

# ASP QUARTERLY

## NEWSLETTER



### THE 2019 IGWM WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S BREAKS RECORDS!

On June 1, over 650 members, care-partners, volunteers, and community sponsors came together to walk in support of those affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Together we raised **\$104,888** for community programs and services in Peel Region!

All monies raised support programs and services in Peel region that improve quality of life for people living with dementia and their families, and support other activities like counselling, music therapy, education and public awareness. CEO Christopher Rawn-Kane remarked, "the Walk is my favourite event as it is centred on our members and their families. It is a chance for us to come together as a community to embrace those affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. It is a rewarding and uplifting experience."

The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's was a tremendous success because of you!



### THANK YOU BARBOSA FAMILY!

Walking in memory of Roland Barbosa, Team BarboPapa raised over \$12,500 for ASP's programs and services. Making them our top fundraising team 5 years in a row! A big thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Walk, and for being the backbone of its success.



## NORA'S HOUSE

Volunteers were hard at work on June 11 for BMO Day, helping to transform the landscape outside Nora's House. From re-painting the garden benches to completely resurfacing our gardens, the volunteers were absolutely incredible and we are all so grateful for their help!

## MUSIC THERAPY

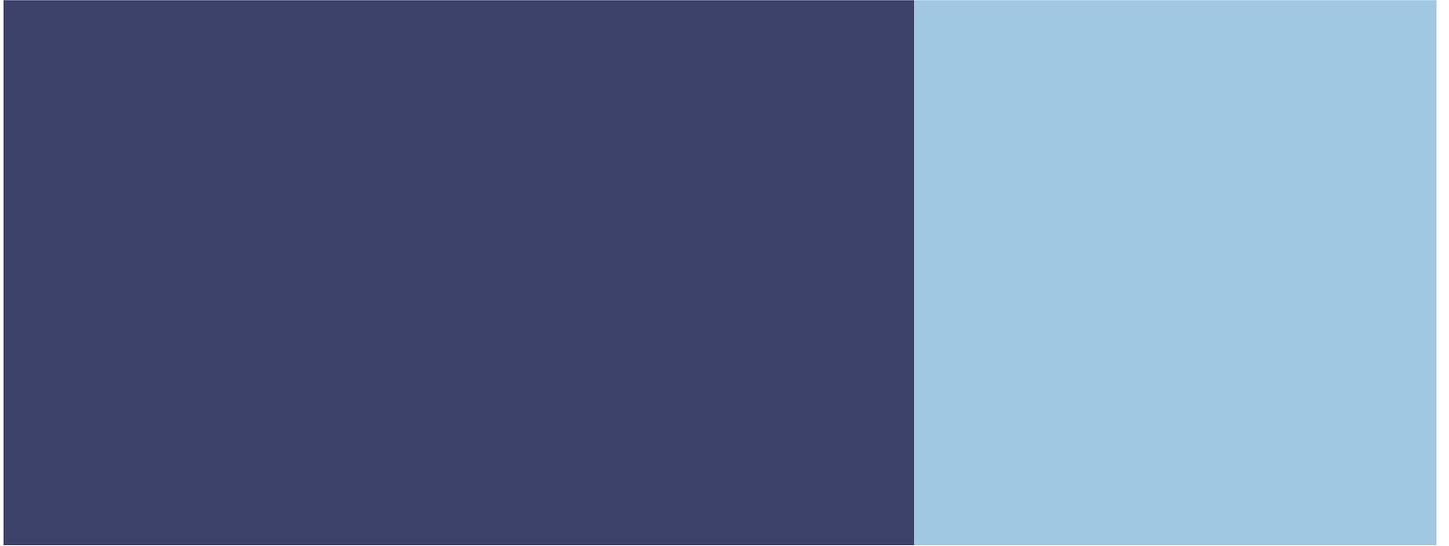
MEET RUTH WATKISS, OUR MUSIC THERAPIST

Music can be a powerful source of joy and comfort for people with dementia and for those around them. When words fail, music provides a way for the person with dementia to connect with others and engage with memories and emotions. **Ruth engages our members daily through live sing-a-longs and tailored pieces of music to bring joy to our members at Day Program and guests at Nora's House.**



We invite you to join us at our 12th annual Great Memories Golf Classic on Monday September 16th at Eagle Ridge Golf Club. Over the past 12 years, this event has helped raise over \$300,000 for the Alzheimer Society Peel's community programs and services. Join us for an all-day event that includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, dinner, swag bag, auction, and more.

To register, visit our website or our Facebook. To request your foursomes or twosomes, please contact Matt DiSalvia at [m.disalvia@alzheimerpeel.com](mailto:m.disalvia@alzheimerpeel.com).





History was made this month as the federal government officially announced Canada's first national dementia strategy: **"A Dementia Strategy for Canada: Together We Aspire."**

The strategy sets out three national objectives: preventing dementia; advancing therapies and finding a cure; and improving the quality of life of people living with dementia and caregivers.

This is fantastic news for the more than half a million Canadians living with dementia today and the thousands more who will develop the disease in the years to come. For the first time, we have a strong foundation for a coordinated and targeted national approach to improve dementia care and advance research.

Christopher Rawn-Kane, CEO of the Alzheimer Society Peel said, *"We are pleased to be part of this unprecedented National Dementia Strategy. For the first time in Canada's history we have the support of the government in our fight to alleviate the consequences of Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The \$70 million over the next 5 years will help us to create a country in which all people living with dementia and caregivers are valued and supported, quality of life is optimized, and dementia is prevented, well understood, and effectively treated."*

While we celebrate this announcement, we also recognize that much work lies ahead to ensure the strategy brings about immediate and lasting changes for Canadians affected by dementia. That's why we will continue to advocate for complete funding and speedy implementation of the strategy.

## COMMUNICATING CHANGES TO HOW WE WILL SHARE PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION WITH YOU

Dear Care Partners, family contacts, and caregivers;

We are making some important updates and changes to our electronic record management and the sharing of personal health information. We are upgrading our standards to better meet the mandatory requirements set out provincially, through the Ministry of Health. Details will be communicated with individuals when required to protect the confidentiality of that information and the privacy of individuals with respect to that information while facilitating the effective provision of health care.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Shelly Melnyk, Chief Information Officer, our Privacy Officer, at [s.melnyk@alzheimerpeel.com](mailto:s.melnyk@alzheimerpeel.com).