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...It's work as an advocate, it's fundraising and its client services... It's juggle - everyone of those balls is important. I just want to applaud the work of the Alzheimer Society and I want to recognize that I understand that those balls are all in the air at the same time, and how challenging that can be`

~Survey Key Informant (partner/stakeholder)

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Alzheimer Society

PERTH COUNTY

Our Mission

To alleviate the personal and social consequences of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias through the development and delivery of support services and education for those affected by dementia and to promote research

Our Vision

A world without Alzheimer's disease and other dementias

Our Values

Collaboration, Accountability, Respect,
Excellence & Empowerment



Annual Report 2018/2019

Message from the Board President & Executive Director

This has been a very busy year for the Alzheimer Society of Perth County, one that has presented new challenges as well as managing our ongoing ones. We are pleased to say that we have met those challenges well and have positioned ourselves to continue to do so.

We know that the need for our services is growing at a brisk rate. Over the course of 2018/19, we experienced a 21% increase in the number of individuals served by our hard-working staff. The number of counselling visits with persons with dementia increased by 26% and the number of counselling visits with caregivers by 28%. Which is to say, we have data to show what we know to be true through our everyday observations; As time passes and our population ages, it is necessary to actively grow our ability to continue to serve at current levels with compassion. With that in mind, local fundraising is crucial and we are pleased

to report that we have had a strong year in that regard. From the Walk For Alzheimer's, to a very successful Soup's

On, to a \$10,000.00 donation from 100 Women Who Care North Perth, the community has stepped up to illustrate just how important the Alzheimer

"Thank you for giving us a reason to get out of the house" - care partner

"I never thought I could do it, and would never have tried if it wasn't for this program" - person with dementia

"Thank you for providing a safe space for my loved one and me to meet new people"

Society is to them. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the community's outstanding support.

The Society has a proven record of working collaboratively and in partnership with different organizations throughout Perth County to service

the needs of families and individuals living with dementia. This year we have made a commitment to attain a new level of service and quality through accreditation. Currently, the Society is undertaking a detailed process that will see it accredited under the auspices of Accreditation Canada. This prototype accreditation is a partnership with six other organizations and the first of its kind in Ontario. We see accreditation as a crucial step to ensure thriving sustainability and quality.

With the health care landscape changing in Ontario in the years ahead, the Society has been working collaboratively with partners across all health care sectors on the development of a Huron Perth Ontario Health Team. Together, we will continue to serve a growing need within Perth County – more effectively, efficiently and in an integrated way – in the years ahead. It is entirely appropriate to give thanks to our hard-working staff who have performed so brilliantly this past year. It is their dedication and passion that has shone brightly again. Thank you, as well, to our committed Board of Directors and to every single person in our community who has supported us throughout this past year and who shares our vision to care for families with dementia, be

it through volunteering of their time and efforts, or through their monetary donations. As change comes, our organization is considering the words of philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson, as we proactively take part in shaping the future: **"Do not follow where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."**

It is with that in mind that the Alzheimer Society of Perth County at once celebrates a successful year while readying itself for the possibilities that lie ahead.

Don Landry and Debbie Deichert

Summarized Audited Financial Statements

Revenue		Expenses	
SW LHIN	501,190	Salaries & Benefits	580,497
Other Funding	294,592	Supplies	36,643
		Sundry	96,435
		Buildings & Grounds	46,024
Total Revenue	795,782	Equipment	3,070
		Total Expenditures	762,669
		Excess of Revenue	33,113

The financial information is extracted from the audited financial statements of Alzheimer Society of Perth County and, not containing all the information contained therein, is therefore incomplete. The financial statements, audited by the firm Famme & Co. Professional Corporation, are available upon request.

Our Impact in 2018/2019

1546 INDIVIDUALS SERVED: 983 active clients; 333 people with dementia and 650 caregivers were provided with support & 563 clients discharged

122 new clients with dementia

181 new caregivers

1512 counselling visits with individuals with dementia

2,913 counselling visits with caregivers

160 caregiver group sessions

75 group sessions for persons with dementia

93 training, information & education sessions

2,955 individuals attended education sessions

Minds in Motion™: **10** Sessions; **189** Participants; 21 Volunteers

Referral Sources

Primary Care - **81**; Self Referral - **90**; LHIN H&C- **64**;

Long Term Care - **6**; Specialized Geriatric - **11**;

Community Support Agencies - **40**; Hospital - **3**; Other - **2**