# Alzheimer Society



PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES throughout their journey with dementia

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

It always seemed to me to be a little clichéd to hear a person, who heading towards retirement, say "this is a bittersweet moment in my life". However with my impending retirement and departure from this organization, that is exactly where I find myself. As I was composing these remarks for my last annual report, I truly appreciate the mixed emotions of experiencing this major decision. While I look forward to a new stage in my life, I also look back fondly to the staff team, the two Boards of Directors, volunteers and clients I leave behind. My time as CEO at the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex (ASLM) and the Foundation has been one of the most rewarding of my career. I will miss it greatly.

With any departure, there is always an arrival and I am pleased to welcome Carol Walters as ASLM's new CEO. It is an exciting time for Carol to take the reins of ASLM as dementia awareness has never been higher. And by extension, the Alzheimer Society is positioned as the leading not-for-profit health organization working to improve the quality of life for people living with dementia.

New leadership brings new opportunities. But it is noteworthy to point out that the challenges Carol will face are ongoing, as many are the same challenges I've faced in my eleven years as CEO. The most pressing being the continual growth in client numbers. Over my tenure we've adapted to meet these increasing needs, through:

- a new office and programming facilities in 2010
- additional staff and contracted program facilitators
- \* expansion of our First Link Learning Series
- additional support groups and counselling
- introduction of social recreation programming improving client engagement and physical exercise
- **ASLM** integration at Family Health Teams (Memory Clinics)
- \* a partnership with Four Counties Health Services in Newbury to help address the dementia care service gap in rural areas
- introduction of a mild cognitive impairment (MCI) educational program offering strategies to retain and improve memory skills
   MCI is considered a possible pre-cursor for dementia
- introduction of Memory Cafes in London and Middlesex County
- expansion of the volunteer base for client, administrative, fundraising and educational assistance
- ★ ASLM funding of dementia research exceeding \$1M



Betsy Little ASLM CEO



Peter Regier ASLM Chair



Carol Walters
Incoming CEO

The constant increase in clients continues to challenge the organization. We have increased our operating budget by 60% over the past 11 years but the provincial MOH LTC funding has not increased proportionally. It currently sits at approximately 30% of our budget. The Society's fund development efforts have rallied to cover that deficit on an annual basis finding new granting streams while building our donor base significantly. As examples of those efforts, ASLM received for the first time, a substantial City of London Community Grant and our special events this year have all surpassed their financial goals. As well, our individual major donors have exceeded our philanthropic objectives and we experienced a welcomed increase of independent third party fundraising events. Organizationally in 2016 - 17, the Alzheimer Societies in Ontario have signed a new Federation agreement that provides a more equitable allocation of revenue and incorporates efficiencies through a shared service model.

While the sustainability versus growth challenge remains, I leave this organization filled with pride, optimism and hope. Strong leadership with the Board Chair, Peter Regier, along with a dedicated staff, the growing public awareness of dementia and with our provincial government's commitment to a dementia strategy, I am confident the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex will continue to meet the challenges ahead and provide the care and support our clients deserve.

Betsy Little, ASLM CEO, 2006 - 2017

## REMARKS FROM PETER REGIER, CHAIR OF THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY LONDON AND MIDDLESEX BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A well run organization quickly adapts to the changing environments, issues and influences it encounters - the Alzheimer Society is a fitting example of such an organization.

This past fiscal year (April 2016 to March 2017) has been a dynamic and interesting period for ASLM. The ongoing discussions and negotiations within the Federation of the Alzheimer Societies in Ontario has led to a new agreement where revenues are more equitably distributed and province-wide shared services will generate more efficiencies with increased levels of client support locally.

It has been extremely gratifying to see how the community, business and the various granting organizations have increased their support of our Society. As a result, this fiscal's financial performance has been exemplary. As Betsy's states in her remarks, the demands on our programs and services continues to grow and that growth is expected to last for many years to come. Financial feasibility is paramount for ASLM to continue its fine work.

The biggest environmental change of the year was internal; the announcement of the impending retirement of our CEO. For the past eleven years, Betsy Little has guided this organization with remarkable leadership. The Society has seen substantial growth in

community awareness in her time and most importantly, growth in the programs and services available for our clients. The development and expansion of many new client care programs should be considered a legacy and one that Betsy should rightly be proud of when she looks back at her tenure at ASLM.

As Chair of ASLM's Board of Directors, I'd like to thank my fellow Search Committee and Board members whose efforts resulted in the successful recruitment of our new CEO, Carol Walters. Carol's leadership will continue the innovation and growth of our services as we provide hope, relief and support, partnering with individuals and families throughout their journey with dementia.

The staff team that Carol joins is one of the most dedicated and passionate groups I've had the pleasure to work with and on behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to this outstanding team. For our community and for our families, the work done at the Alzheimer Society is vital. Thank you.

Pets

Peter Regier, Chair, ASLM Board of Directors

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## WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO



**Population currently** living with dementia in Canada

564,000<sup>1</sup>

Ontario<sup>2</sup>

220,000

Southwestern Ontario<sup>2</sup>(SW LHIN)

18.500

London and Middlesex County<sup>2</sup>

8.100



Mild Cognitive Impairment participant visits<sup>4</sup>



CG participant visits **Support Group Counselling** and Dementia Education (First Link)



**OUR SUPPORT SERVICE PLATFORM** 

Social recreation program sessions

**Social recreation** 



1035 Volunteer Companion **Program Visits** 



One to One visits with a registered social worker 1669 PWD visits 2556 CG visits

**Psychosocial** Support (Registered

Social Workers)

260

Participated at 6

Family Health Team Memory Clinics in

ondon and Middlesex



iPod Music and



Therapeutic Social Recreation Support

ASLM features 11 different programs that promote social interaction, physical & intellectual simulation •

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participants in

Dementia-trained **240** volunteers **6719** hours of vital support (equiv. to \$81,000

#### **FUNDING SOURCES**

60% Fund Development

30% Ministry of Health and Long Term Care

**4%** Education

The Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex Mission:

All of which distills down to our

mission and our passion ...

We provide hope, relief and support as we partner with individuals and families throughout their journey with dementia.

- 1. Source: ASC-Prevalence and Monetary Costs of Dementia in Canada (2016)
- 2. Source: ASO Dementia Evidence Brief 2012
- 3. Clients are both persons with dementia and their care partners/caregivers
- 4. MCI participants include the person diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment and a family member
- 5. Based on \$12.00 hour



## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION March 31, 2017

		2017	2016
ASSETS	Current assets	\$ 354,295	\$ 289,679
	Investments	467,831	425,432
	Capital assets	88,272	20,097
	Cash surrender value of insurance	21,455	18,739
	Works of art	72,236	72,236
		1,004,089	909,216
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	Current liabilities	\$ 275,967	\$ 253,029
	Deferred contributions related to capital assets	37,799	45,133
	Net assets	690,323	611,054
		\$1,004,089	\$ 909,216
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS: Year Ended March 31, 2017			
REVENUES	Fund development	\$ 901,503	\$ 732,899
	Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	532,622	517,310
	Alzheimer Foundation London and Middlesex	164,939	224,366
	Administrative recovery programs and other	63,024	40,518
	Education programs	62,988	49,439
	Investment income	56,042	8,731
	Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets	16,003	16,487
		\$ 1,797,121	\$1,589,750
EXPENSES	Social work program	476,710	457,501
	Fund development program	304,246	300,508
	Education and communications	296,756	275,169
	Volunteer and support services	231,481	213,483
	Awareness and events	201,538	185,440
	Administration	90,146	88,889
	Alzheimer Foundation London and Middlesex grant	55,307	
	Amortization of capital assets	28,207	30,756
	Professional fees	25,210	24,010
	Community grants	8,251	12,004
		\$ 1,717,852	\$1,587,760
	EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 79,269	\$1,990

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