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CDC banking on talent show to draw donations

Child Development Centre aims to raise \$100,000 this year

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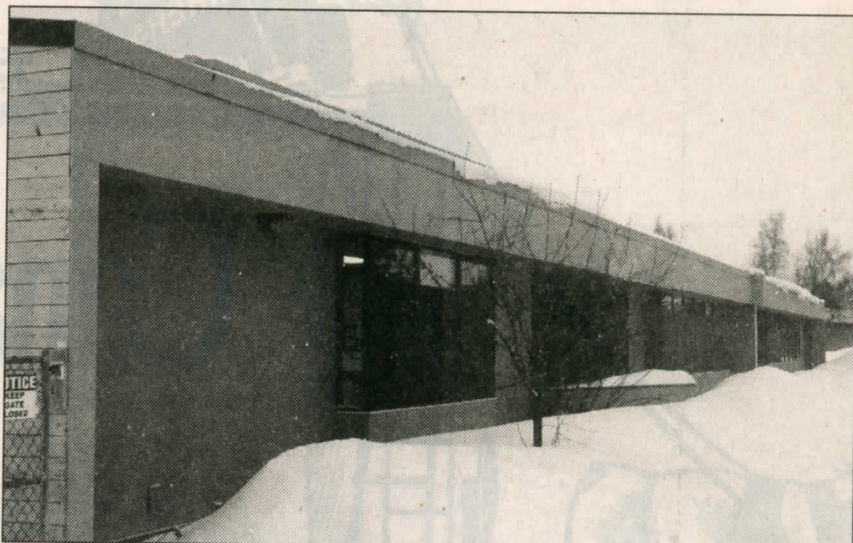
The Child Development Centre is moving forward with its goal to raise money for an expansion with their 33rd annual talent show on March 2.

After raising \$90,000 through the event last year, the goal has been bumped to \$100,000, but CDC spokesperson Crystal Kalas said reaching it could be more difficult this time around.

"Last year we had the support of the financial institutions and they were able to help us raise a lot of money, but because it coincides with RRSP season they are unable to help us this year," she said, adding that the CDC will be relying on the support of businesses and the community to reach the target.

Last summer, the CDC was rejected for \$300,000 in provincial funding after their proposal did not meet requirements, but at the time president Connie Surerus said the need for a day care expansion was too great to not go through with.

"There's a huge problem in this city right now with day care," Surerus



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The Child Development Centre hopes to raise \$100,000 this year to expand its current building.

told the Alaska Highway News. "I've actually heard stories where moms have decided not to go back to work because they couldn't find adequate day care for their kids."

The expansion of the building will enable the CDC to add services such as day care and after school programs. Funds raised will also go to expanding and improving the services currently offered.

A Day for the Kids fundraiser will also be held on March 1 at ArchTech Welding and Machining where Moose FM will be on loca-

tion accepting donations.

The talent show, entitled "A Night of the Stars," takes place the following night at 6 p.m. at the North Peace Cultural Centre. It will feature performances by Train Wreck, Line Dancing Grammas, Christopher Baumeister, the Heather McCracken School of Highland Dance, the CDC preschool, Kyle Morgan, Susan Cross and Brad Langerud.

To volunteer for the event or donate contact the CDC at 785-3200.