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EXECUTIVE MESSAGE



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to express my gratitude to the volunteers, associate members, and staff of Epilepsy Durham Region (EDR) whose dedication to this agency's mission and values is commendable. Many members of our community have contributed to the successful effort to build a sustainable, compassionate and knowledgeable agency that serves the families touched by epilepsy in Durham Region.

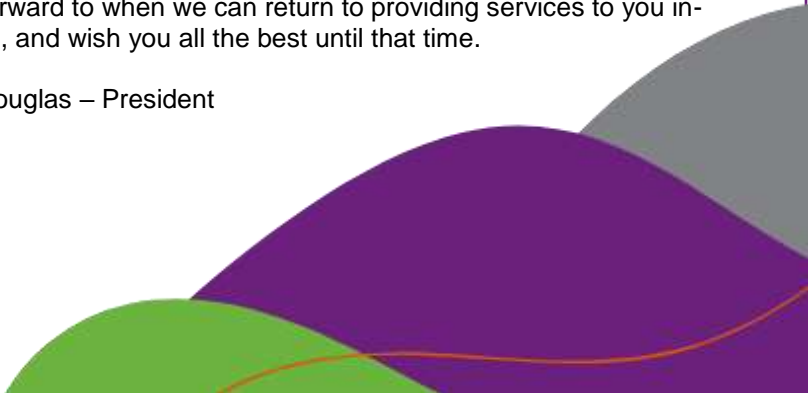
2021 has been a year full of challenge and transition for us all – the community in general, and specifically for our clients, volunteers, staff and Board members. Epilepsy Durham Region tackled each challenge, pivoted to continue servicing clients, and we continue to improve our service delivery for the future.

We'd like to thank Darryl Swain for filling the position as Executive Director (Interim) in 2021. His dedication and efforts to improving and streamlining all areas of our operations has helped us serve people living with epilepsy during another challenging year, and has established a strong foundation for our future.

We also welcome the return of Chelsea Kerstens, with her many years of experience in client services, as she takes leadership of Epilepsy Durham Region as the agency's Executive Director. We are confident that people living with epilepsy will continue to receive high-quality education and support services they deserve. We look forward to the fresh perspective and energy she brings to the future.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the year. We look forward to when we can return to providing services to you in-person, and wish you all the best until that time.

Cris Douglas – President





MISSION

Epilepsy Durham Region is committed to promoting independence and optimal quality of life for individuals living with epilepsy or seizure disorders and their families, through support services, advocacy, and public education.

VISION

Our vision is to create a barrier free community in which epilepsy is widely understood, and where persons affected by epilepsy and seizure disorders are empowered to live a life of support, dignity, and self-worth.

VALUES

- Caring and empathic
- Accountability
- Equality and mutual respect for all individuals
- Integrity and honesty
- Respect and diversity
- Efficient and cost-effective management

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cris Douglas | President
Cindy MacEwen | Vice President
Joseph Mauceri | Treasurer
Melike Ceylan-Leamen | Secretary
Randy Farmer | Director

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Logan Bloschinsky
Lorraine Hogg
Randy Ling
Denise Sankey
Cassidy Wade



PROVINCIAL | AGENCY COLLABORATIONS

Epilepsy Durham Region is working collaboratively with epilepsy agencies across Ontario. In 2021 we were able to launch a new client management software that enables us to better track and manage clients' needs over time. This will provide a seamless and improved experience for people living with epilepsy. The standardized approach also enables agencies to provide province-wide data to government funders regarding the needs of people living with epilepsy in Ontario.

The Task Force continues to work with federal, provincial and regional levels of government advocating for core funding in the federal budget. While our effort continues to be received favourably, funding for community epilepsy agencies has not yet been included in the government's budget. We will continue to advocate for funding to ensure province-wide consistent and appropriate epilepsy care.

REGIONAL | BUILDING BACK BETTER

In March 2020 the worldwide pandemic, COVID-19, caused Epilepsy Durham Region to close all in-person services, which reduced services to 15% capacity. After transitioning to virtual service delivery, and improving operations affecting service delivery, we returned to full capacity. By year-end 2021, the agency serviced 129% of clients compared to pre-COVID norms.

OPERATIONS | STAFF TRANSITIONS

In November 2020, Darryl Swain was brought onboard as Executive Director (Interim) to advance the agency's technology transition, improve operational efficiencies, fully open virtual services and assist with strategic planning for 2021 and the future.

December 2021, Chelsea Kerstens, returned from maternity leave to resume her role as the new Executive Director of Epilepsy Durham Region. Chelsea is currently developing a roadmap for the future for Epilepsy Durham Region.

Chelsea's client centered approach ensures people living with epilepsy will continue to receive quality service and support. Her first priority will be to fill the Client Services Coordinator vacancy that was created after her promotion.

VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



COVID-19 restrictions affected all of our in-person activities for all of 2021, which prevented our volunteers from engaging with us and the community. We are ever so grateful for your many contributions over the years, and the value you bring is significant. We look forward to when we can be together again, serving people with epilepsy and making our community great for everyone. Until then, we reflect fondly on memories. We hope to see you all again soon.



Volunteer Appreciation
THANK YOU!



be kind.



THE EPIC GOLF CHALLENGE Golfers Take a Mulligan then Shoot a Hole in One

We are forever amazed at the steadfast group of community members, our EPIC family, that supports us through thick and thin. While COVID-19 changed how Epilepsy Durham Region provided services, and our capacity to run in-person fundraising events, one thing that remained the same is the commitment of the individuals that take part in the Epic Golf Challenge year after year.

2021 marked our 7th anniversary of the Epic Golf Challenge. Our dedicated golfers came through for us in 2021, finding an opening in the fall to host the golf tournament. In a period where little activity was possible in the public domain, our golfers were able to raise a budget-saving \$36,000!

It is only with the help of these dedicated individuals that we are able to continue delivering high-quality support and services to people living with epilepsy. Each year we are overwhelmed with the generosity and kindness that this group demonstrates. Since 2015 their passion and hard work paid has raised a grand total of **\$617,596.62**

There are not enough words to truly express the gratitude that we feel, but on behalf of Epilepsy Durham Region and all of those that are impacted by epilepsy in our community...

THANK YOU



STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS | DECEMBER 31, 2021



Statement of Revenue over Expenses

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenue		
Bingo/Nevada	\$ 15,457	\$ 76,219
Donations	47,923	62,436
Fundraising	58,475	114,823
Grants	22,476	-
Investment Income	7,858	1,854
Other income	<u>3,745</u>	<u>7,067</u>
	<u>155,934</u>	<u>262,399</u>
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	292	7,385
Fundraising expenses	6,639	34,799
Insurance	2,874	3,527
Interest and bank charges	334	696
Legal and accounting	3,120	2,985
Membership fees	673	299
Occupancy	17,818	17,818
Office and general	307	3,309
Professional development	182	150
Repair and maintenance	16	-
Salary and benefits	98,184	133,225
Telephone	2,039	2,253
Travel	71	181
Utilities	<u>1,745</u>	<u>1,612</u>
	<u>134,294</u>	<u>208,239</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	<u>21,640</u>	<u>54,160</u>

Statement of Members' Equity

Unaudited - See Notice to Reader

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets - Opening	\$ 473,953	\$ 419,793
Excess of revenues over expenses	21,639	54,160
Prior period adjustments	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets - Closing	<u>\$ 499,592</u>	<u>\$ 473,953</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION |

DECEMBER 31, 2021



Balance Sheet As at December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 342,773	\$ 122,069
Investments, at cost	182,110	339,860
Accounts receivable	-	8,280
Due from government agencies	673	4,669
Inventory	5,150	4,974
Prepaid expenses	<u>586</u>	<u>630</u>
	<u>\$ 531,292</u>	<u>\$ 480,482</u>
Liabilities & Members' Equity		
Current		
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 1,700</u>	<u>\$ 6,529</u>
Long Term		
Long term debt (Note 4)	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>31,700</u>	<u>6,529</u>
Members' Equity		
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>499,592</u>	<u>473,953</u>
	<u>\$ 531,292</u>	<u>\$ 480,482</u>

REASONS TO DONATE

Did you know that Epilepsy Durham Region relies heavily on the generosity of its volunteers and donors to continue its work? Our fundraising efforts, donations, and support from our community are critical in ensuring we can provide all services and support to individuals and their families affected by epilepsy or seizure disorders in our community.



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Working together to improve epilepsy care in Durham Region

Every effort has been made to recognize volunteers, individuals, foundations and corporations who have generously supported Epilepsy Durham Region and its mission in 2021. Please accept our apologies should any errors or omissions have occurred and notify us at (905) 430-3090.

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