

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



One of the creative ways the Alzheimer Society of Chatham-Kent helped those experiencing lonliness and isolation in long-term care and retirement homes was by launching the *Friendly Letter* project. During this time of quarantine, we are all missing and craving social interactions with our friends and family members. The staff, along with community volunteers, launched the *Friendly Letter* project to remind the residents that they are not alone. They did so by creating letters, pictures and messages that were delivered to homes across Chatham-Kent – twice! In total, 2300 letters were delivered!

This project not only received recognition locally from the Chatham-Kent Ontario Health Team, and provincially by Ontario Health West and the Behavioural Supports Ontario Provincial Coordinating Office.

Recipients of the letters were touched by the thoughtfulness of the letters, that people were thinking about them despite feeling so alone.

Mission: To improve the quality of life of people affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementia through superior programs and research.

Thank You!

On behalf of the individuals and families we support throughout the year, we extend a heart-felt thank you to our thousand of generous donors, fundraisers, sponsors and volunteers. Donations this year have allowed us to:

- Deliver over 200 food baskets were delivered in collaboration with St. Andrews Residence
- Deliver over 200 activity kits were sent to clients and care partners who were isolated due to program interruptions
- Purchase infection control supplies in order to operate our programs and services safely
- Produce programs and services that can be operated virtually

Accomplishments

Despite a full year of working with pandemic directives, we were able to maintain a strong level of services to continue to support our clients and care partners. The ASCK worked extremely closely with the Chatham-Kent Ontario Health Team to develop emergency management rotocols to ensure the safety of all of those across different health sectors. This included but was not limited to re-deploying several staff to a LTC home experiencing a significant COVID-19 outbreak.

Looking Ahead

• Continue to enhance partnerships. Those include but are not limited to:

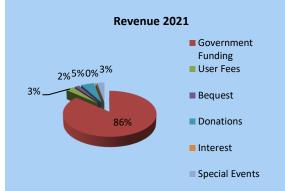
Partners:

- Family Physicians
- F.I.R.S.T. Strategy
- Windsor Regional Hospital
- Family Service Windsor
- Bluewater Health
- Lambton Elderly Outreach
- Family Service Kent
- Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital
- CKPS, OPP and CKFES
- LTC and Retirement Homes
- Learnington District Memorial Hospital
- Alzheimer Society of Windsor-Essex
- Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton
- VON

Chatham-Kent Ontario Health Team:

- CKHA
- Chatham-Kent Family Health Team
- Thamesview Family Health Team
- Home and Community Care
- CMHA (Lambton-Kent)
- Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- Tilbury District Family Health Team
- C-K Community Health Centre
- Thamesview Family Health Team
- Medavie EMS Chatham-Kent
- St. Andrew's Residence
- Transform Shared Services Organization
- Westover Treatment Centre
- March of Dimes Canada

Financial Highlights





Please contact the Alzheimer Society of Chatham-Kent for a full audited financial report.

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Your Support

It is through your generosity, that we are able to provide the support, education and resources for the people living in our community who are living with dementia. Thank you.

To make a donation, there are several options:

- Mail a cheque to the address on the right
- Visit our office to pay by Visa, Mastercard[®] or Interac[®]
- Call in your donation using Visa or Mastercard
- Through our website and CanadaHelps.org





