## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO AND CHAIR

Hello and welcome to a very special edition of our 2019 – 2020 Annual Report. It's a special edition because this is the first time we've released our report in a physical and virtual form (see URL below). It is a different way to present our year-end report and frankly it is because this past year ended differently.

In early March we closed the office due to the COVID 19 pandemic. It was difficult. We knew it represented a real setback for our clients.

Yes - the office was in lockdown but that didn't mean that we would stop delivering the programs and services we knew our clients would need urgently.

In effect, our clients suddenly saw all their previously available supports disappear. Almost immediately our staff started the transformation of our program delivery platform.

With our website as a programming hub, resources and activities were created and changed weekly. For those without computer access, recreation activity kits were delivered - safely - by staff and volunteers to homes across the area. Our social work teams reached out to their client rosters via phone and video chats.

Our support groups continued via ZOOM and our public education staff produced weekly informative webinars.

As the senior leaders of this organization, we can't begin to express how appreciative we are of the tremendous efforts, skill and dedication of our staff as we entered this challenging global time.

But all of this refers to just the last month of this past fiscal year. The year leading up to March focused on our organization's continuing efforts to wrap our ever-expanding client list in a circle of care and support.

This year saw almost 1100 new clients walk through our doors. Over the last 5 years, that represents over 4550 new clients added. Our active client list at year end is 3000. A quick glance at the category breakdown of our current clients shows a 2:1 ratio of care partners to people living with dementia. That's just one example of the impact the disease has upon loved ones of the person diagnosed.

Another client metric we are seeing escalate is in our Behavioural Support Ontario (or BSO) clients. A BSO client is someone with dementia symptoms that no longer follow a pattern that the care partner or family can cope with successfully. The complexity





Carol Walters, ASLM CEO

Laura Buchanan, ASLM Chair, Board of Directors

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of care requires a specialized approach by our BSO designated social worker.

Over the last 3 years the rate of BSO clients has doubled each year – another indication of the profound effects dementia can have on families.

In general, we can point to yearly increases across our entire client support spectrum. These sustained increases are stretching our capacity to keep up. And as grateful as we are for government funding, the budget has not kept pace with client growth.

Despite this budgetary shortfall, we have introduced a number of new programs over the years. The previously introduced programs, In-Home Recreation and Enhancing Care have matured, offering valuable benefits to a wider group. This year featured the launch of the Dementia Friendly Communities initiative with funding secured for four years.

This program growth is our response to the growing need - only made possible through fundraising. Our signature fundraising events like our Cabin Fever Reliever Gala and the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's have had outstanding results that are enabling us to push past our budgetary limitations to deliver programming to meet the needs of the families we serve. It is with heart-felt thanks to our community for these amazing efforts. You have been there for us all along.

We do not know exactly what this upcoming year will look like. But we do know that this organization - its programs, services, and staff – will, as always, be nimble and responsive as the year unfolds.

And be assured that our circle of care and support will continue to be there for families living with dementia in London and Middlesex.

To view our virtual Annual Report, go to alzheimerlondon.ca/ar1920

## OUR STORY... TOLD THROUGH OUR CLIENTS

This is just a safe place. I'd hate to imagine what it would be like if I hadn't have come here. The thought of going through this without the Alzheimer Society is frightening. The staff at the Alzheimer Society just get it, they help you through the rough times and sometimes they don'thave an answer for you but there's just someone there who understands what you're going through and sometimes that all you can ask for.



-Tony (Client)



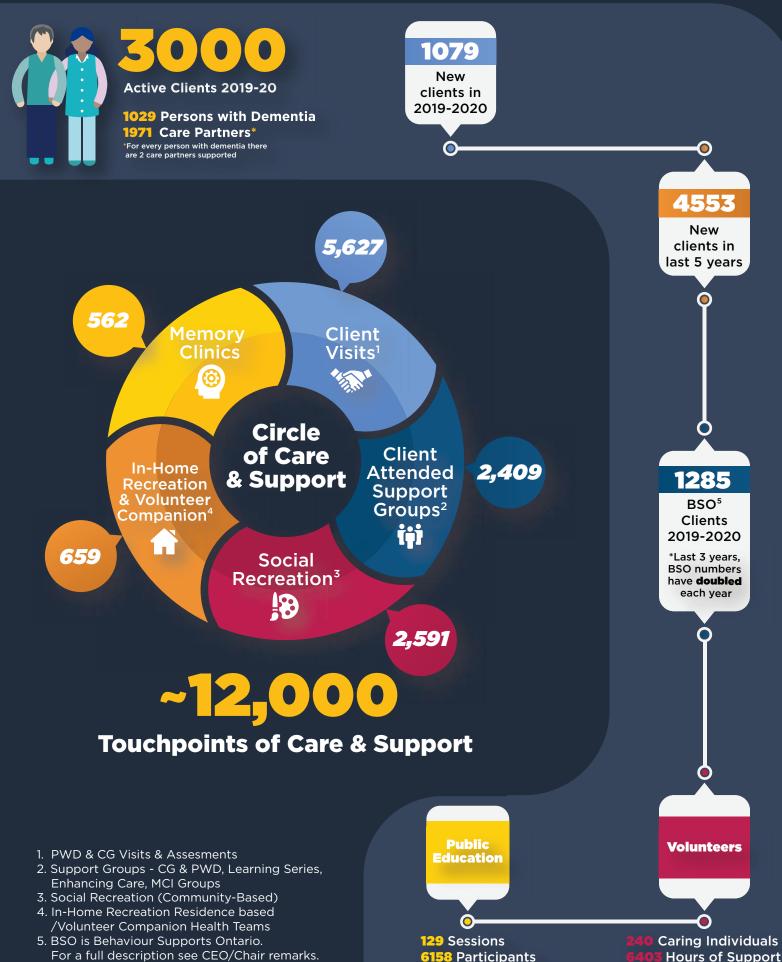
All the staff are very friendly. When they come through the hallway they always stop and talk. It's a great bunch and they need to be commended for how they handle things and how they respond to us old people.

-Ken (Client)

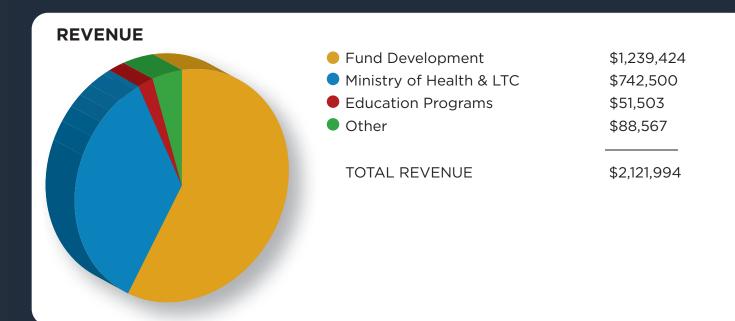
For Ruth to go to all the programs that she goes to is her motivation every week. She's excited, she's vibrant, she's got energy, she has motivation to get up get dressed get going. She smiles, she's quite eager to recall what happens when she's at those programs because the stimulation and the feedback that it gives her is really important. I notice such a difference.



# **Our Circle of Care & Support**



This financial summary is an excerpt from the complete financial statements of the organization, which were audited by BDO Canada LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, dated June 1, 2020 and as such does not contain all disclosures required under Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



**EXPENSES** 

	Social Work Program	\$822,387
	Education & Communications	\$412,527
	Volunteer & Support Services	\$344,164
	Awareness & Events	\$169,162
	Fund Development	\$151,640
	<ul> <li>Administration</li> </ul>	\$135,919
	Amortization of Capital Assets	\$39,484
	Professional Fees	\$27,515
	Community Grants	\$3,472
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,106,270

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE OTHER EXPENSE \$15,724

A copy of the complete financial statements is available from the Alzheimer Society London Middlesex upon request.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

Gratefully acknowledged below are the supporters who made a contribution of \$1,000 and over as well as those who committed a monthly gift between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. We wish to thank all the generous donors who supported our work this year.

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