

Annual Report 2024



LOOKING AHEAD

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CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF IMPACT

The Beginning

Inspired by the AAD Camp Discovery, in 2005, Dr. Danielle Marcoux revisited the idea that Dr. Karen Scully proposed at the 1999 CDA AGM of hosting a summer camp for children with skin diseases. Together with Dr Gordon Searles, they envisioned the possibility of partnering with Camp Papillon in Québec, a 40-acre site 40km North of Joliette, on the shore of lake St-Pierre. This well-run, fully equipped, long-established camp for children with disabilities, used by the Quebec Society for Disabled Children, such as arthritis is fully indemnified for all participants.

In 2008-09, Stiefel Canada, through their president Mr. Richard MacKay, offered an inestimable financial support to start the project. We then could benefit from the involvement and devoted support from Mr. Pierre Boucher, Director Commercial Dermatology, Stiefel Canada Inc., a GSK company, and finalize the legal charter of Camp Liberté Society with Borden Larden Gervais (August 2009). Mrs Gillian Panini became the Administrator of Camp Liberté Society, and we also were able to hire 2 nurses for the 2009 Camp Liberté and could cover other expenses related to the Camp Liberté.

Michelle Albagli and her team at the CDA Head Office provided invaluable administrative support in the first steps for incorporating Camp Liberty Society and in the initial launch phase of Camp Liberté.

The Mission

The Mission of Camp Liberté is to: "Provide Canadian children with chronic skin conditions an opportunity to grow in confidence and self-esteem through a multicultural outdoor camping experience in a fun, safe, bilingual environment".

Dr Kirk Barber – Vice President

Dr. Marcoux's vision of a summer camp for the children with skin disease was our inspiration to establish a second camp in Western Canada for 2025. A partnership with Easter Seals, the corporate sponsorship of Camp Liberte and the handwork of Dr. Sarah Oberholtzer, a medical resident now Rheumatologist, made it a reality. The camp is now 10 years old and an annual success. The mountain playground and the new friends found create the children's smiles that motivate our mission to fulfill Dr. Marcoux's mission.

Dr. Michele Ramien – Vice President

Some of my happiest moments in clinic have been telling patients and families about Camp Liberte - a camp for kids with skin disorders, where everyone 'has something' and everyone is welcome. I love watching their eyes light up as they imagine what camp might be like this time... Having volunteered at the camp as a dermatology resident and staff dermatologist, I have seen firsthand the power of connection between kids enjoying a 'regular week' at camp to grow confidence and develop new perspectives.

Thank you to everyone who makes this camp experience possible - from the sponsors to the camp and support staff to the board of directors - the feeling of purpose and heartfelt commitment is palpable. Special kudos to the original trio of Dr.'s Marcoux, Searles, and Landells who have championed the camp from the start, did you imagine it would come this far? Five camps across Canada and fifteen years later...Congratulations, Camp Liberte, on turning 15!

Dr. Gordon Searles – Secretary – Treasurer

Congratulations to Camp Liberté on an incredible 15 years of dedicated service to children with skin conditions across Canada! Your unwavering commitment to creating life-changing experiences for children with skin conditions is truly inspiring. This milestone is a testament to the passion, care, and resilience that define our mission.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our amazing sponsors, whose generous support has made this journey possible. Your contributions have empowered countless children to enjoy the joy of camp, build friendships, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Here's to many more years of making a difference together!

OUR TEAM



Dr. Danielle Marcoux; *President*

Dr. Gordon Searles; *Secretary-Treasurer*

Dr. Kirk Barber; *Vice President*

Dr. Michele Ramien; *Vice President*

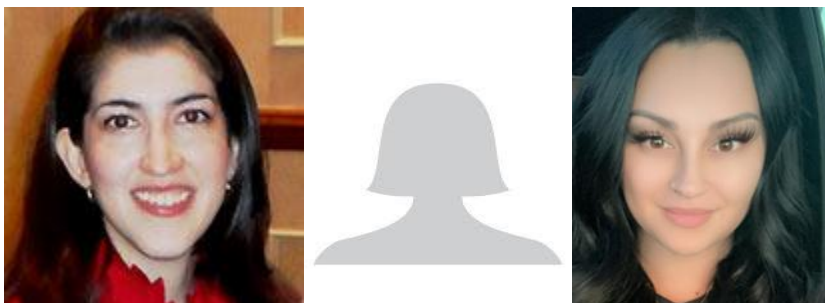


Dr. Cathryn Sibbald; *Director*

Dr. Irene Lara-Corrales; *Director*

Dr. Joel Claveau; *Director*

Dr. James Bergman; *Director*



Dr. Claudia Posso; *Associate*

Sharon Henderson; *Associate*

Rebecca Sejdic; *Administrator*

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

We are happy to announce that in 2024 we had six camps across Canada – British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick with the opportunity to offer the camping experience to over 100 children.

Camp Liberté Society is a Registered Canadian Charity independent of the Canadian Dermatology Association (CDA). The Society operates with an executive of four volunteer dermatologists and a board of directors.

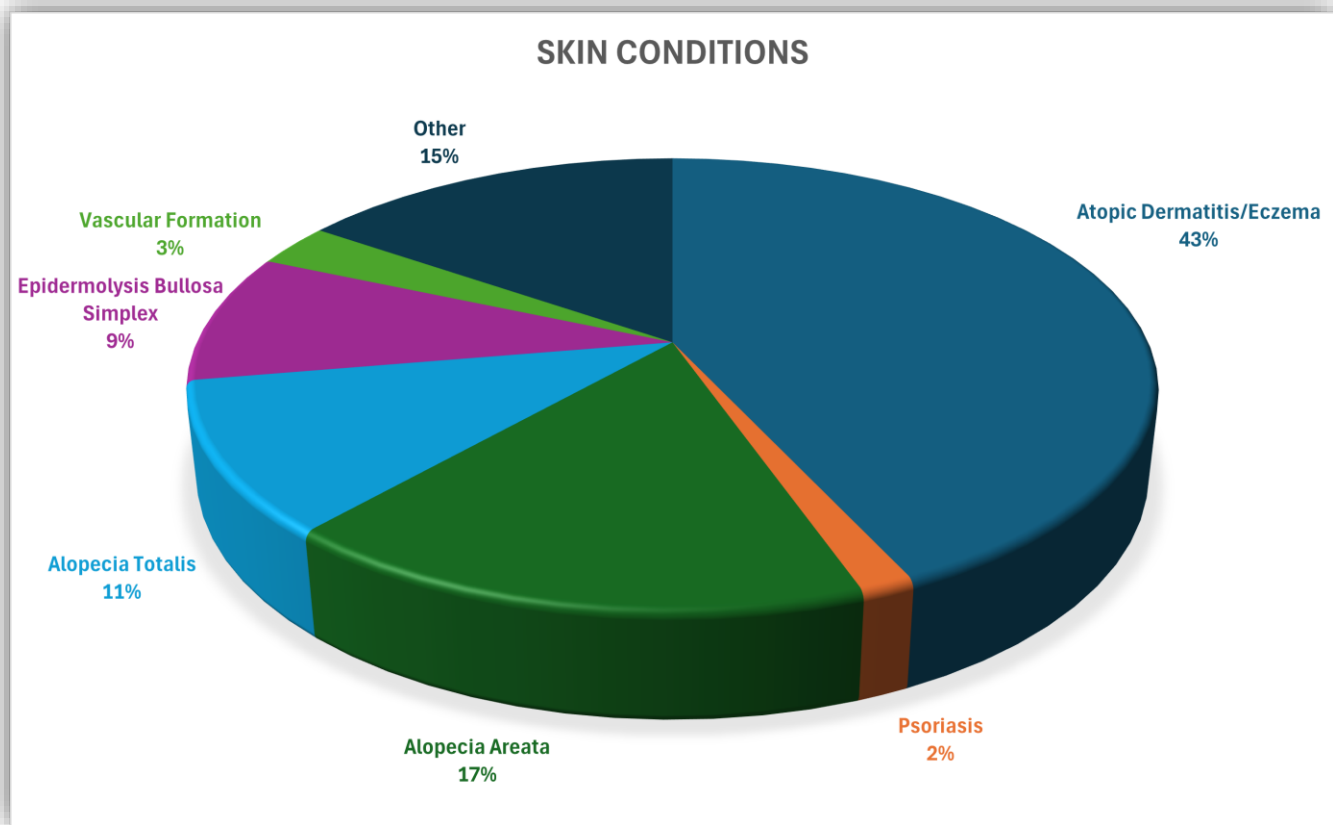


Camp Liberté offers Dermatologists the opportunity to refer their patients, ages 6-14, for an unforgettable, life-changing, camp experience. The camp is medically supervised by dermatologists and dermatology residents, and due to generous donations, there is no cost for the children to attend.

You can give the gift of summer camp by simply sending your patients contact info and diagnosis by email to info@campliberte.ca or by fax to 403-910.2432.

We will look after the rest!

PROGRAM IMPACT



OTHER SKIN CONDITIONS:

Oculocutaneous Albinism
 Albinism & Hypopigmentation
 Basal Cell Nevus Syndrome
 Xeroderma Pigmentosum
 Incontinentia Pigmenti
 Acne Conglobata
 Congenital Nevus
 Hemangioma/Port Wine Stain

“To all other kids, with skin conditions just like me, you are unique, and you are awesome” - Mati, camper

I just wanted to take a moment to share how delighted I am as a mother to see how much my daughter enjoyed her time at camp. The camp was both a first-time for me and her as well and I was glad to see that she came home with such a positive energy, and I can tell it truly made an impact on her.

She mentioned how the counselors have taught them different values and habits that they could take on their way home, she also mentioned how she felt a deep sense of belonging after spending time with peers who were similar to her. It warmed my heart to see how she was able to connect, share experiences, and grow in such a supportive environment. Thank you so much for providing such a wonderful experience for her!

Jean and Charm 2024



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Defenders

Galderma Walk

Sandi's Fund

Campers

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