

2022 - 2023

ANNUAL REPORT

Société Alzheimer Society
NIAGARA REGION

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY NIAGARA
FOUNDATION



You Weave Us Together

Mission

To advocate for and with people living with dementia and their care partners and provide access to a diverse range of appropriate resources and supports.

Particularly, to alleviate the personal and social consequences of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and to promote research.

Vision

A community where individuals with dementia and their care partners are fully supported to maximize their quality of life and well-being.

Ultimately, a world without Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is hopeful that COVID-19 is on its way to becoming an endemic. No one ever wants to be so unprepared again in the face of a pandemic. The past 3 years have taught the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region to pivot quickly and be innovative in our program delivery, fundraising tactics, communications and remote work capabilities. Amongst all the challenges we have remained diligent to our mission to advocate for and with people living with dementia and their care partners and provide access to a diverse range of appropriate resources and supports.

Reflecting on this past year from April 1st, 2022, to March 31st 2023, we are very proud to have supported 2,972 unique individuals, a 36.5% increase over last year, along with 10,388 visits across the organization. As you will read in this Annual Report, we have continued to succeed, and our achievements pay tribute to those we serve.

We cautiously have resumed in-person programs and services while upholding masking requirements and public health regulations. We still continue to offer virtual programming opportunities. There were 12,374 attendees in total at educational sessions, client social programs and support groups this past year.

We were able to advocate for more in-home respite hours through Ontario Health due to our waitlist in the regular respite program. We also reallocated High Intensity Supports at Home (HISH) hours to those individuals at higher risk of hospital admission. In total we offered 23, 371 hours of respite to 164 clients between the two programs.

Our Society has a reputation for being a proactive leader in specialized dementia care. When Ontario Health created a new program, Let's Go Home (LEGHO), our organization was selected to provide respite services and a navigator staff person for those living with dementia. This program transitions patients from an emergency department setting to their own home with bundled community supports to avoid any re-admissions to hospital.

Our Society continued to be an active partner on the planning table of the Niagara Ontario Health Team (NOHT-ESON) amongst 46 other Niagara healthcare organizations. It has been a very busy year, with the team identifying dementia as a priority population. Our Alzheimer Society leads the working group of 15 committed organizations and two caregiver representatives. The group has examined ways to provide more timely access for cognitive assessments which ultimately connects individuals to community resources earlier in their journey. Through this work, various collaborations have been initiated and we are excited about the potentials for system transformation.

As part of our provincial Alzheimer Federation agreement, our organization must be accredited by the end of 2024. Significant progress has been made in revising policies, formalizing risk management and quality improvement plans and providing evidence for accreditation standards. Our site visit by the Canadian Centre for Accreditation is scheduled for February of 2024.

The pandemic changed a lot of operational functions, including staff working remotely. As many organizations have adopted hybrid working models, we offered a model in May of 2022 and most staff took advantage of working part of the work week at home. Our staff satisfaction survey reported a 96% overall satisfaction rate.

Our mission could never be fulfilled in such unprecedented circumstances without the commitment and dedication of highly skilled individuals. We would like to acknowledge the staff for their commitment and tireless devotion and compassion for our clients. We owe each volunteer, donor, funder, community partner, and Board Member our gratitude for their continued commitment to our vision and mission. Our heartfelt thanks also go to the thousands of courageous caregivers supporting people living with dementia.

As dementia grows exponentially across Ontario, we can and will achieve our vision of a community where individuals with dementia and their care partners are fully supported to maximize their quality of life and well-being.

Laura Ford, President
Teena Kindt, CEO
Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region



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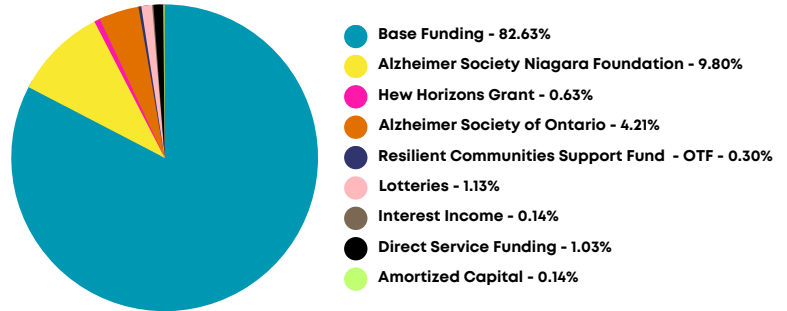
Condensed Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2023

Assets	
Current Assets	\$531,009
Fixed Assets	\$766,707
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	\$1,297,716
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	\$419,954
Net Assets	\$877,762
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	\$1,297,716

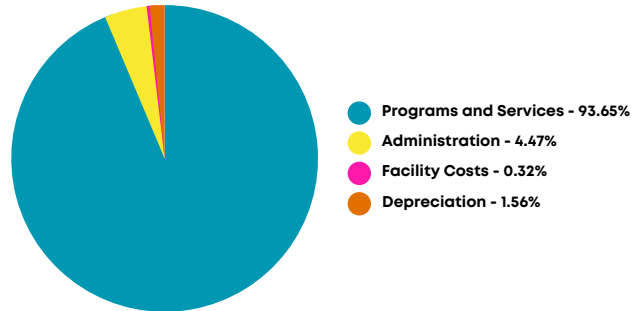
Condensed Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2023

Revenue	
Base Funding	\$2,446,069
Alzheimer Society Niagara Foundation	\$290,000
New Horizons Grant	\$18,667
Alzheimer Society of Ontario	\$124,704
Resilient Communities Support Fund - OTF	\$9,000
Lotteries	\$33,395
Interest Income	\$4,096
Direct Service Funding	\$30,401
Amortized Capital	\$4,106
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	\$2,960,438
Expenditures	
Programs and Services	\$2,816,583
Administration	\$134,427
Facility Costs	\$9,676
Depreciation	\$46,878
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	\$3,007,564
Deficiency of Revenue Over Expenditures After Depreciation	
	(\$47,126)

Revenue



Expenditures



2022-2023 Staff

15 Year Service Pin
Gisele Cote

10 Year Service Pin
Denise Verreault
Barbara Summers

Management Team

Teena Kindt
David Angus
Karen Post
Sarah Putman
Cassandra Best

Support/Administration

Wendy Nasmith
Janine O'Brien
Alyzza Dixon
Diane Lamb
Tracy Cunningham
Gisele Cote
Kristine Scott
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Teena Nouri
Emma Fedorchuk
Carol Lukasik
Catherine Davis

Client Programs & Services

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Angela Monrad
Lisa Verburg
Angela Cancellara
Cathy Dennis

Psychogeriatric Resource Consultants

Sherri Davis
Denise Verreault

Maintenance

John Pula

What We Do

2022 - 2023 Overall



2,972

Individuals served



7,663

Group participants



2,101

New referrals



10,388

Visits provided



12,374

Total attendance at all programs



23,371

Hours of Respite Care provided



164

Respite clients served



5,833

Attendance at Education Sessions or Early Stage Programs



160

Unique Individuals attended a Support Group



655

Attendance at Brain Wave Cafes

CLIENT SURVEY

100%

91%

84%

100% of respondents that identified themselves as a person living with dementia said that they would be likely or very likely to recommend ASNR services to another person.

91% of respondents that identified themselves as a care partner said that the ASNR helped them during times of need.

84% of respondents that identified themselves as a person living with dementia said that they were able to reach the ASNR in times of need.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Niagara Falls Volunteer Recognition Award: **Bianca Marcella**

Niagara Falls Corporate Service Award:

Stamford Centre Volunteer Firemen's Association

St. Catharine's Volunteer Service Award: **Margaret Murphy**

St. Catharine's Student Volunteer Service Award:

Emma Teutenberg

Ontario Service Awards

5 year service

Donna Ference – 5 years
Hermine Baboudjian – 5 years
Margaret Murphy - 5 years
Heather Doerkson - 5 years
Robert Miller - 15 years
Kim Hansel - 20 years

Youth award

Lara Fluri
Emma Teutenberg
Neha Jacob

249

Total Volunteers

3,066

Volunteer Hours

564

Friendly Visiting & Tele-Care Volunteers

233

Hours spent supporting Education programs

88

Hours spent creating Recollections books for clients

Cliff and Marion Holmes - Client Story



Cliff and Marion Holmes can be found singing and dancing with joy at their favourite Alzheimer Society's program, the Power of Music Program. Cliff, a retired music teacher, has loved music his whole life. He and Marion ensured that music was a big part of their family's life and taught their two children, David and Elizabeth, to play the tuba and the flute. Along with Cliff's incredible violin playing and Marion's piano, the family could host jam sessions in their family home.

Today Cliff and Marion, who have been married 55 years, enjoy a quiet life, spending time in their garden, reading and watching the wildlife that flocks to the ravine running through their yard. They have watched their family grow as Elizabeth married Arnie and had two beautiful daughters, India and Jasmin. David married Andrea and added two more gorgeous granddaughters, Lauryn and Amy. Both Cliff and Marion say their family brings them great Joy.

Cliff's journey with dementia started with an appointment with the Geriatric Assessment Program in Niagara Falls in 2017. When he received his diagnosis of Mild Cognitive Impairment, he said he was not surprised as he knew something was wrong. He says the diagnosis of Alzheimer's a year later was more challenging because he was told to stop driving. Since Marion also does not drive, the couple has had to figure out the different transportation options available in the Niagara Region. They both talk about how wonderful the Family Support Counsellor who visited them at their home was in helping them navigate all the programs and services available.

Although the Power of Music program is his favourite, Cliff and Marion also enjoy the Art Expressions program as they love creating. The couple says they have made some great friends at the Society, and Cliff says his advice to a newly diagnosed person is, "You can overcome your problems and live well."

Marion also says she finds the education sessions that the Society offers caregivers, to be very helpful. Marion likes that all the education sessions always cover the basics and are straightforward. She also says that she likes that everyone has the option to share with the group and learn from each other. Marion advises new caregivers, "Take Care of yourself, even if it means taking an hour or two every day just for you. That means no cleaning, no laundry, just time for you!"

The pandemic has forever changed our lives and the need to be strategic is vital to our fundraising success and viability. Connecting donors to the organization's mission and the impact of their gift lies at the center of their experience. More than ever, it is critical to show donors a return on their investment.

This past year again challenged us, it made us adapt to new realities and be strategic to drive revenue growth while deepening our existing donor relationships and forging new ones. We are very pleased with our accomplishments, as you will read in this Annual Report. We are proud of what we achieved together. We successfully raised \$758,127 in donations and events which is an almost 35% increase over last year.

We aligned with the national walk time period and hosted our IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's in May at Firemen's Park in Niagara Falls. It was a tremendous success, raising \$202,413. Several retirement homes and long-term care facilities also hosted walks with their residents at their own facilities which created more awareness and dollars raised.

We moved our Peter Saracino Alzheimer Golf Classic to September and changed the venue to enjoy the beautiful course at Legends on the Niagara. The event was the most successful to date, with a net profit of \$67,584 due to the incredible support of our many sponsors including our title sponsor, Wormald Masse Keen Lopinski Chartered Professional Accountant and Business Advisors, Cooper Wealth Management, and Portage Mutual Insurance. We hosted a live auction onsite with Marcel Dionne putting up some of his sports memorabilia. A separate online auction and WestJet Raffle also contributed to the bottom line.

Program sponsorship is imperative to continue to offer non-funded programs and services at no charge to our clients. We are again grateful to Court Holdings for their \$10,000 contribution to the Minds in Motion Program that incorporates physical and mental stimulation for people with early to mid-stage dementia and their care partners. We continue to draw up to \$30,000 annually from the fund set up by the Robert Bell and Gladys May Bell Memorial Foundation for the Society's Incontinence and Transportation Programs.

This year, we received \$174,890 from various bequests. We will continue to devote efforts to educate individuals in the importance of making a Will and how a gift to a charity can ease the tax burden on estates without reducing what is left to families.

We strive to be innovative in our approach and seek new opportunities. We have been the recipients of two Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities Funds. The first grant was completed in June of 2022 that allowed us to analyze our fund development processes and increase our profile through key promotions with client impact stories. A second successful grant has recently begun with the hiring of a Development Officer who will apply the lessons learned from the first grant to enhance our fundraising capacity for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

We believe that change happens through people, strong relationships, solid investment policies and the expertise to provide solutions to overcome challenges. We are extremely humbled by the resilience that staff, Board members, and volunteers have shown during this pandemic. Together, we have adapted and succeeded.

Our success is the community's success. We are committed to being good stewards of the contributions that others entrust to us through their philanthropic wishes. We are very grateful for the generosity and endorsement that we have received from our donors and the Niagara community. This year, we were able to transfer \$700,000 into short-term investments to benefit from the better interest rates being offered.

As Niagara ages, it is essential that we work together to strengthen our financial resources to meet the demand for the services of the Alzheimer Society

Vic Kerschl, Chair
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Fundraising Highlights - Total - \$758,127

Net revenue:

\$67,584



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IG WEALTH MANAGEMENT WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

\$202,413

**MAY 29, 2022
Fireman's Park!**

Title: IG Wealth Management

Lead: Avondale Food Store

Gold: Stay at Home Nursing Care Services

Shoppers Drug Mart



THIRD PARTY/ANYTHING FOR ALZ

\$42,461

- Bayshore Health \$948.00
- Bayshore Foundation for Empowered Living: \$700.34
- Bridge Centre of Niagara: \$5,225.00
- Bognar Group: \$2,935.00
- City of Port Colborne: \$ 210.60
- Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants: \$150.00
- Dunlop Seniors: \$ 5,000.00
- Garrison Place: \$ 295.00
- Give 65- Home Instead: \$7,599.33
- Individual Giving to Anything for Alz: \$5,852.76
- Liz Pattison Retirement Party: \$1,740.00
- Lundy Manor: \$1,475.00
- Matthew Moretto Memorial Charity Run: \$2,300.00
- McDonald's Restaurants: \$3,553.53
- Portal Village Retirement Residence: \$104.00
- Sandra's Home Health Care Services: \$2,688.75
- Shalom Manor: \$443.70
- The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie: \$172.50
- Weirdorama: \$417.00
- West Park Health Centre: \$100.70
- Woodlands of Sunset: \$125
- Wormald Masse Keen Lopinski LLP: \$424.75

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