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Multi Sensory Environments (MSEs) are designed to promote neurological activity and to encourage relaxation. A MSE is a dedicated space or room where sensory stimulation can be controlled (intensified or reduced), presented in isolation or combination, packaged for active or passive interactions, and matched to fit the perceived motivation, interests, and/or educational needs of the user. Well-chosen controlled multi sensory stimuli for children with neurological challenges and those withdrawn from their environment helps promote development, learning, improved communication and positively affect behavior, leading to improved quality of life.

MSEs Benefit People With

Autism

Developmental Disabilities

ADHD (Attention Deficit

ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)

Traumatic Brain Injury

Cerebral Palsy

Chronic Pain Syndrome

Pervasive Developmental Delays

Stroke

Profound Multiple Disabilities
Hearing Impairment
Mental Dysfunction

Coma

Alzheimer's and Dementia









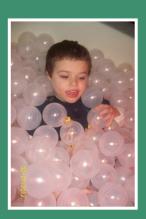
TO DATE THE CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS HIDDEN ANGEL FOUNDATION HAS DONATED AND INSTALLED 50 MULTI SENSORY ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE ENRICHING THE LIVES OF OVER 8,000 CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILTIES

MSE SPOTLIGHT

MILWAUKEE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The Milwaukee Center for Independence (MCFI) serves over 10,000 children and adults with various disabilities annually. They provide children's programs, early intervention programs, work training programs, older adult day care, and behavioral health services. Their mission is to help people better live and work in the community and state the addition of an MSE has enhanced their program in enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities.





"Just wanted to let you know how popular our room is at MCFI – it is booked much of the time! We had a conference here last week and had the room open so attendees could see it and as a result, we were asked to present at an early childhood conference. In addition, our local paper is going to do a story in the next few weeks as well!"

Tracey Sparrow, MCFI

THE MOST RECENT ROOMS DESIGNED, DEVELOPED, DONATED, AND INSTALLED BY THE CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS HIDDEN ANGEL FOUNDATION

> BAYCREST APOTEX CENTRE TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

BAYCREST INPATIENT CARE FACILITY TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

MILWAUKEE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

REENA FOUNDATION
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE

DEAF AND BLIND

MOBILE, ALABAMA, USA

THE M.O.R.G.A.N. PROJECT MELBOURNE, FLORIDA, USA

THE TREATMENT AND LEARNING CENTER ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, USA

WILLIAM E. BURKETT CENTER (JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL) BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, USA

Installation to be completed in the 2011/2012 school year

CDHAF was honored as the Winner of the "Life Without Limits Award" for Outstanding Program Partner in 2012. Sponsored by United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham, CDHAF received the acclamation on February 9th at a celebration that took place in Birmingham, Alabama.

UCP of Greater Birmingham presents Life Without Limits awards to individuals and groups from the community who have advanced UCP's mission of benefitting children and adults with disabilities.





The Hidden Angel Foundation is proud to support and contribute to the research and work being done around the use of Multi Sensory Stimulation for premature infants within the **Neonatal Research Laboratory at Brigham and Women's Hospital**, a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School, in Boston, MA. The Neonatal Research Lab at Brigham and Women's Hospital offers preterm infants the maternal auditory and tactile vibroacoustic stimulation needed to develop properly. The ultimate goal of this research project is to improve developmental outcomes in extremely premature infants through the unique application of multisensory stimulation while in the incubator and hospital bed.

Robert Scully of the **Scully The World Show** presents a special documentary on 'The Hidden Angel' Christopher Douglas. Christopher Douglas Hidden Angel Foundation offers Multi-Sensory Environments (MSEs) so that disabled individuals can stimulate brain activity and better engage with the world around them. This special looks closely at the history and successes of MSEs and the activities of the foundation founded on behalf of Christopher. To watch the video visit www.cdhaf.org.



Imagine a child watching their peers running, playing, and enjoying a sunny day while they sit in a wheelchair. Isn't it our responsibility to help that child feel included? Imagine what it must be like for individuals with special needs. How much would you pay to be able to interact with your surroundings? Do know someone with Autism. Alzheimer. vou developmental disability or other conditions that impact an individual's ability to interact with the world around them? Help CDHAF bring that ability to individuals with special needs. If each visitor to our site was to donate only \$50.00 we would be able to provide permanent facilities to enrich the lives of 50 people with special needs each month.



TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.CDHAF.ORG AND CLICK ON "DONATE NOW"

The Hidden Angel Foundation improves the quality of life of people with developmental disabilities. When making a donation you can direct your gift to the General Fund where your gift will be used for priority projects. You can support the Foundation in 5 different way.

- Make a donation through, a) CDHAF "Donate" button, b) US Network for Good or c) Canada Helps
- 2. Become a monthly donor where you can establish a set month amount
- 3. Purchase a piece of equipment for a specific MSE
- Donate an entire MSE room.
- 5. Make the Foundation a beneficiary of your life insurance or annuity policy

CDHAF is a registered charity in Canada and the USA

About CDHAF

The Christopher Douglas Hidden Angel Foundation (CDHAF) mission is to enrich the lives, health, and social well-being of people who are neurologically challenged through the use of multi sensory stimulation. The foundation's focus is on the design, development, implementation, and education of Multi Sensory Environments (MSE) with the aim to enable productivity, inclusion, independence, and self-determination. Multi Sensory Environments are shown to dramatically improve the quality of life for these individuals and are used in education, therapy, and recreation.



"There are no guarantees in life, except that everyone faces struggles. This is how we learn (and grow). Some face struggles from the moment they are born. They are the most special of all people, requiring the most care and compassion and reminding us that love is the sole purpose of life."

- Elisabeth Kübler-Ross.

These are our Hidden Angels teaching all of us life's most valuable lessons, CDHAF