

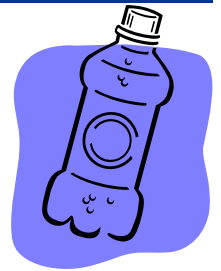
Fundraising Update by Barbara Baer Pillay

The NABIS calendar is always busy; truly, if you need a boost to your social life, you could use NABIS events as a way to get out and meet new people! And each event is always so gratifying as support from the wider community is demonstrated time and again. In addition to the **Kick-off Breakfast** and **AGM** in June, **Salisbury Greenhouses** allowed NABIS and Networks to set up a BBQ and sell hot dogs and hamburgers to the busy gardeners for three weekends. Board member, **Craig DeCecco**, initiated this effort and he and his family provided huge support each weekend along with volunteers from the NABIS Youth Organization. Plus the youth organization had their second roller disco. Then in July, Edmonton played host to the **Champs Car Races** which just happened to occur across the street from the WCB's Millard Health's very large parking lot. The WCB opened up their lot to paying customers and then kindly turned over the proceeds to NABIS! **That became a \$17,500**



The July Champs Car Races parking fees levied by Millard Health resulted in a \$17,500 donation to NABIS. The funds are gratefully accepted by NABIS' Executive Director, Ginny Gillen from WCB's Chief of Security, Dick Bevan.

windfall. September and October were very busy getting ready for the 7th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction and in the meantime, the Youth Organization held their **annual autumn bottle drive** which netted an unbelievable **\$1700**. That's a lot of bottles and a lot of high school students who spent two Saturdays knocking on doors! Special thanks to Mathew's mom for the use of their home, lawn and garage and to Nim's mom for feeding forty of us!



We are now working on securing a speaker for the **17th Annual Breakfast** in May of 2008 and sending out the **Annual Mail-out Campaign** letter.

The best news of all is that Ginny and I were able to convince **Muffy Mathewson** to take on the special role of fund raising chair to help guide and groom the next generation of NABIS supporters. It is never too early to plan and prepare for the future.

Gift of Life Insurance to Charity

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Do you have a life insurance policy you purchased years ago to provide financial protection – and no longer need it? If so, it may be a great asset to give to a charity such as the Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society. Consider these benefits:

When you name a charity as the owner of your policy, you receive a **Charitable Tax Credit in that year**. When you fill out your income tax return, you can include the donation receipt for the cash value of the policy. This means it is creditable up to 75 percent of your income. And if you can't use the full credit in the first year, you can carry forward the unused portion up to five additional years. You can forward premiums you pay to maintain the policy to the charity for them to issue a charitable tax receipt.

When you name a charity as the beneficiary of your policy, **you reduce the size of your tax liability on your final return**. At death, your estate will receive a donation receipt for the amount of the death benefit, resulting in significant tax savings on your final return. If the donation receipt exceeds 100% of your income in that year, the excess can be carried back to the previous year.

You can leave a major gift while your current income remains undisturbed. Many people would like to give more to their charity of choice, but are concerned about their own cash flow and any unforeseen emergencies. Making a gift of life insurance is easier than you might think. Your life insurance professional can help you obtain a transfer form from your insurance company. A planned giving specialist through the Edmonton Community Foundation is available to answer any questions you may have, or call NABIS 479-1757.