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**HOW TO OBTAIN SPEECH THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY and OTHER SERVICES
for Low Income Families**

These services can be very expensive. There are two local charities who will provide funding for these services to children through an application process.

See enclosed information for applying for grants to the Variety Children's Charity and also the CKNW Kids' Fund. The process is similar for both.

The basic process is the following:

- 1) Parents check that they are eligible. For Variety, the family income as documented on the parents' CRA Notice of Assessment from the previous year must be below \$65,000. For CKNW they do not state on their website, as it depends on the family circumstance, but they will also require CRA documentation of income of the parents.
- 2) Find a therapist: if it is a speech therapist, go to the Speech and Hearing BC website, and click on Find a Professional. You will find a searchable database of SLP's and you can find one who may speak the family's language and who works in the family's community.
- 3) From the therapist, you must get a quotation for services. Most therapists are aware of these two charities, and know how to write a quotation to be submitted. Please note that the charities will not fund Assessment, but only Treatment. Thus if the school SLP has done an assessment, that is ideal, so that the SLP knows where to target her work. Even without an assessment, though she can provide services.
- 4) Complete the application. For Variety, you need to send them an email as described on the next page, and they will send you the application form to complete if they feel you would qualify. For CKNW, the application is enclosed, but it is a good idea just to phone or email them to let them know you are applying.