

On behalf of the board of directors, we wish to express our gratitude to the volunteers, clients and staff of Epilepsy Durham Region. Many have contributed so much to the successful effort to build a sustainable, compassionate and knowledgeable agency to serve the approximately 1 in 100 residents of Durham Region who live with epilepsy.

The work at Epilepsy Durham Region (EDR) has always been a team effort, first to build a vision and then to find a way to achieve and sustain the vision.

As a member of the Board, it has been gratifying to work with so many talented people past and present. The path from a few volunteers in a church basement to being on the threshold of the opening of a dedicated clinic here in Durham Region has been a remarkable voyage.

Epilepsy Durham Region has been an influential voice at the table at the provincial and national level advocating for the establishment of standards of care, protection of students living with epilepsy, resolving drug shortages, and helping to build awareness through public education, and the promotion of National Epilepsy Awareness Day each March.

With the history of success EDR has realized in their first 30 years it will be amazing to see the accomplishments EDR works toward in the next 30 years. While we may not be able to predict any one of these achievements in the next 30 years, we do know that they will continue to be community focused and responsive to the needs of those living with epilepsy and their families.

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