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The Nickle Family Foundation is presenting \$10,000 towards the construction of a wheelchair elevator at the Clements Centre. The elevator will take children to second floor therapy appointments where an early intervention team works with pre-school children who have a disability or are at risk of developmental delay.

Presenting for the Nickle Family is Iris who is four and her brother Simon who is two. Iris says "it (the elevator) will help wheelchair people get from one floor to another" and according to Simon "wheelchairs can't go *up* stairs". Mark Cameron, father of Iris and Simon says "this is a very worthy community project to enhance services to disabled children, which really matches the spirit of the Nickle Family Foundation. We hope our donation will encourage other groups and individuals to step forward and help."

President John Koury and his son Jack accepted on behalf of the Clements Centre. "This donation will enhance our ability to serve the children of the Cowichan Valley and we are very thankful for the Foundation's contribution".

This is the second donation received towards the elevator. On June 21, Doug Routley, MLA for Cowichan-Ladysmith donated \$1,000. "I support the improvement of children's services and applaud the determination of the Clements Centre to develop a comprehensive child development centre".

The elevator is \$40,000 and the Centre still needs to raise \$29,000. Donations: Clements Centre Society, 5856 Clements Street, Duncan, BC V9L 3W3. Tax deductible donation receipts are issued. Information: 746.4135 ext 4.

The Clements Centre is supported by community; the United Way, the Duncan Firefighters, and ReMax of Duncan all contribute to hiring the therapists and consultants who work with children.

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