



# IL Canada

Annual Report 2009-2010

Promoting a New Perspective  
on Disability

## A Year in Review

### Canadian Ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

This year saw the ratification of the UN Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities on March 11, 2010. IL Canada is now poised to monitor the next steps in the implementation of the convention by the government of Canada.

### Registered Disability Savings Plan

IL Centres across Canada, in partnership with the Office of Disability Issues, started offering information sessions about the Registered Disability Savings Plan for people who are eligible. Ontario centres launched the initiative and other centres across Canada followed close on their heels and are now participating in the program.

### National Projects: Literacy and Food for Thought

**Literacy:** Five centres participated in a research project, aimed at documenting the link between attainment of literacy skills and an improved quality of life for persons with disabilities. Research findings will be shared in next year's annual report. The Food for Thought project concluded with the publication of the Community Action Tool Kit on healthy eating.

### A Time of Transition

Long time National Director, Traci Walters, has retired after over 16 years at the helm of IL Canada. Her many years of leadership culminated with her witnessing the signing of the ratification of the convention at UN headquarters in New York City. She saw the organization through many wonderful years and she is sure to be missed.

### Future Directions

Building on the past accomplishments of IL Canada, our focus will be on new opportunities to engage ourselves in supporting people with disabilities to improve their lives, empower them and find ways to remove barriers and increase access to opportunities.

## About Us

Independent Living Canada envisions an inclusive and accessible society where people with disabilities are valued equally and participate fully.

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