

# The Trust Report

Developmental Disabilities Life Opportunities Trust

Washington State Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund



Fall 2008

## Message to Trust Holders from Janet Adams, DDLOT Board Chair

Dear Trust Holders:

The Governing Board of the DDLOT decided at its last meeting to make a change not to hold two annual meetings in Spokane and Seattle this year. This was due to the high cost of fuel and other concerns about travel and related costs. We also felt it important to expand our annual report to people living in all areas of the state.

Instead we will devote the next two editions of the DDLOT newsletter to convey the information we would have covered in the meetings. We will then ask you to evaluate whether you feel this is an efficient way to get this information or whether we need to hold annual meetings in the future.

In this current edition of the newsletter we will present the information generally presented by the State Investment Board at the Annual Meetings on the investment portfolios for both public and private contributions. The next edition will cover important tax information you need to know.

The information in both of these newsletters may spark questions, comments or suggestions on your part and we want you to feel free to communicate with us. We ask you to submit all questions, comments or suggestions to Ed Holen by email at [edh@cted.wa.gov](mailto:edh@cted.wa.gov) or by phone at 1.800.634.4473. Ed will make sure we respond in a timely fashion.

Thanks for your continued participation in this important program.

Janet Adams  
Chair



*Janet Adams  
Chair  
DDLOT Board*

## A Message from the Administrator

If you have been watching the stock market over the last couple of months, you, like myself, may be a bit dizzy to say the least. In your quarterly statements you may see the consequences of all this market activity. The Governing Board annually reviews the portfolios to assure they are accomplishing our long range goals. The investment portfolios were created for long term investments. Short term losses are hard to take, but I hope you can appreciate the long term strategy the Board has adopted. We need to stay the course.

You also may know we have reached the maximum number of trusts we can match at the rate of 25% of contributions up to \$7,750. The Governing Board is asking the Governor and the Legislature to include another \$5 million in their budgets for the DDLOT so that we can match another 1,000 trusts. Letters and e-mails to the Governor and your members of the Legislature are needed to support this request. Tell them about why the DDLOT is important to you. That will go a long way in supporting this request.

Should you have questions, please contact me at 1.800.634.4473 or e-mail me at: [edh@cted.wa.gov](mailto:edh@cted.wa.gov).



*Ed Holen  
DDLOT  
Administrator*

## By The Numbers

As of September 30, 1,078 trust accounts have been opened and funded.

Of those, 377 are Trust I accounts, third-party trusts, where families, guardians and others are making contributions to the trust for the benefit of the beneficiary with developmental disabilities.

There are another 701 Trust II accounts, self-settled trusts, where the contributions are funds belonging to the beneficiary with developmental disabilities.

Twenty-two families are participating in the Payment Plan option by making monthly payments towards the enrollment fee.

**From January through August of 2008, \$1,655,448 has been contributed to the trust and \$376,384 has been disbursed.**

## Diana Will Tells You More About The Trust's Funds

Diana Will from the Washington State Investment Board is a featured speaker at the Annual Trust holders' meeting. This year we're bringing her to your mailbox, so you can know what's happening without even leaving the driveway. Diana was featured in the last DD LOT Update. This time she is sharing more about the market and how funds are invested.



Diana Will  
State Investment Board

### Where are the DD LOT funds invested?

The Washington State Investment Board (WSIB) manages two different funds for the trust, including a state fund, established with money provided by the legislature and a private fund that is invested by the WSIB on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities. Currently, the combined total value of the two funds is approximately \$17 million dollars. The state fund represents 45% of that amount and 55% represents the private contributions fund.

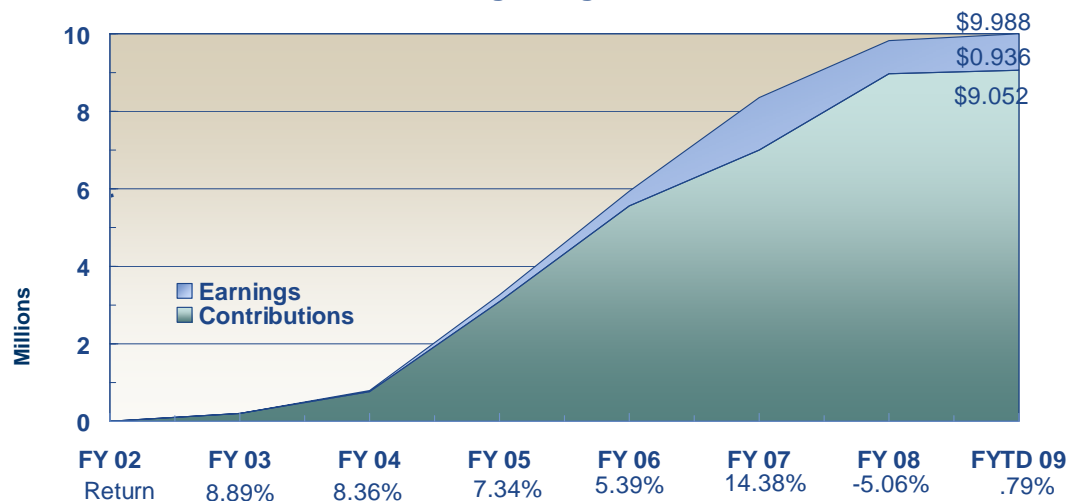
### How can I know that the Trust's funds are invested in a way that protects me?

Assets are usually protected by a well-diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds. One way to do this is to buy securities that have a low or no correlation to each other. In other words, the WSIB's goal is to make sure that stocks in a portfolio are different enough that some will perform better than others at any given time, which, for the most part, provides a steady return.



## Growth and Return of the Trust's Private and Matching Funds

### Growth and Return of the Private Funds through August 2008



### Growth and Return of the State Matching Funds through August 2008

