







Message from the President and Executive Director

It is customary to dedicate this space in an annual report to an enumeration of an organization's successes over the past year. And, to be sure, there were a number of achievements this past year that served to strengthen our supports to individuals and their families and our association. We are proud to be recognized for our commitment to excellence and accountability and providing high quality, valued-based supports.

This year, however, we dedicate this space to call upon you, your family and friends and community members to engage directly with provincial representatives and decision-makers to raise awareness about the acute needs of Ontarians with a developmental disability and their families and the crises that many of them are experiencing.

Over the past year a number of national media outlets, including CTV, The Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail, and the CBC, featured heart-wrenching stories of loving, caring families in Ontario who could no longer care for their disabled family member and families languishing on ever growing waiting lists for services that have been chronically underfunded for decades.

In November of 2012, against the backdrop of these stories and in response to hundreds of complaints from families across the province about the lack of services, the Provincial Ombudsman of Ontario, André Marin, launched an investigation into developmental services.

"We have heard heart-wrenching stories from aging or ill parents whose adult sons and daughters need constant care that can't be provided at home — but they have nowhere to turn," Marin said. "Some of these caregivers are on the brink of emotional and physical breakdown. We have investigated past cases where people with these severe disabilities have been sent to shelters and even jail. What is particularly troubling is that our complaints have only gone up, despite new legislation and changes made by the ministry in recent years."

Yet, despite widespread media coverage, alarms being raised at the Ombudsman's Office and warnings about the toll years of chronic underfunding have taken on families and the sector, Ontarians with a developmental disability and their families see no reason to believe that things will change.

Families are losing hope.

If not embarrassing front-page stories or red flags being raised by Ontario's watchdog, families ask, then, what is it going to take?

Those of us who are concerned with the plight of vulnerable Ontarians with a disability and their families must make our provincial representatives understand that their well-being is as much a priority with them as health and education—sectors that resonate with the electorate and, not coincidentally, with elected representatives.

There will be a tipping point when the status quo as regards public resources and policy concerning families and individuals who are vulnerable because of a disability will be seen as unacceptable by the general public. This tipping point may be prompted by what we anticipate will be a scathing report from the Provincial Ombudsman's Office.

What will it take? Surely, the answer cannot be jails or shelters or families having to disclose their personal stories to newspapers or elderly infirm parents having to leave their loved ones in hospital emergency rooms.

We must not lose hope. Ontarians are compassionate and have a keen sense of social justice.

Sean Travis, President and Jim Triantafilou, Executive Director



- The Region of Peel, Children's Services, provides significant increased funding to BCCL to expand its **Early** Childhood Education Services.
- BCCL successfully transitions an individual back to his community from **Thistletown** Regional Centre, a Ministry operated institution as part of the Ministry's controversial plan to close the facility.
- With support from SNAPSO, a family group, and Brampton Parks and Recreation, BCCL's respite initiative for children with autism, known as "*The Zone*", moves into Ellen Mitchell Community Centre. Children and families enjoy the community based, inclusive setting and access to its amenities.
- BCCL's Community Living Month campaign "Small Actions Ripple Change", recognizing people's contributions to the lives of people with a developmental disability, is greeted with enthusiasm by the community and local businesses.
- BCCL, in keeping with its commitment to continuous quality improvement, strikes a Quality Assurance Measures Committee to ensure compliance with new regulatory and legislative requirements in the delivery of its services and supports.
- BCCL formally supports the **Provincial Ombudsman's** investigation into developmental services and MPP Christine Elliott's **All-Party Select Committee** to examine the urgent need for a comprehensive Developmental Services strategy to address the needs and aspirations of Ontarians with a developmental disability as well as those dually diagnosed with a developmental disability and mental illness.
- Albion Bolton Library partners with BCCL to offer an eclectic program of activities and guest speakers to people with a developmental disability, including story tellers, artisans, and musicians.
- BCCL becomes a member of OASIS (Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs).
- BCCL joins ARCH (Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped) as a partner member.
- After extensive consultations and calls for Community Living Ontario, a provincial umbrella association, to undergo transformational change in order to serve as a relevant advocacy body for the 21st century, BCCL withdraws as a member.
- BCCL, with support from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, provides The City of Brampton \$75,000, The Town of Caledon \$30,000, and Reach for the Rainbow \$50,000 to assist families with the costs of March Break and Summer Camp programs.
- BCCL, without additional funding, launches an after-school pilot project in Caledon.
- For the eleventh consecutive year, BCCL achieves a balanced budget for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

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