

Message from the Chair of the Board

Over the years, the Ottawa Chapter has always represented stability in a changing world. Certainly many of the faces have changed and our client services and research have expanded but our philosophy and commitment to enhance the quality of life of those living with MS has remained constant. As we live through this time of economic uncertainty, we must ensure that this philosophy and approach stay strong.

From the beginning, our direction has always been based on a concern for individuals and their families, in terms of addressing their immediate needs and helping shape their futures. Each year we strive to increase the number of programs and support services that we offer our membership while endeavoring to support national research initiatives.

Our greatest strength lies in the trust that exists among our community members, many of whom are veteran and new participants in our flagship events, including the MS Walk, RONA MS Bike Tour and MS 100 Hole Golf Challenge. Many others hold community events to benefit our work while others support

us on a corporate or individual level. As custodians of the funds that are raised on our behalf, we are mindful of our fiduciary responsibility to our donors and people living with MS and remain committed to identifying efficiencies in our day-to-day operations.

It is for this reason that we decided in this time of economic restraint to continue utilizing our 2006-2007 annual report, as it still provides a thorough overview of our programs and services. We have, however, included a refresh of our summarized statement of revenue and expenditures and our list of supporters.

In challenging times such as these, our donors are our mainstay and play an integral role in supporting the Ottawa Chapter to end MS. With your support, we will move towards a future in which generations will live free of multiple sclerosis.

Thank you,



Marie Vaillant, Chair
2008-2009 Board of Directors

Ottawa Chapter Board of Directors & Ottawa Chapter Staff

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The Financial Year in Review

The year ending August 31, 2009 has been a very solid year for the Chapter. The overall results of fiscal 2009 speak to the strength of our operations and our capacity to offset shortfalls in some areas with successes in others. The generosity of the Ottawa community enabled the Chapter to raise \$805 300 on an overall net basis during the year.

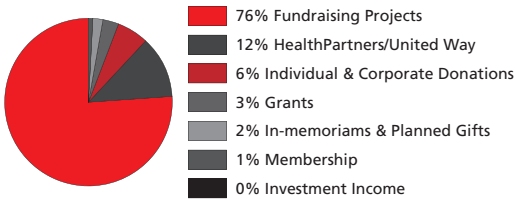
We proudly contributed \$101 700 towards the provincial office's operations and helped other communities in Ontario without the same potential to raise money. This monies also supports the work of MS Clinics across Ontario, one of which is situated in Ottawa at the Ottawa General Hospital.

In 2007-2008, the Chapter directed a total of \$147 000 to fund research at the national level, \$119 000 of which came from our then current revenues and an additional \$28 000 from our accumulated

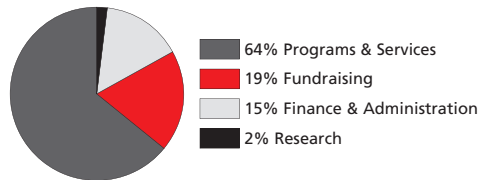
net assets. In 2008-2009, we were required to cancel one of our longest standing fundraising activities, an initiative that netted \$121,000 in 2007-2008. Because we were unable to effectively replace this lost revenue in 2008-2009, our research commitment for the year was significantly lower. We were, however, able to ensure that the monies earmarked for research was nonetheless forwarded to the national research program. This totaled \$15 000, \$13 000 of which came from our current revenues and an additional \$2 000 from our accumulated net assets.

This compares to a local client services budget of \$293 200. Although this represents a \$36 000 increase over the previous year, it is important to note that at the end of fiscal 2007-2008, the Chapter had earmarked surplus funds restricted from the previous fiscal year to support these special client services projects in 2008-2009.

Revenue



Expenses



Your Contributions at Work

Program Services and Education:

- Self-help and recreation groups; financial and special assistance; Equipment Loan Program funding
- Support of Volunteer Resources, Education, Communications and Social Action Committees
- Publications, the Chapter website and newsletters
- Revenue sharing in support of Ontario Division chapters

Finance and Administration: Planning, technological support, audit, training and development, financial management, administration, Board of Directors

Research: Support of the national research programs into the cause, prevention, treatment and cure for multiple sclerosis

Development: Support of funding initiatives and committees

Summarized Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	2009	2008
Public Support and Revenues		
Fundraising Projects (net of expenses)	612,727	665 468
Health Partners /United Way	98 636	79 551
Individual Donations	42 939	39 985
Corporate Donations	6 727	14 146
In Memorials and Planned Gifts	12 453	27 235
Grants	26 210	11 251
Investment Income	0	8 367
Membership	5 602	7 454
Total Revenue	805 294	853 457
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Expenditures		
Local and Provincial Programs		
Client Services	293 226	257 618
Ontario Division Programs and Services	101 696	87 491
Volunteer Resources	35 133	37 305
Communications	47 415	51 492
Education	34 919	34 057
Social Action	6 588	5 814
Total	518 977	473 777
Support Services		
Finance and Administration	122 515	128 144
Fundraising	150 740	132 340
Total	273 255	260 484
National Research Program	13 062	119 196
Total Expenditures	805 294	853 457
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Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	0	0
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The statements for the year ended August 31, 2009 are unaudited.

In fiscal 2004, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada forwent Division and Chapter audits and limited the audit focus to the National level. While a separate audit report was not issued for the Ottawa Chapter for fiscal 2009, PriceWaterhouseCoopers did carry out specified audit procedures on the Ottawa Chapter and Ontario Division financial results and tested the internal control environment in order to express their opinion on the consolidated financial statements for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

Thank You to Our Supporters

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Gloria Kunka
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Corporate Partners

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Care for Community and Health Services
Community Care Access Centre
Essential Health and Social Services, City of Ottawa
Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre
Local Community Health Centres
Ontario Disability Support Program
Ontario March of Dimes

Ontario Medical Supplies
Ottawa Hospital MS Clinic
Ottawa Hospital
Rehabilitation Centre
Propeller Dance
Radha Yoga Centre
Sandy Hill Community Centre
Stride Wheelchair Plus
The In Community VHA Rehab Solution
Visiting Homemakers Association Outreach Program

Third Party Fundraisers

1171 Ambleside
Bytown Beat Chorus
Country of Renfrew Golf Tournament
CSF Leitrim Golf Tournament
Dreamdrop Wishes
Gilmore Golf Tournament
Golden Knights Hockey Team
Gordon Keith Art Sale
Haunt4MS
Jeff and Cathy Rubino
Justin Moorhouse
Knights of Columbus Horseshoe Toss
Lancaster-Holbrook Wedding
Metro Music
MS Awareness
MS Mountain Climb
Multiple Concert Series
Music for MS
Neil Kushwaha
OnPath Biggest Losers Challenge
Ottawa Lebanese Festival
Race Over the Rainbow
Restore-All Golf Tournament
Rock for MS
Scrabble Tournament
Singles Event
Six Hours of Rock for MS
Stair Climb
The Cheshire Cat Pub
The Scottish & Irish Store
Theatre de l'hydre

2008 Ottawa Chapter Volunteer Award Recipients

Penny Morris • Fundraising Excellence
Brian Hum • Volunteer Excellence
Kinsmen Club of North Grenville • Community Excellence
Ontario Medical Supply • Corporate Excellence
Ottawa Chapter Merit Award Winners
Mary Joan Hanna • Dianne Kelly • Sandra Lee • Marice Prior • Bill Russell • Caroline Yung

Thank you to the over 550 volunteers engaged in every facet of our organization.