



Annual Report 2017/18

People making a difference

We support not only the person with aphasia but also those closest to them.

ON THE COVER: Client Joan with her daughter, Robin, and our social worker, Anjana.

Aphasia

Language involves the ability to speak and understand, as well as the ability to read and write. Aphasia is a language challenge related to an injury to the brain, most commonly stroke. This language difficulty masks the fact that people with aphasia are inherently competent and leads to an inability to participate in life's conversations and experiences. Aphasia puts every human relationship, every life role, and most daily activities at huge risk.

The Aphasia Institute

Founded in 1979 by Pat Arato, the Aphasia Institute is a Canadian community-based centre of excellence, pioneering programs and practices that help people with aphasia learn how to communicate in new ways and begin to navigate their own lives again. Through direct service, research, education and training, the Aphasia Institute has built an international reputation as a world leader and educator in aphasia.



A Strategic Plan with Impact

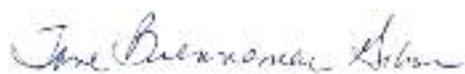
In contrast to many organizations where strategic plans sit on a shelf and gather dust, the Aphasia Institute's strategic plan is a living document that guides our daily activities. We are happy to report that our **Strategic Plan 2014–2018** is now concluded and its mandates were met with great success. Our achievements are the result of the efforts of every person that believes in what we do – our clients, volunteers, directors of the board, staff, family members, and donors – coming together and making a huge difference. It's why this year's annual report theme is **People Making a Difference**.

Key achievements include: a multi-year grant of \$1.2 million from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to **expand and improve access to stroke services** for patients with aphasia; new research designed to assist patients with aphasia and advocate on their behalf; **in-person education and training** to over 310 health-care professionals and 322 personal support workers from Canada and around the world; 31 online webinars presented by internationally recognized researchers and academics to **expand knowledge exchange**; articles in peer-reviewed journals and presentations at peer-reviewed international conferences; a provincial Trillium grant that assisted in the creation of an **online searchable database** of our pictographs; **new mission-related social enterprise revenue** from our education and training programs, as well as from the sales of new resource products and from contracts that saw our **materials translated into several new languages**, including Danish and Swedish.

Our clients – people living with aphasia – are always at the heart of what we do. Over the past four years we have delivered close to 20 dynamic new programs based on the expressed needs of our clients and their families. This included new avenues for creative expression **and** the piloting of a successful and ongoing program for an unserved form of aphasia – a degenerative disorder called **Primary Progressive Aphasia**. We have significantly reduced wait-times for new clients and retained a large volunteer team who have in the past four years delivered over **49,364 hours of service**.

A new **Strategic Plan 2018-2022** will build on the many achievements of the past and incorporate our exciting new \$1.2 million grant, to reduce language barriers for people with aphasia, their families, and those who provide service to them across the province.

We invite you to join us on this exciting journey!



Jane Brenneman Gibson, Board Chair



Aura Kagan, Ph.D., Executive Director



Jane Brenneman Gibson



Aura Kagan

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Strategic Goals

2014 – 2018

The past four years have been an exhilarating, challenging journey to deliver a bold strategic plan that promised the following:

- Engage with the Stroke Community to Improve Stroke and Aphasia Services
- Expand Knowledge Exchange to Promote Quality and Accelerate Learning, Reach, and Impact
- Develop a Mission-Related Social Enterprise Program to Contribute to Sustainability and Growth

The successful completion of this plan was the culmination of the efforts of every member of our community – from clients and volunteers, to staff and board members, to family members and donors.

This Annual Report is a celebration of the efforts and teamwork involved in not only achieving these goals but indeed in surpassing them.



2014



2015



2016



2017

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New Strategic Goals 2018 – 2022

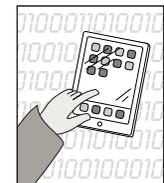
Enabling Goals



Strengthen organizational capacity and sustainability

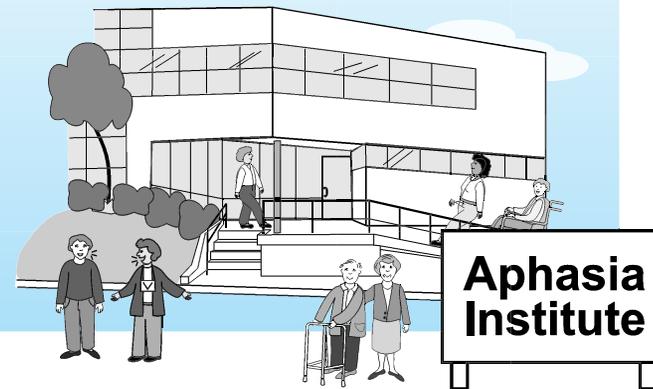


Communicate our work

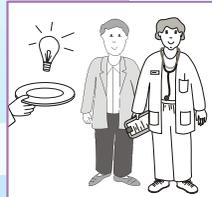


Leverage technology and information

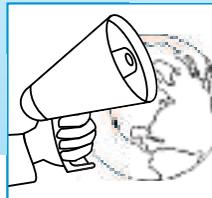
There are no barriers to living successfully with aphasia



Anticipate changes in the service needs of people with aphasia and their families locally and across Canada.



Share expertise and facilitate professional learning so as to increase communicative access to health care services in Ontario.



Champion communicative access for people affected by stroke and aphasia provincially, nationally, and internationally.

RESPECT

COMPASSION

COLLABORATION

CREATIVITY

EXCELLENCE

Direct Service

People Living Successfully with Aphasia

Clients Chris,
Lewis & Tita



This year saw the creation of two new programs and the refinement of another based on client requests.

VOLUNTEER RESOURCE PROGRAM What began as an attempt to assist one client who wanted to find meaningful community engagement has blossomed into a resource program. This program aims to help our clients gain experience and confidence by giving back and providing them with the skills and knowledge to decide if they wish to pursue a regular volunteer role in the community. Opportunities included the Daily Bread Food Bank, Lighthouse, Yonge Street Mission, New Circles, and Toronto Humane Society. (Pictured at left, three of our clients who participate in the Volunteer Resource Program.)

BEGINNER STEP-UP PROGRAM An adaptation of our main exercise program for our clients who wanted more physical challenge.





VARIETY HOUR Provides stimulating, engaging group activities (Tai Chi, yoga, drumming, dance) in a communicatively accessible environment.

QUALITY INITIATIVE We are in the process of finalizing a new client engagement survey, with feedback from our clients, volunteers, and the Quality, Research, and Ethics committee.



“The Aphasia Institute has done so much for my family and me following my mom’s diagnosis with Primary Progressive Aphasia. I can’t endorse the Institute, its staff and volunteers enough!”

– Jennifer, Client Family Member

The Last Four Years

To keep our promise to our clients (*“We help you navigate your life... one conversation at a time.”*), we have created new programs and adapted others as necessary. Some highlights include:

- ◆ **LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE** Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA) is a medical diagnosis with distinctive needs. We developed a new program to provide this growing aphasia population with services that best meet their needs.
- ◆ **SKILLS GROUP** A program that began with our younger clients but now includes clients of all ages who want to increase their effectiveness in everyday situations.
- ◆ **OUTINGS** Helping our clients re-engage in the community, enjoying everything from nature walks to art galleries to theatre shows.
- ◆ **LIVING & LEARNING** A weekly education program exploring a range of topics, from art history to geography, and current events to technology.
- ◆ **BOOK GROUP** Our clients enjoy reading and discussing best-selling novels, in a communicatively accessible format.
- ◆ **CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS/HEAR MY VOICE** Exercise and creative expression are powerful therapies for the body and mind. Here our clients express themselves artistically in song and movement, on video, and in public performance.

Our Research Team: Lisa Chan,
Aura Kagan & Melodie Chan

Research & Development

People and Research with Impact

SCA™ ACUTE This study, made possible by our own community's grassroots fundraising efforts, was designed to improve awareness and care for aphasia patients from the beginning of their journey in acute care. It involves an application of our signature method, **Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA™)**. Over the last year, we have made significant progress in a number of areas, including recruitment of client family members and frontline health care staff, and the collection of data – through focus groups, surveys, and observations of health care staff. This research will help us adapt our training and family resources.

INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL EVALUATIVE SCIENCES (ICES) STUDY This comparative analysis, completed in partnership with ICES, proved what we had long suspected – that health care costs among stroke survivors *with* aphasia are almost double that of stroke survivors *without* aphasia. These findings were presented this year at two international conferences. Further research in this area is planned.





BASIC OUTCOME MEASUREMENT PROTOCOL FOR APHASIA (BOMPA)

A quick assessment tool, BOMPA was developed to track the progress of people living with aphasia, focusing on conversation, participation, and quality of life. BOMPA is now being evaluated through an inter-rater reliability study approved by the Quality, Research & Ethics Committee. Results of the study will be presented at a number of prominent national and international conferences.

COMMUNICATIVE ACCESS MEASURES FOR STROKE (CAMS) One of the few tools to capture the “patient voice,” CAMS evaluates the degree to which a health care facility/unit is communicatively accessible for people with stroke and aphasia.

A research study on the effectiveness of CAMS has been completed and an article on its development and evaluation was published this year in the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*.



The Last Four Years

Over the last four years, our research and development initiatives have led us in groundbreaking new directions, helping to maintain our international reputation:

- ◆ **SCA™ ACUTE** In 2015/16, with approval from our Quality, Research & Ethics Committee, we laid the groundwork for this self-funded study. Developed with the input of a national group of experts and in partnership with North York General Hospital, this project has seen much progress over the last four years.
- ◆ **CAMS** After its beta testing, this web-based quality improvement tool was piloted successfully in the fall of 2016 to a group of health care professionals. In early 2017, Phase 1 of the tool became available to the public, with a Phase 2 upgrade expected to launch before the end of 2018.
- ◆ **ICES STUDY** This study – the first of its kind in Canada – was initiated to compare the associated health care costs of Ontario stroke survivors *with* and *without* aphasia. Working closely with health care policy advisors and scientists, we released the study’s results (see opposite page) in May 2017.
- ◆ **BOMPA** This quick assessment tool began with a beta testing phase involving speech-language pathologists working in community settings. BOMPA is now in the research stage of its development.
- ◆ **NEW APHASIA RESOURCE BOOKLETS & TOOLKITS** Research and development were key in the creation of the following new products: Talking to Your Speech-Language Pathologist; Talking to Your Hearing Professional; Talking to Your Bank; Your Life toolkit.

Our Trainers/SLPs Elyse Shumway,
Lee-Ann Kant & Judy Hain-Cohen

Education & Training

People Making a Global Impact

In addition to our renowned, twice-yearly Training Institute and our popular Knowledge Exchange Speaker Series webinars, highlights for 2017/18 include:

- **STUDENT WEBINARS** Hosted 3 interactive webinars with speech-language students from Boston University, University of South Carolina and St. Lawrence College.
- **EXTERNAL TRAINING** Conducted a 3-day training session, sponsored by Stroke Services B.C., for speech-language pathologists and health care workers in Vancouver, B.C.
- **PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER TRAINING** Provided three 3-hour SCA™ basic training classes for more than 160 personal support workers from around the city of Toronto.
- **STUDENT PLACEMENT** With a long-running commitment to mentorship, we supervised 9 students from the disciplines of speech-language pathology, communicative disorders, and social work.



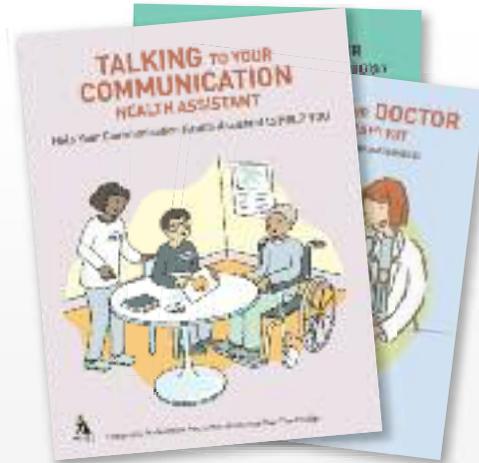


TRAINING Our world-renowned supported conversation training is offered on-site and in classrooms all around the world. While many trainees choose to visit us here, where they can see all aspects of our service delivery in action, some organizations prefer for us to come to them. To meet this need, we now send our trainers to locations across Canada and internationally.

RESOURCE PRODUCTS

We launched a new aphasia-friendly resource, available in our web store:

- Talking to Your Communication Health Assistant



“My experience with the [Aphasia Institute’s] training has been amazing... in skill-building and knowledge and understanding of [people with aphasia]. The teach[ers] at A.I. are excellent – professional and compassionate.”

– Speech-Language Trainee

The Last Four Years

As an accredited facility, we take our education and training very seriously. Over the course of the last four years, as we continued to deliver our renowned aphasia modules, we piloted and developed several new initiatives, including:

- ◆ **KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SPEAKER SERIES** Still as popular as when it was introduced in 2014, this series of online educational webinars features leading experts in aphasia research, education, and clinical practice, allowing for greater reach for aphasia education within Canada and internationally.
- ◆ **PARTICIPICS** With assistance from the Trillium Foundation, we created an online searchable database of individual pictographic images. Clinicians are now able to create their own dynamic range of assessment tools and templates in real time.
- ◆ **TRAINING ON THE ROAD** Our trainers took our courses to the following locations: McGill University; West GTA Stroke Region; Transcare Community Support Services; Regional Stroke Network Training.
- ◆ **YOUR LIFE WORKSHOPS** Activationists and recreationists were trained in how to assist people with aphasia in telling their own life stories using the Your Life toolkit.
- ◆ **STUDENT WEBINARS** To expand our reach, we piloted several interactive webinars to include speech-language pathology and communicative disorders students at 3 international universities, with more webinars planned.

Fundraising

Alex, client



People Supporting Our Work

ANNUAL APPEAL

Our 2017 Annual Appeal featured our client Alex, (pictured at left), a stroke survivor who refused to look back, slow down, or give in to aphasia. Through his commitment to a healing journey, he learned painting and photography, both of which featured prominently in his story. With the help of the Aphasia Institute, he discovered that “every day is better.” Our generous donors contributed more than **\$35,500**, exceeding our target goal, supporting our current research projects (see the Research and Development page of this report), and helping to improve the patient experience and quality of life for people living with aphasia.

*“For the first time since my stroke, I felt like I was doing something normal.
By myself. For myself.”* – Alex, client

I CARE

A grassroots campaign led by our clients, volunteers, staff, and board of directors, I Care raised over **\$9,000** through a record 35 events – everything from bake and craft sales to pizza parties and dinner parties. One of our clients even grew a beard for I Care! (See John, pictured at right.) For the third year in a row, our community unanimously chose to use I Care revenue to support the SCA™ Acute Care research project.





In 2017, our signature annual fundraising event, the Walk, Talk 'n Roll, championed by our client Kumar (pictured at right), generated **\$87,000**, exceeding our goal by \$7,000. This helps fund our client support services as well as our research and education initiatives. This year brought out participants in record numbers, showing once again that in addition to raising much-needed funds, the Walk, Talk 'n Roll assists us in building our community. We are indebted to everyone who supported this great event!



200 individuals from our community participated.

1,018 people donated.

We rely on our dedicated volunteers to help us help others!

9 volunteers were recognized with *Ontario Volunteer Service Awards* for their continuous years of outstanding commitment to our organization.

106 committed volunteers worked tirelessly to help deliver our programs to clients and their families.

41 new volunteers joined our team.

Volunteer Years of Service as of April 1, 2018

1 – 4 Years

Samin Ali
Amal Azeez
Mona Banihashemi
Claudette Baril
Shingruf Chughtai
Melissa Cook
Emily Ding
Tannis Fast-Vetter
Christa Giron
John Glofcheski

Mauricia Silva
Selina Teti
Maria Tsolis
Heather Wilkie
Gayle Wilmot

Norma McVicar
Cheryl Morris
Joyce Ostler
Dean Parker
Gabriella Pataki
Carol Pratap
Marilyn Shama
John Tonus

5 – 9 Years

George Aldworth
Cynthia Blackman
Valerie Chavossy
Rose Kamnitzer
Joyce Li
Don McKellar
Moirá Minoughan
Antonio Rodriguez
Adrienne Smith
Margaret van Dijk
Carolyn Lutzak
Nazia Mohsin
Yann Myslowski
John Nussbaum
Darshani Rampersaud
Sarah Rosen

George Aldworth
Cynthia Blackman
Valerie Chavossy
Rose Kamnitzer
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Moirá Minoughan
Antonio Rodriguez
Adrienne Smith
Margaret van Dijk

15 – 19 Years
Mary Botterell
Steve Gahbauer
Judy Moore
Michael Wright

10 – 14 Years

Marilyn Berger
Ruth Grant
Sophia Hibbeln
George Kopulos
Sybilla Mannsfeldt

20 – 24 Years
Jean Cameron
Myriam Shechter
Urvashi Tanna

25 – 29 Years
Anna Taylor

30+ Years
Jane Thorson

Ambassador Award

The Ambassador Award was launched in 2005 to recognize outstanding contributions to the Aphasia Institute community. This year's recipient is:

BILL SCOTT

For his efforts to spread awareness about aphasia. For many years, Bill has been a voice for others like him who are living with aphasia – giving talks to many organizations and to our new clients, mentoring and sharing with them his experiences and challenges. We honour Bill for his incredible contributions and positive spirit.



Gerry Cormier Communicative Access Award

This award was launched in 2010 and renamed in 2014 to celebrate the enormous contributions of the late Gerry Cormier, a man with aphasia who agreed so many years ago to be featured in our educational materials. The *Gerry Videos* are still a key component of our aphasia training today.



The Gerry Cormier Communicative Access Award recognizes organizations whose work has significantly reduced barriers to full life participation for people living with aphasia. This year's recipients are:



THE TAVISTOCK TRUST FOR APHASIA

The Tavistock Trust for Aphasia receives this award for their pioneering work in raising awareness for aphasia – with both the medical profession and the general public – and for funding practical aphasia research that continues to make a profound, real life difference. www.aphasiatavistocktrust.org



TRANSCARE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

TransCare Community Support Services receives this award because of their commitment to helping provide conversation training to personal support workers and activationists & recreationists, reducing barriers to full life participation for people living with aphasia and others with like challenges. www.tcare.ca



SPECTRUM HEALTH CARE

As a recipient of this award, Spectrum sets a strong example for all health care organizations in leading the way to eliminate barriers in communication. Spectrum continues to show a commitment to safe-guarding vulnerable populations. We look forward to providing further conversation training to your personal support workers in the future. www.spectrumhealthcare.com

The Pat Arato Community Partner Award

The Pat Arato Community Partner Award, created in 2017, recognizes our community partners and their leaders whose funding, subsidy, and expert advice show a deep belief in the work we do on behalf of people living with aphasia and their families.



CITY OF TORONTO LONG-TERM CARE HOMES & SERVICES

This award is presented to the City of Toronto Long-Term Care Homes & Services with gratitude for organizing the Toronto Challenge and providing accessible space in our city. The Toronto Challenge, in which we've participated for 21 years, is our most important fundraising event of the year.

www.toronto.ca



QUAD ENGINEERING

By presenting this award, we recognize QUAD Engineering's unwavering support as a community partner. The Aphasia Institute is incredibly grateful to you for being such great neighbours, providing us with additional meeting space when it was needed, and for your generosity in offsetting a portion of our rent.

www.quadeng.com



When her husband, Oscar, suffered a stroke that left him with aphasia, Pat Arato could find no support available for this isolating communication disorder.

In 1979, with almost no funding, she created the **Pat Arato Aphasia Centre** – the first independent, community-based resource of its kind. Inspired by beloved stage and screen performer Patricia Neal, a stroke survivor herself, Pat and a few volunteers worked with a small group of adults with aphasia and built what is now the **Aphasia Institute**.

Pat also established **Essex House Bed and Breakfast**, offering a supportive environment for people with aphasia. Her pioneering work, for which she was awarded the **Order of Ontario in 2004**, continues to inspire and inform what we do and who we are.

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18 Donor Recognition

ASSOCIATE \$5,001 – \$50,000 Lisa Lefeuve **FELLOW \$1,001 – \$5,000** The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited Harmonize for Speech Fund Justin Aykler Colin & Irma Benner Veronica Branigan Dennis & Normi Brans Jane Brenneman Gibson & Douglas Gibson Peter Broecker Bernie Dans David Davidson Ian Epstein Krystyna Grande Stephen Hobbs John Hurlburt Aura & Mannie Kagan Lee-Ann Kant & Michael Dutkeiwicz George & Susan Kopulos Esther Rose Gary Ryan Asokan Thamboosamy Peter Tsui Jan van Velzen Esther Zdolec **PARTNER \$501 – \$1,000** Anonymous (3) ACA Alliance The Budd Sugarman Foundation Harvey Kalles Real Estate Ltd. PeopleDynamics Learning Group Inc. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP S. Barish Holdings Ltd. 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Financial Statements

A word from our auditor

To the Directors of the Aphasia Institute:



The accompanying condensed statements of financial position, revenues, expenditures, and net assets are derived from the complete financial statements of the Aphasia Institute as at March 31, 2018 and for the year then ended on which I expressed a qualified audit opinion, which is a common practice with respect to charitable organizations, in my Independent Auditor's Report dated June 18, 2018.

The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of the Institute. My responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of CPA Canada, is to report on the condensed financial statements.

In my opinion, the accompanying condensed financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

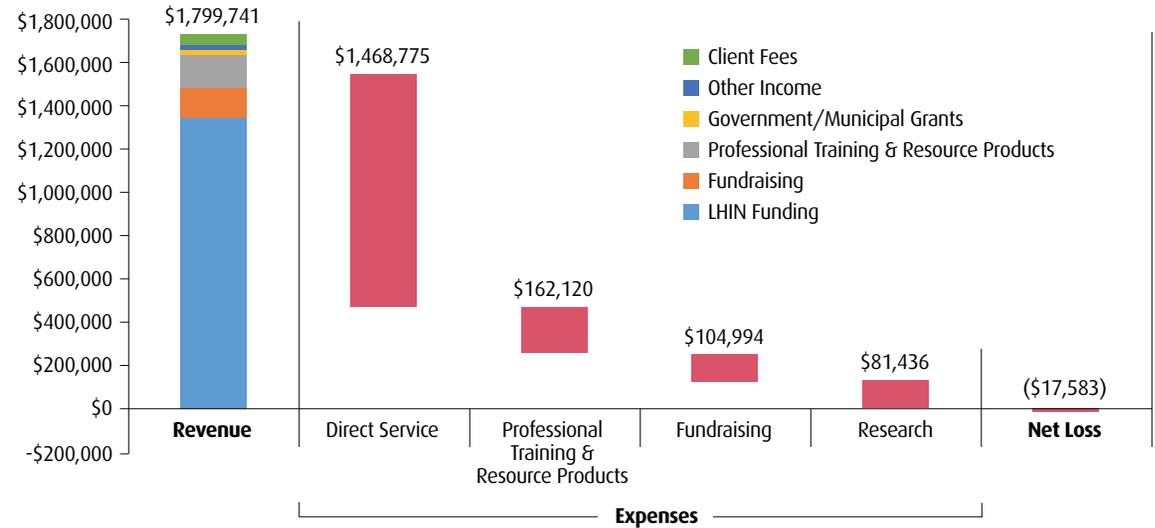
Since these are condensed financial statements, readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the Institute's financial position, results of operations and cash flow, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

Peter Tsui, CPA, CA, LPA

Copies of the complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

Financial Key Highlights

For the year ended March 31, 2018, the Aphasia Institute had a net loss of revenue over expense of \$17,583.



For a complete review of the Audited Statements as of March 31, 2018, please see the Annual Reports page of our website: www.aphasia.ca.

From Our Treasurer... In 2017/18, the Aphasia Institute had a deficiency of \$17,583 of revenues over expenditures.

During the year, we were awarded a three-year grant from the Ministry of Health, which contributed to an increase in revenues. Other revenue sources remained fairly consistent year over year, with the exception of professional training & education and investment income which decreased.

We incurred additional salaries and provincial education and training expenses in order to meet our obligations under the new grant. Expenses otherwise remained consistent year over year, with the exception of office expenses which decreased, and fundraising expenses which increased.



Silvia Gomes, Treasurer

Our Team 2017/18

Aura Kagan

Executive Director
Director of Education
and Applied Research

Anjana Magapu

Social Worker
Manager, Client Services

Carrie Harrison

Director, Finance and
Operations

Caryl Pereira

Administrative Assistant

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Executive Leadership,
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Clare Thompson

Team Assistant,
Client Services

Elyse Shumway

Education Consultant (SLP)

Fatima Cabral

Coordinator, Recreation and
Community Integration

Leanne Buck

Social Worker, Family
and Outreach

Lisa Chan

Interim Coordinator of
Research & Development
(SLP)

Lisa Samson

Speech-Language Pathologist

Lorraine Podolsky

Clinical Mentor (SLP)

Marisca Baldwin

Education and Learning
Coordinator

Melodie Chan

Coordinator of Research &
Development

Michael Chin

Finance Coordinator

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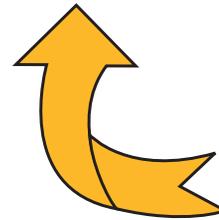
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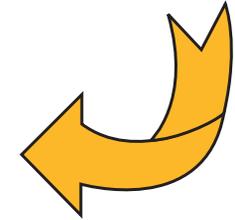
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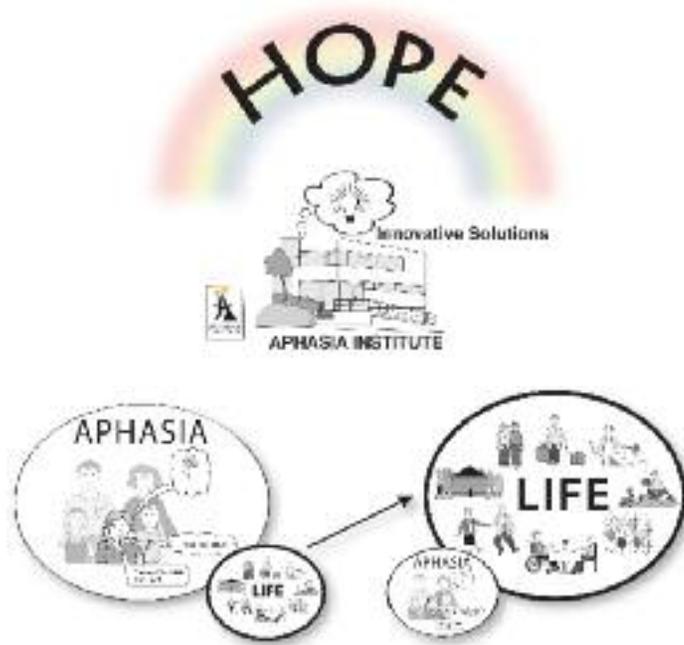
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Our Mission & Vision

Mission

Give hope to people with aphasia and their families by developing and sharing innovative solutions that reduce language barriers to full life participation.



Vision

There are no barriers to living successfully with aphasia.



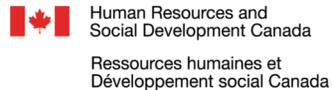


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