

Children's Hospital Aid Society

100 Years



The Children's Hospital Aid Society (CHAS) started in June of 1908 as The Girls Hospital Aid, a branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the new General Hospital. The society's purpose was to support the children's ward by relieving the physical wants and needs of children in poor circumstances during sickness and convalescence. One hundred years later the commitment and objectives of the CHAS women remains much the same, as they continue to be dedicated to the well-being of children and young adults.

Today, CHAS has 70 - 75 members who meet 9 months of the year. In addition to a variety of special events, CHAS hosts four major annual fundraisers: a golf tournament, bridge tournament, holiday luncheon and casino. The society has contributed to many community agencies throughout the years including: Easter Seals, Camp Horizon, Between Friends, CUPS, Ronald MacDonald House, Inn from the Cold, Handi-buses and the Boys and Girls Club of Calgary. In addition to raising money for the many children's health organizations across Calgary, CHAS has donated \$3.4 million to the Alberta Children's Hospital - purchasing numerous pieces of equipment through the years and recently funding infant and child simulators and a special procedures operating room.