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Providing free activities and support for children and young people with disabilities and their families since 1902.

Our organisation was formed in 1902. A local newspaper received letters about the lack of educational opportunities for children with disabilities in and around Dundee, so we held classes for children in a local community centre, with one teacher supported by volunteers. In 1906 the education department took over the running of these classes, which led to a school for children with disabilities being established in Dundee.

We continued to provide volunteers to assist children with disabilities during out of school activities. From 1912 until 1972, our holiday home in Auchterhouse provided holidays for around five hundred children each year. In 1924, intensive fundraising led to the purchase of premises at 31 Murraygate in Dundee's city centre, which was officially opened by The Countess of Airlie.

In 2005 we completed our fully accessible play and activity centre in Lawton Road in Dundee. The project cost £1.1 million, and we maintained our independence despite the costs involved, thanks to our supporters and the generosity of the people of Dundee. Our building was opened by The Duke of Kent on 26th October 2005.

We currently provide activities and support for children and young people aged 0 to 20 with physical and/or learning disabilities and their families. We have a group of around fifty dedicated volunteer play & youth workers, and a committee of equally dedicated volunteers manages our association. We employ one full time manager, one full-time assistant manager, one part-time family support worker, and one part-time family support worker/minibus driver (our part-time staff work around 12 hours per week each).

Our practical service provision exceeds expectations without compromising quality. We achieve this by developing positive, professional, long-term relationships with the families we work with; by having a committed voluntary management committee and board of trustees; by employing dedicated staff; and through the hard work of many enthusiastic and skilled volunteers.

Dundee Disabled Children's Association is funded through the generosity of the people of Dundee and surrounding areas. There is no charge to any of our families or partners for any of our activities, and fundraising is ongoing to ensure that this continues.

We aim to provide a fun, safe environment where children and young people who happen to have disabilities can play and socialise and where their families can feel relaxed and supported.

Since 1902, we have been very successful in achieving this aim.