

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 equally supporting national research initiatives.

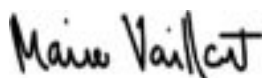
Our greatest strength lies in the trust that exists among our community members, many of whom are veteran and new participants in our flagship events, including the MS Walk, RONA MS Bike Tour and MS 100 Hole Golf Challenge. Many others hold community events to benefit our work while others

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

2008-2009 Board of Directors & Ottawa Chapter Staff

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The Financial Year in Review

The year ending August 31, 2008 has been a very successful year for the Chapter. The strong overall results of fiscal 2008 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 \$853,457 on an overall net basis during the year.

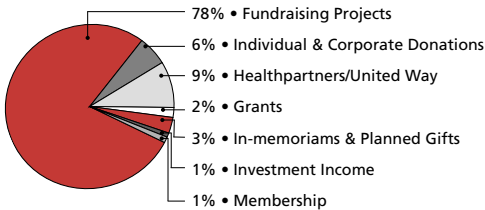
We proudly contributed \$87,491 towards the provincial office's operations and helped other communities in Ontario without the same potential to raise money. This monies also supports the work of MS Clinics across Ontario, one of which is situated in Ottawa at the Ottawa General Hospital.

Over the course of the last year, we have been working hard to support both sides of our mission. The Board approved an investment of \$119,196 in research for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. In addition, \$27,755 of the Chapter's net assets was directed to the National Office to fund research, bringing the Chapter's research contribution to a total of \$146,951. This

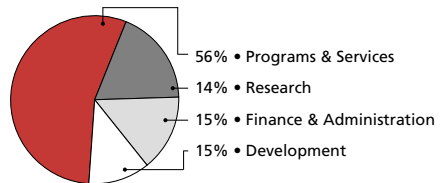
compares to a local client services budget of \$257,618 – which meets with the provincial spending requirements between research and client services.

It is important to note that in fiscal 2006/07, the Chapter recorded a surplus of \$75,000. At year end the board of directors took steps to restrict part of the surplus for projects focused on client services. During the year the board approved expenditures of approximately \$50,000 for three projects relating to a special education event, a caregiver retreat and purchasing additional equipment to support our clients' needs. These projects were not included in the 2007/08 operating budget but were approved on the basis that they would be funded within the surplus funds restricted from the previous fiscal year. During the year the Chapter funded \$9,681 towards these projects and it is anticipated that an additional \$37,558 will be expended in 2008-2009. The remainder of the surplus (\$27,755) from fiscal 2006/07 was contributed to research in fiscal 2007/08.

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

	2008	2007
Public Support and Revenues		
Fundraising Projects (net of expenses)	665,468	671 218
Health Partners /United Way	79 551	73 397
Individual Donations	39 985	69 611
Corporate Donations	14 146	23 809
In Memorials and Planned Gifts	27 235	30 516
Grants	11 251	40 077
Investment Income	8 367	13 149
Membership	7 454	5 224
Total Revenue	853 457	927 001
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Expenditures		
Local and Provincial Programs		
Client Services	257 618	248 687
Ontario Division Programs and Services	87 491	87 729
Volunteer Resources	37 305	37 614
Communications	51 492	52 084
Education	34 057	28 274
Social Action	5 814	5 716
Total	473 777	460 104
Support Services		
Finance and Administration	128 144	129 482
Fundraising	132 340	101 308
Total	260 484	230 790
National Research Program	119 196	161 107
Total Expenditures	853 457	852 001
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Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	0	75 000

The statements for the year ended August 31, 2008 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 2008, 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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MS 100 Hole Golf Challenge

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Jeff Waito

MS Walk

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Kristy Klawitter
Isabel Mackay
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Ley-Ann Mondor
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Kim Mitchell
Ley-Ann Mondor

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Individuals who have made a planned gift
Cheryl Elliott
Clare Gillespie
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Linda Lumsden
Marie Vaillant
Meagan McEwen
Graham Thompson
3 Anonymous

Corporate Partners

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Advantage Audio Visual Rentals Ltd.
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Community Service Partners

Bruyère Continuing Care,
St. Vincent's Hospital
Bruyère Help Line
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Community Care Access Centre
Community Coalition
COTA Health
Disabled Persons Community Resources (DPCR)
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
Visiting Homemakers Association Outreach Program
United Way Labour Market Inclusion Steering Committee

Third Party Fundraisers

Artisans du Jardin
Carleton University Stair Climb Challenge
CSF Leitrim Golf Tournament
Gilmore Reproductions Golf Tournament
Harris Computer Haircut Challenge
Knights of Columbus Mount Kilimanjaro Climb
MS Awareness Golf Tournament
Ottawa District Women's Hockey Association
Ottawa Valley Golf Association
Rivershore Crescent Plant Sale
Rock for MS
Skate for MS
South Carleton High School Art Auction
Whitfield Olympic Event

2008 Volunteer Award Recipients

Winners of the Ontario Division Volunteer Awards

Karen Dolan • Outstanding Chapter Award: Public Relations
Stefan Jurewicz • Certificate of Exceptional Achievement : Young Volunteers
Robert Gibb • Citation of Merit: Administration
Michael Follis • Citation of Merit: Education
Kevin & Nicole Baker • Citation of Merit: Public Relations

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