



Tita tells us what she wants health care providers and the public to know.

Imagine being in the hospital after a stroke, unable to talk to your healthcare team. Unable to ask questions or make your own decisions. And unable to communicate with your own family. For people living with aphasia, communication barriers with healthcare workers and with their loved ones is often the most devastating barrier to overcome.

**But with the support of caring donors like you, we're working to provide vital support and training to overcome that barrier.**

Each year, the Aphasia Institute educates and trains hundreds of healthcare providers in Ontario, Canada, and beyond, using an internationally recognized, research-based method we have developed called Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA™).

**Through this unique teaching method, people with aphasia themselves are the teachers.** People like Tita and Richard share their own experiences to help shape the tools and training we develop, create and share with healthcare workers around the world – to enable better communication for people with aphasia.

Whether it's asking a patient to communicate their preferences through symbols, pointing to key words or other techniques, when a healthcare worker is trained in the SCA method, they can provide better care, have better communication and make a more meaningful connection.

**Each person trained = MANY lives changed. And it's your support that makes the difference!**

Again and again, we hear from health care providers who tell us about the profound impact our training has on their ability to communicate with their patients, improve their lives and influence others. They tell us:

“It is so rewarding when we hear about how my SCA training has enabled big changes in the lives of people with aphasia.”

“The SCA training has been hugely beneficial in enhancing my own daily interactions with clients...”

“Within a few months of the first training, the impact to my speech therapy clients was clear.”

Training like this is needed now more than ever. Because while the pandemic taught us so much about the devastating impact of social isolation and life is returning to a more familiar routine for many of us – communication barriers continue to dramatically impact the ability of people living with aphasia to participate in daily life, especially in health care settings.

We're committed to increasing access to our education, training, and resource programs. **But this work is only possible through the generous support of you, our donors and supporters.**

**Please give today to help people with aphasia connect this holiday season and throughout the upcoming year.** Donate online at [www.aphasia.ca/annualappeal](http://www.aphasia.ca/annualappeal) or return the enclosed form with the reply envelope provided.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aura Kagan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Aura" and last name "Kagan" clearly distinguishable.

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