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I am really excited to be writing this first newsletter of behalf of our Canadian Distribution Division. Clients from Ontario are certainly familiar with Aimee Todd and Tracy McNamee. Both Aimee and Tracy are constantly visiting schools, rehab centres and our clients who are blind or have low vision. Some of you may have met Cosmin Dahnovici, our new technician. Cosmin has been out in the field installing computer systems and doing on-site repairs since January.

Because of our growth in Ontario we have recently increased the size of our office space. We are really happy when clients come by to visit us. Yasmin Murji, our receptionist is always there to greet everyone with a smile. Our new office has a great demo room and training facility (VisuSchool).

We will soon be introducing a new training coordinator. Our new coordinator will continue to develop and expand our training programs.

If you have suggestions of courses you would like to see please let us know.

HumanWare Edmonton office has now been in operation for over a year and it is a full service center including a repair depot. Steven Phillips and Lauri Lorenzo have been working very hard promoting and supporting HumanWare products in Western Canada. Steven has been doing a variety of exciting activities in the west. Most recently he had Donna McNear come to do a presentation on Braille Literacy for the Advancing Accessibility Through Technology Conference.

Let us not forget from our Drummondville office. Eric Houle, who has been with HumanWare now for over 7 years, is our sales representative for customers in Quebec and New Brunswick. Eric has been very busy doing Trekker demonstrations and training.

Francine Callaghan  
DIRECTOR
myReader 2 is Now Available

The myReader2 was launched March 21st, 2007 at the California State University Northridge (CSUN) Technology & Persons with Disabilities Conference 2007 in Los Angeles, California.

We are very happy to announce that our new breakthrough multi-page storage and improvements to the user interface myReader2 allows even greater freedom and comfort for sustained reading.

Features

• Store up to 10 pages plus 3 reference pages
• Easier user interface
• Improved page processing
• Contrast improvements

Visit our web site for more information on the myReader2 features http://www.humanware.com/Products/Auto_reader/my_Reader.asp

Special Upgrading Pricing $500

until June 30, 2007 instead of $605 (including new memory chip and installation)
New Products for the BrailleNote Family

Concise Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus for KeySoft $235

The Concise Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus for KeySoft work together to bring you word meanings, correct pronunciation spoken aloud, synonym and antonym lookups, advanced search features and more.

Features
- Fully integrates with any mPower, Classic or PK
- Automatically integrated into KeySoft's spell checker
- Requires KeySoft 7.2 (KeySoft Release 7.2 Build 47 recommended)

Special
If you purchase a BrailleNote by September 30, 2007 we will include a FREE Concise Oxford Dictionary with your order.

Concise Oxford Dictionary
- Gives a complete set of definitions for each word
- Speaks the word aloud with correct pronunciation
- Advanced search features

Concise Oxford Thesaurus
- Handy lookup of synonyms and antonyms
- Integrated with Dictionary
Monitor Support available on all mPower Units with KeySoft 7.2

BrailleNote Visual Display with Compact Flash Video Card

KeySoft 7.2 makes it easy to connect a computer monitor to your BrailleNote or VoiceNote mPower with a newly supported compact flash video card. The BrailleNote mPower family recognizes the card once it's inserted and then the user simply plugs the other end into a monitor or LCD projector. It's that easy! The display will show all menus, help messages and text, including accented foreign language characters, as it is entered in Braille from the BrailleNote or VoiceNote.

It's great for assisting students with homework, browsing the web or reading an assignment. Now, everyone can improve their BrailleNote skills with the aid of a monitor attached.

Product: Voyager VC $200

Order now from HumanWare Canada 1-888-723-7273
Trekker 3.0 contains a wide range of new and improved features such as:

• Handling multiple maps
• Bigger regional maps
• Improvement of the Point Of Interest (P.O.I) database structure
• New database structure for the Personal P.O.I.'s
• Open structure for external sources of P.O.I.'s
• PC tool to manage maps and P.O.I transfers to the PDA
• Routes in motorized mode
• Enhancements in Routes (pedestrian or motorized)
• Free Mode improvements
• Browsing mode
• Improved system information
• Conversion of P.O.I.'s saved in previous Trekker versions

All versions before version 2.5 will require a hardware upgrade to the tactile keyboard in order to be compatible with Version 3.0.

For more information on the new features of Trekker visit our web site
http://www.humanware.ca/web/en/d_NewFeatures_Trekker_3_0.asp

Please contact your local Humanware representative for a demonstration.

FREE UPGRADE
For users of Trekker Version 2.5 and up at the following address:
Support for Braille Literacy

HumanWare announced in January 2007 its support for Braille Literacy. We have been working hand in hand with educators and others for years to spread the word about Braille Literacy and have been demonstrating Braille solutions and urge increased support for Braille literacy.

On February 20th and 21st, 2007 HumanWare Canada attended the Advancing Accessibility Through Technology Conference at the Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, not only as a vendor but as the sponsor of Keynote Speaker, Donna McNear.

Donna has worked closely with HumanWare for several years and offers a variety of presentations based on professional experiences where she integrates HumanWare products in those presentations. At this particular conference Donna presented these three topics:

- PDAs For Students with Visual Impairments and Additional Learning Challenges
- Accessing the Curriculum with Low-High Technology Tools for Beginning Braille Readers
- Braille Technology to Improve Student Access to the General Education Curriculum

As always Donna’s sessions were a huge success and very much appreciated by all. Donna’s extensive experience combined with her deep passion for her work creates presentations in which attendees are left craving more. This was the first time Donna presented on behalf of HumanWare Canada but it went so well that we hope she will be back soon. (For more information on the conference itself please visit www.2learn.ca)

Donna McNear is a career teacher for children with visual impairments and a certified orientation and mobility specialist at the Rum River Special Education Cooperative in Cambridge, MN and an educational consultant. Professional activities include technical assistance services to local, state, national, and international education agencies, numerous presentations nationally and internationally, and service on many professional committees.
If you would like to have Braille Literacy and/or BrailleNote hands-on workshop please call HumanWare at 1-888-723-7273.

About HumanWare
HumanWare provides innovative solutions which empower people to fully participate in society. HumanWare’s many innovative products include BrailleNote, the leading productivity device for blind people in education, in business and in their personal lives, and the Victor Reader product line, the world’s leading digital talking book players.

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