kitchen. With this new commercial walk-in freezer, it is now easier for staff to prepare and provide healthy meals for all campers to enjoy.

Su Huynh

What is Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan?

The Saskatchewan Abilities Council is a proud member of Easter Seals™ Canada. The financial support Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan receives each year allows us to offer rehabilitation and recreational programs for children with disabilities in our province.



Summer Fun

Summer Fun is an urban day camp program for children and youth with disabilities offered by the four branches of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. Activities and field trips within the community provide participants with learning and recreational opportunities that are fun and which help to foster personal development.



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Camp Easter Seal

Camp Easter Seal is the only completely wheelchair accessible camp facility in Saskatchewan. With activities such as horseback riding, swimming, sports, and much more, it provides a fun and barrier free experience to all campers. Camp Easter Seal welcomes campers with varied disabilities including those with high medical needs.



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Adaptive Technology Services

Adaptive Technology Services is dedicated to applying electronics and computers to aid in communication and daily living. Assessment, installation, and repair services are offered for communication and environmental equipment.



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Independence through Adaptive Technology

Adaptive Technology Services increases communication and independence by matching electronic technology to a person's special needs. Adaptive technology provides a level of autonomy and self-reliance that has a life-changing effect on the lives of people of all ages and abilities. The technology that currently exists in this area, and that is being developed, is astounding.

Communication tools, for example, can allow a person to touch a computer screen in order to 'speak' and interact, enlarged keyboards offer ease of use, and a revolutionary computer screen can be operated by eye movement alone. Sip-and-puff devices can select and navigate a computer by controlling breath inhalations and exhalations.

Reg Bartsch, Electronics Technologist with Adaptive Technology Services at the Saskatchewan Abilities Council, works with clients to find the right adaptive technology that can open the door to independence and an easier, encouraging, and richer life experience. Sierra, a nine-year old who attends school at Pierceland Central School, has a condition (arthrogryposis multiplex) which results in very little strength and essentially no movement in her upper extremities. Sierra uses her feet for typing and printing, and her feet, knees and trunk movement to control her power wheelchair with switches placed to make them accessible for her.

When Sierra initially received her power wheelchair, Reg worked on adaptations required

to operate the chair with switches and on placement of the switches so she could control her chair independently. Working with Sierra and her family, her occupational therapist and school staff members, Reg has now been part of the team which developed and provided a wireless interface and switch to enable Sierra to access her school computer using the buttons she uses for driving her chair.



Sierra

Our Electronics Technologist works with clients of all ages and abilities to find the adaptive technology that is right for them. Any Saskatchewan resident can access Adaptive Technology services on a fee-for-service basis. For consultations, assessments, training, equipment set-up, or other information, please call Reg Bartsch at (306) 374-4448.

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2012 Easter Seals™ Ambassadors

Easter Seals™ Ambassadors provide a great service to Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan. Ambassadors attend fund raising events as representatives for other kids with disabilities and they are often asked to speak about how Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan programs have made a difference in their lives. We are pleased to announce our newest Ambassadors!

Leah Castle Regina Ambassador

When you're a kid, your summer days are spent chasing friends, having water fights and hanging out in the sunshine. Leah Castle does all of this, and more! Leah was born with cerebral palsy, but she never lets that stand in her way. In her senior French Immersion class at W.H. Ford School, Leah is an active and engaged student who loves gym class best of all. Earlier this year, Leah was honoured by her fellow students and by the media at her official Easter Seals™ Ambassador launch at a special school assembly with her family in attendance. Having spent her second year at Camp Easter Seal last summer, Leah is a dedicated camper and looks forward to being reunited with her friends and camp counsellors each summer.



Mackenzie Kulcsár



Bailey Clark Yorkton Ambassador

Bailey Clark is a talkative, cheerful and quick-witted girl who lives on an acreage with her parents and younger sister. Bailey loves animals and spending time with family and friends. As Easter Seals™ Snowarama Ambassador she helped raise the final total of \$130,000 made during the 2012 event. Bailey has enjoyed Yorkton's Summer Fun for the past three years and is very excited to attend Camp Easter Seal for her fifth time. Friends and camp counsellors look forward to the nightly "treats" they all get to open sent from Bailey's family at home. Friends, fun, baking, arts and crafts are the highlights for Bailey each summer at Camp Easter Seal.

Deana Jesmer

Taylor Denny Saskatoon Ambassador

Taylor Denny is very excited to be this year's Easter Seal Ambassador. Taylor was born with cerebral palsy and must walk with a walker or use a wheelchair. She currently attends Lawson Heights School and enjoys choir, wheelchair dance, swimming, arts and crafts, reading, bike riding and chocolate. This past summer, Taylor spent her second time away from her parents at Camp Easter Seal. At first she thought she would be homesick, but quickly realized that at camp they are too busy having fun to get homesick. The things she likes best about Camp are the horses, swimming, Rustics and all her friends from all over the province. She notes that the food and the counsellors are really great too!



Mona Loshack

Out and About with Summer Fun

The Saskatchewan Abilities Council Summer Fun program provides fun and excitement for children and young adults in Saskatchewan with disabilities. Participants of the program enjoy a variety of recreational activities out in the community, including: swimming, baking, arts and crafts, bowling, just to name a few. Brette Crockett and Marisa Pavelich, Saskatoon Summer Fun Coordinators, walk us through a typical Summer Fun Program outing:

and hold snakes, hedgehogs, ferrets, and porcupines. The kids really enjoyed it! Then we had a mini-picnic, where we ate cupcakes donated to us by Crave Cupcakes. After eating, we all went our separate ways to see the animals we liked best."

Brette Crockett, Summer Fun Coordinator



"On July 19th and 25th, we went to the Forestry Farm with the kids. We did a 'Meet the Creature' session, where we got to touch

Summer Fun is offered at our Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current, and Yorkton branches and provides fun and creative outings for over 80 participants each summer. If you know a child or young adult that can benefit from the activities provided by our Summer Fun Program, please check out the *Quality of Life: Recreation Programs* section on our website, www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca.

United Way Worldwide/Cargill helps meet special dietary needs of campers

This summer we were better able to provide our campers and staff with nutritional and healthy meals with United Way Worldwide/Cargill's generous donation of a commercial walk-in freezer.



To understand the significant value of this donation, you first need to know about preparing meals at Camp Easter Seal. Many of our campers have special dietary needs that require various specialty ingredients and equipment. Extensive preparation is often needed to meet these special dietary requirements.

Due to the demand, a special diet staff member with a nutrition and dietetic background is primarily responsible for preparing the special diet foods. This staff member may have to prepare diabetic diets, therapeutic diets, allergen-free diets, PKU (phenylketonuria) diets, calorie reduced diets and any other diets as required.

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Easter Seals™ Drop Zone smashes fund raising records!

This year's Easter Seals™ Drop Zone event, held August 25 in Regina and August 28 in Saskatoon, was another incredible success! Superheroes came from all over to lend their support, either by rappelling, volunteering, or collecting donations to help send kids to camp. Funds raised for our province totalled over \$228,000 - a new record for Saskatoon and Regina! Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Abilities Council would like to thank all of our participants, sponsors, and volunteers for their continued support of the event. For more pictures and information on our sponsors, you can visit the *Events* section on our website, www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca.



More water fun!

Camp Easter Seal is the only barrier-free residential camp in the province, and it is one of the most visible programs of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. Camp Easter Seal is proud to be able to offer similar activities to any camp in the province including: swimming, boating, horseback riding, a therapeutic garden, special events days, arts and crafts, rustic camping, cook-outs, picnics, dancing, campfires and singsongs.



with a sense of accomplishment as well as the opportunity to be physically active and develop new skills with a new sport.

This year we introduced another water sport, tubing. Both tubing and waterskiing were offered off camp at a fresh water lake. Not only was this an exciting program for the campers to try but also gave them a feeling of going on a field trip away from camp. Tubing was initially introduced to the younger campers who may not be old enough to water ski but in the end all the older campers tried as well!

By the time summer was over we had over 50 campers that participated in and enjoyed our new tubing program.

Su Huynh

Last year we introduced waterskiing and wheelchair basketball for our campers - two activities that many people with disabilities have not had access to. By offering these two programs we were able to provide the campers

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