

# 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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HYDROCEPHALUS  
CANADA | 



BUILDING A NATIONAL FOUNDATION

# BRAINWAVES HYDROCEPHALUS CANADA

Bridging Research, Advocacy and Innovation  
With Awareness Education & Support

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## Our Mission

Hydrocephalus Canada's mission is to empower people impacted by hydrocephalus and spina bifida to experience their best life.

## Vision

To establish a Canadian environment that protects, supports and enhances all individuals, families and caregivers impacted by the conditions by Bridging Research, Awareness and Innovation with Advocacy, Education and Support (BRAINWAVES).

## Purpose

Hydrocephalus Canada (HC) is the trusted source for compassionate, progressive and innovative solutions that drive efforts to:

- Develop a Canadian strategy; to increase awareness about hydrocephalus and spina bifida
- Create solutions that support prevention, early and accurate diagnosis and access to appropriate treatment, advancement of new treatments and optimal outcomes
- Develop, establish, enhance and maintain education and awareness resources and encourage inclusive supportive hydrocephalus and spina bifida communities
- Fund impactful research

Hydrocephalus Canada has a devoted staff and a strong, diverse and innovative board of directors with legal, financial, scientific, media and not for profit experience. It is counselled by a Medical Advisory Board (MAB) comprised of experts who specialize in hydrocephalus and spina bifida, and who are known and respected internationally. As the authoritative voice of Canadians living with hydrocephalus and/or spina bifida, we help those impacted by conditions to not only survive but thrive.

***“On the night you were born the moon smiled with such wonder that the stars peeked in to see you and the night wind whispered, life will never be the same because there had never been anyone like you, ever in the world.”***

*~ On the Night You Were Born, by Nancy Tillman*

Before the birth of your first child no one can prepare you for the countless ways that life changes and for the indescribable feeling of love that washes over you. When my son Andrew was born on December 1, 2011, I immediately fell in love with him. A mere eight days later I found myself standing outside of the operating room at McMaster Children’s Hospital watching helplessly as my infant son was wheeled in for emergency neurosurgery. At that moment I felt an immense feeling of love, accompanied by a feeling that no parent should have to experience...fear.





# Message from the Chair



Change is defined as “to make or become different”. As we developed this Annual Report, I found it ironic, that in this year of 2020, when we should be seeing things clearer with 20/20 vision, it has been a year with the most changes and challenges, which

in turn, has resulted in new opportunities. 2019-2020 was a time of planning and growing. Hydrocephalus Canada (HC) has been building a foundation for our future as we reach across Canada making connections.

We moved forward with our national expansion in 2019-2020 by striving to empower those impacted by hydrocephalus and/or spina bifida to experience the best life possible. Research, Awareness & Innovation, Advocacy, Education & Support are the pillars of our efforts. Some of our initiatives include:

- Canadian Working Group on Adult and Transitional Hydrocephalus hosted by Integra LifeSciences/ Codman Specialty Surgical and HC. The meeting brought together neurosurgeons and neurologists from across Canada to collaborate and discuss new and innovative approaches to patient care and harmonizing services to ensure those living with hydrocephalus and spina bifida receive optimal care, no matter where you live
- Coloplast Canada education and awareness partnership
- Establishment of a Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH) support group in London, Ontario, as well as, 3 Facebook groups to connect adults with hydrocephalus and spina bifida and parents looking to share experiences

- Development of new tool called the Benefit Risk Advisory Instruction (BRAIN) to help physicians easily explain NPH, spina bifida and hydrocephalus to patients
- Support of research through partnerships with the University of Toronto CREMS program and several researchers from Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, promoted studies to help improve the quality of life of people with hydrocephalus and/or spina bifida
- “Living Your Best Life” 2019 Annual Conference featuring a distinguished panel of speakers sharing lived experiences and professionals at the forefront of care
- June Awareness “Hugs for Hydrocephalus/Smiles for Spina Bifida” social media campaign and Spirit Wheel Walk Run community awareness and fundraising events

Thank you to the Board and staff of HC for their continued dedicated efforts. My heartfelt gratitude to every volunteer, event participant and member who shared their story, made a difference with a generous donation or hosted a fundraising and awareness event in support of those impacted by hydrocephalus and spina bifida in 2019-2020. We could not achieve and prosper without the generous support of our corporate partners, foundations, donors and those impacted by hydrocephalus and spina bifida. Our accomplishments and success are reflected in our combined efforts. Once, again thank you for your support.

As our fiscal year ended in February 2020, the Covid-19 crisis began to have an immediate impact on the organization and the communities that we serve. The pandemic has brought new challenges and in turn new ideas and programming options to explore and implement. Moving forward, I encourage you to engage with us. Sign up for our digital newsletter Staying Connected. Visit our website [www.mybrainwaves.ca](http://www.mybrainwaves.ca) and share, like and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**Claudio Cinapri**

# Treasurer's Report

Our auditors, Cholkan + Stepczuk, have again provided Hydrocephalus Canada with a positive opinion saying that our financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as of February 29, 2020 and its financial performance for the 12 month period ending February 29, 2020.

The auditors, as in previous years, have qualified this opinion by saying that certain fundraising revenues received by Hydrocephalus Canada in the form of donations cannot be verified by standard audit methods. This is a very common qualification for charitable organizations in Canada and it is my opinion that this qualification is not a problem with

respect to the accuracy and completeness of the financial statements for Hydrocephalus Canada for the fiscal year.

From a financial perspective the 12 month period ending February 29, 2020 was a very positive one for our organization.

The Statement of Financial Position (formerly known as the Balance Sheet), shows greater than \$100,000 increases in Net Assets and Unrestricted Net Assets compared to the statements of the previous year. This means that our organization does have contingency funds to rely on in the event of any future challenging situations.

The reason Hydrocephalus Canada was able to strengthen its financial

position is shown on the Statement of Operations (formerly known as the Income Statement). The Statement of Operations shows an excess of revenues over expenses for the last fiscal year of \$104, 592. This was due to an increase in our lottery and bingo revenues and a decrease in expenses including staffing costs.

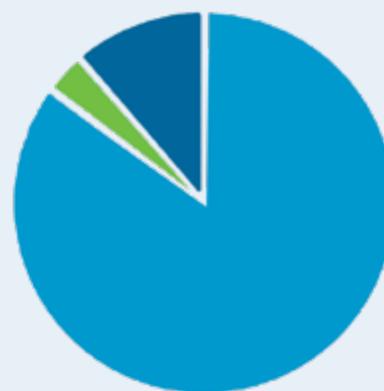
The positive financial performance and the strengthening of our financial position comes at a good time for our organization. The current Covid-19 situation is presenting Hydrocephalus Canada with many challenges that may be financially stressful for our organization in future fiscal periods.

## HOW FUNDS ARE RAISED



■ 74% Fundraising Activities  
■ 24% Donations  
■ 2% Other

## HOW FUNDS ARE SPENT



■ 85% Programs and Services  
■ 4% Fundraising  
■ 11% General Administrative

# Summary Annual Financial Statements

## Summary Statement of Operations

Year ended February 29, 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Revenues</b>		
Fundraising activities, net	\$257,909	\$205,953
Donations	83,261	102,571
Other	7,376	6,299
	<b>348,546</b>	<b>314,823</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Programs and services		
Awareness and education	120,895	162,862
Care and support	63,429	67,185
Advocacy, research and scholarships	23,399	45,401
General administrative	26,776	27,178
Fund development	8,756	20,129
Amortization of equipment	699	699
	<b>243,954</b>	<b>323,454</b>
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues)	<b>\$104,592</b>	<b>(\$8,631)</b>

## Summary Statement of Financial Position

February 29, 2020

	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and short-term deposits	\$221,456	\$116,807
Other current assets	58,547	49,562
Total current assets	<b>280,003</b>	<b>166,369</b>
Endowment investments	219,604	222,631
Equipment	1,673	2,372
Total assets	<b>\$501,280</b>	<b>\$391,372</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$13,456	\$11,800
Deferred contributions	15,697	12,037
	<b>29,153</b>	<b>23,837</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Net assets restricted for scholarships and research	230,228	229,963
Unrestricted net assets	241,899	137,572
	<b>472,127</b>	<b>367,535</b>
Total liabilities and net assets	<b>\$501,280</b>	<b>\$391,372</b>

## Summary Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended February 29, 2020

			2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted / other	Total	Total
Beginning of year	\$137,572	\$229,963	\$367,535	\$375,936
(Expenses over revenues) revenue over expenses	104,592	-	104,592	(8,401)
Internally restricted, transfers	(265)	265	-	-
End of year	\$241,899	\$230,228	\$472,127	\$367,535

### Note to Summarized Financial Statements – Basis of the Summary Financial Statements

The criteria applied by management to prepare these summary financial statements are as follows:

- The information herein is in agreement with the related information in the audited financial statements.
- The summary statement of cash flows and financial statement notes have not been presented since that information can be obtained from the audited financial statements.
- The complete audited financial statements, with Auditors' Report dated July 16, 2020, may be obtained from the Organization office or viewed on its website.

## Report of the Independent Auditors on the Summary Financial Statements To the Members of Hydrocephalus Canada

### Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at February 29, 2020, the summary statement of operations and summary statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of Hydrocephalus Canada for the year ended February 29, 2020. We expressed a qualified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated July 16, 2020.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, on the basis described in the note to the summary financial statements.

### Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

### The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed a qualified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report on July 16, 2020. The reason for our qualified audit opinion was that we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the completeness of cash donations and fundraising event and activity revenues since, due to their nature, they are not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. This is common with many not-for-profit organizations. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to revenues, changes in net assets, assets and net assets were necessary.

### Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements on the basis described in the note to the summary financial statements.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.



Toronto, Ontario  
July 16, 2020

Cholkar + Stepczuk LLP  
Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants



# Outreach and what We Do For You

In 2019-2020 we continued to explore and engage in new ways to connect in person and through technology. We met hundreds of seniors at community fairs to spread the word about Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH). NPH affects one in 200 adults aged 65 and older. As Canada's population ages, we are seeing more people who are impacted by NPH that need our support and information.

Technology has been a key factor in our ability to connect with, expand services and increase our reach across Canada. Access through the website and social media platforms allows us to connect with and help more people and increase conversations and support. There really is no substitute for making and nurturing real connections with people. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram give us a platform to share and drive our successes.

Social media has enabled more outreach to share information, promote events, like Spirit Wheel Walk Runs, the Annual Golf event and ask questions of Hydrocephalus Canada and each other. These conversations increase our ability to find, reach and help individuals in need from coast to coast with minimal human resources.

## BRIDGING RESEARCH

Research is a vital part of finding ways to improve the quality of life of people living with hydrocephalus and/or spina bifida. 2019-2020 was a vital time in research support for Hydrocephalus Canada. Our members answered the call to participate in studies and focus groups and HC wrote support letters that answered key questions. Member participation will help in the development of new treatments, interventions and initiatives to offer meaningful and effective outcomes. Here are just a few of the research projects that HC and our members participated in:

- Reproductive Health, Sexual Health, and Pregnancy Experiences of Women with Spina Bifida: A Qualitative Study. This study was supported by Hydrocephalus Canada through the matching grant CREMS program at the University of Toronto
- Health and Wellness of Youth with Spina Bifida
- Government Accessibility and Disability Survey
- CATCH Studies – Solution Focused Coaching for Parents and Youth
- Pregnancy Outcomes in Women With Spina Bifida
- Disability & Pregnancy Study



## AWARENESS & INNOVATION

- **New Support Groups** – New groups were established on Facebook for adults with hydrocephalus, parents of individuals with hydrocephalus and adults with spina bifida
- **Staying Connected** – Our digital newsletter frequency has increased to 6 published issues, with special editions to promote activities and new resources
- **MyBrainWaves.ca** houses credible information related to hydrocephalus and spina bifida, including resources, guides, videos, support apps and much more...
- **Hugs for Hydrocephalus & Smiles for Spina Bifida**  
June awareness campaign shares pictures of loved ones who lives are impacted by hydrocephalus and spina bifida. This ongoing successful initiative has connected people from across Canada and the world.
- **Bridging the Gap – NPH awareness** educates the general public about this relatively unknown neurological condition. Participation at senior’s info fairs and the distribution of over 9,000 brochures to retirement and senior community hubs has increased knowledge of the condition and exposure for HC
- **Every Healthy Baby is a Victory** promotes the consumption of folic acid for all women of child-bearing age and women in high risk groups of having a neural tube (NTDs) affected pregnancy. Folic acid can reduce the incidence of NTDs such as spina bifida by as much as 70%. 7,500 brochures were distributed to midwives, health units and family health teams this year.
- **Teaching Awareness Through Puppetry**  
is an award-winning program that offers workshops to school-aged children about disabilities, bullying, accepting differences and mental wellness. Mara, Andrew and Bonnie are members of the troupe who have hydrocephalus and/or spina bifida and they performed for an audience of 3,097 children in 2019. The puppet volunteers logged 1411 hours.

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Staying  
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**Happy Family Day!**

Join The Hydrocephalus Canada BRAIN CLUB of monthly donors. Giving as little as \$5 a month would make such a big difference!



## EDUCATION & SUPPORT

- We created the first two components of our “B.R.A.I.N. Tool” kit. The “Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus Tool” and the “Spina Bifida Tool”.

The Benefit-Risk Advisory Instructor (BRAIN) Toolkit is a series of new resources on hydrocephalus and spina bifida that will help healthcare professionals explain the conditions, tests that may be needed, treatment options, warning signs of shunt failure, how to recognize and manage complications, and answer frequently asked questions. Developed with medical experts, individuals and caregivers, the goal of this necessary tool is to help everyone work together from a common understanding and make the best decisions for optimal health and quality of life. This initiative was generously supported by STYLUS Asset Management.

- Support Groups** continue to be a cornerstone of the services we have built. Our long-standing Adult Spina Bifida and Adult Hydrocephalus Support Groups meet quarterly and have expanded to include anyone from across Canada. A new Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus Support Group in London, Ontario was established this year. 204 people attended in-person social and support groups in Ottawa, London and Toronto.
- Person to Person support** with phone calls, emails and face to face meetings are most important to us and those we serve. 432 individuals, families, health care providers, educators, extended family and students reached out to HC for information and personal support through email, social media platforms and by telephone. Staff attended 15 clinics, connecting with

**BENEFIT RISK ADVISORY INSTRUCTOR**

# B.R.A.I.N. Tool

## Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH)

**Understanding Hydrocephalus in Adults**  
Your brain contains billions of cells and is the control centre of your mind and body. It is protected by your skull, cushioning membranes, and an essential liquid called cerebrospinal fluid, or CSF. We all need CSF. It delivers important nutrients and chemicals from the blood to the brain, removes waste products from the brain, and protects this complex, essential organ. CSF is continuously produced inside four ventricles, or chambers, in the brain. Normally, CSF flows freely from one ventricle to the next before it exits the brain via the spine and is reabsorbed. However, when the flow of CSF to the outside of the brain is interrupted or blocked, too much CSF accumulates. This causes the ventricles to swell which puts pressure on the brain and can cause serious damage. The excess accumulation of CSF is called hydrocephalus.

**Adult Onset Hydrocephalus**  
When hydrocephalus is diagnosed in an adult, it is typically called Adult Onset Hydrocephalus. It may be the common form of the condition, characterized by high intracranial pressure, or it may be Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH). The causes of hydrocephalus in adults may be similar to its causes at other ages. They include:  

- cysts or tumours
- meningitis
- encephalitis
- concussion or head injury
- certain strokes
- brain hemorrhages
- unknown cause (idiopathic)

 Hydrocephalus does not always appear immediately after these causes occur, and it may be years or decades before the symptoms become evident.

**Symptoms of Adult-Onset Hydrocephalus**

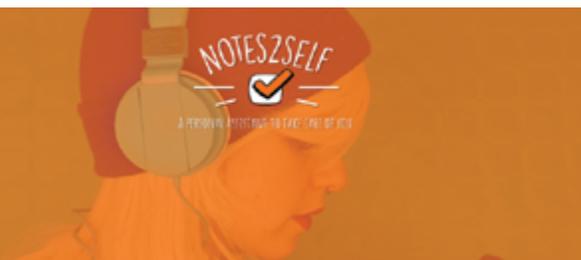
- headaches
- nausea
- blurry eyes, focusing
- irritability
- drowsiness
- change in behaviour and personality
- seizures
- unsteady walk or gait
- leg weakness
- sudden falls

**What is Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus?**  
Never heard of Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH)? You're not alone. NPH is not widely known and is frequently misdiagnosed as "old age problems" or Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease. A neurological disorder, NPH affects more than 1 in every 200 adults over the age of 55. This means thousands of people, who have much to live for, may be unnecessarily losing their independence, time with loved ones and admitted to long term care facilities prematurely. If you suspect someone you know may have NPH, be sure to ask about it specifically and insist the proper diagnostic testing be done. The greatest challenge in getting care for NPH is lack of awareness. Getting an early diagnosis and proper treatment can be difficult because the public and most family physicians are unfamiliar with the condition. Unfortunately, too many people with NPH are not being diagnosed or are misdiagnosed with diseases associated with aging. A delayed diagnosis can be devastating and cause irreversible brain damage.

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263 families. Staff and volunteers provided 237 hours of one-to-one support. Making personal connections and offering support is the foundation of the organization.

- Notes2Self** is a young adult transition planning tool developed by the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Quebec. Working in partnership with this group, HC has made an English version available to youth across Canada. Keeping track of information about your health can be challenging. There are many test results, images, appointments, contacts, questions to organize. Now there is an app for that! It's called Notes2Self and has been specifically designed for youth with sb and or h. It's free, easy to use and a powerful tool to help improve healthcare.
- Kidz & Youth Book Club** distributed 215 books to children with spina bifida and or hydrocephalus.
- Volunteers** logged 336 hours supporting our mission.



## ADVOCACY

Hydrocephalus Canada continued working with Neurological Health Charities Canada (NHCC). NHCC is a coalition of organizations that represent people with brain diseases, disorders and injuries in Canada. NHCC provides leadership in evaluating and advancing new opportunities for collaboration specific to advocacy, education and research to improve the quality of life for people affected by brain conditions. HC partnered with the NHCC this past year to:

- Intensify advocacy for Canadian Action Plan for Brain Health
- Increase NHCC information hub activities
- Drive research to action through a Canadian Action Plan for Brain Health
- Ask political parties in 2019 Federal election to work with NHCC to improve the lives of Canadians with brain conditions.
- Participate in the NHCC Brain Awareness Week Twitter campaign
- Work with NHCC to write the CIHR grant application for 1.5 million in funding for the development of a Canadian brain research strategy and will be bringing the voice of Canadians affected by brain conditions to strategy development.



# NHCC

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## Medical Advisory Board (MAB)

Led by Chair Dr. Abhaya V. Kulkarni, a noted pediatric neurosurgeon, MAB members provide the best in medical guidance and support. This esteemed group is comprised of neurosurgeons, neuropsychologists, pediatricians, clinical nurse practitioners and scientists at the forefront of hydrocephalus and spina bifida care and research in Canada and abroad. They have all added to the literature and provided cutting-edge treatment and support to people with hydrocephalus and/or spina bifida.

One of the most exciting developments last year was establishment of the 2019 Canadian Working Group

for Transitional Hydrocephalus and NPH, sponsored by Integra Lifesciences/Codman Speciality Surgical. The inaugural meeting brought together leaders in the field of hydrocephalus to develop guidelines that will ultimately improve the care of people living with hydrocephalus across Canada.

This was the first of many planned meetings to provide clinicians with a platform to share innovative ideas, new approaches, and for networking of like-minded health care professionals. This year, the focus was on new innovative approaches to patient care and harmonizing services across the country so that individuals receive optimal care, regardless of where they live.

# Education & Networking

## 2019 AGM and Conference - Living Your Best Life with Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida

### Presentations

The strength of Hydrocephalus Canada is people. From professionals treating issues related to the conditions to generous individuals who have faced the challenges of spina bifida and hydrocephalus and share what they've learned to make life easier for the next person. The speakers at the 2019 Conference came from varying backgrounds, but shared one trait – the generous spirit to give of their time, knowledge and experience to help people live the best life possible. Topics included:

- **Relationships, Sexual Health & Education for Youth & Adults with Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus**
- **Life with NPH**  
A real-life story of the experience leading up to an NPH diagnosis, treatment and life after diagnosis
- **Building Confidence in Your Job Search**  
Tips on having a positive attitude for interviews and networking
- **Supporting You Through Coloplast Care**  
An introduction to Coloplast, their values and how they work with associations, clinicians, people and their families to meet their intimate healthcare needs

**BRAINWAVES HYDROCEPHALUS CANADA** Invites You to our ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
**LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE** with Hydrocephalus and/or Spina Bifida

**AGM | 9:30 - 10 am**  
**Conference | 10 am - 12 pm**  
**Lunch & Awards | 12 - 1 pm**

**Presentations**

- Relationships, Sexual Health & Education for Youth & Adults with Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus
- Hydrocephalus & Spina Bifida Update 2019
  - Pediatric Hydrocephalus - Dr. Abhaya Kulkarni
  - Adult Hydrocephalus - Dr. Mark Hamilton
  - Spina Bifida - Dr. Paige Church
- Life with NPH - A real-life story of the experience leading up to an NPH diagnosis, treatment and life after diagnosis
- Outside the Box Strategies and Practical Insight for people to achieve their best life by honouring the self, self-advocacy and living abundantly with disability
- Supporting You Through Coloplast Care - An introduction to Coloplast, their values and how they work with associations, clinicians, people and their families to meet their intimate healthcare needs.
- Mental Health & Well Being Puppet Performance
- Building Confidence in Your Job Search - Tips on having a positive attitude for interviews and networking. As a Job Seeker, this will increase your chances of making a strong first impression.

**Speakers:** Dr. Paige Church, Dr. Abhaya Kulkarni, Dr. Mark Hamilton, Tara Geraghty-Ellis, Maureen McIntyre, Amy McPherson, PhD, Mary Daniels

**Teaching Awareness Through Puppetry**

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**  
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Conference Centre  
150 Kilgour Road, Toronto, Ontario

Generously supported by a SickKids Foundation Community Conference Grant

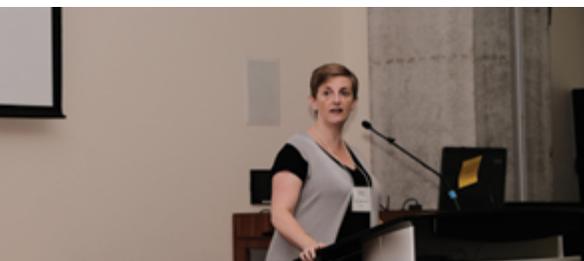
**SickKids FOUNDATION**

Please register to reserve your seat. Please contact us at info@hydrocephalus.ca or call 905-387-1575 or 416-214-1056. Space is Limited.

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- **Hydrocephalus & Spina Bifida Update 2019**  
The latest on treatment, care and research
- **Teaching Awareness Through Puppetry**  
Mental health and wellness performance

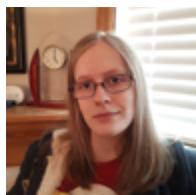
All sessions were recorded and are available on our YouTube Channel.



# Scholarships & Bursary Awards

The legacy of SB&H continued beyond the transition to Hydrocephalus Canada with our Ontario scholarship and bursary program. With the presentations at the AGM we set a new crop of students on the next leg of their academic journey. Congratulations to these accomplished students as they pursue their dreams of becoming lawyers, paralegals, researchers and more. All the best!

## Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick Scholarship and Luciana Spring Mascarin Bursary Recipients – 2019/2020



### Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick Scholarship

**Matthew Bradman**, St. Catharines

**Dhiyandra Muthia Faizal**, Toronto – Michael Bailey Founders Award

**Cassandra Fruck**, Caledonia

**Cassidy Grischow**, Paris



**Waffa Qurbani**, Mississauga – Rodney G. Walsh Award

**Hibah Raheel**, Windsor – Dr. Robin P. Humphreys Award

**Victoria Ross**, Cambridge – Barton Family Award

### Luciana Spring Mascarin Bursary

**William Pieta**, Chatham



**AS A RECIPIENT** of the 2019-2020 Dr. E Bruce. Hendrick Scholarship, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your generous scholarship.

I will be continuing my second year of study at the Architecture Program at the University of Toronto and I plan to graduate in June 2022. Upon graduating, my goal is to become a city urban planner who can give back to the community. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses. As a student with spina bifida, I am truly grateful for this gift and I will work hard to prove myself worthy of this opportunity.

Thank you again for your generosity. I am looking forward to the day I am able to help other students just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,

Dhiyandra Faizal

# Financial Support & Development for Hydrocephalus Canada:

## What You Do for Us

As a registered charity that generates 100% of our operating revenue, without government support, fundraising is a major concern. So, having such a loving community willing to give back is truly a gift! This year, Hydrocephalus Canada boosters hosted fundraisers to support our programs, services and efforts to expand HC across Canada. Keep reading for some of the highlights!

### Jackson shows his support FORE Hydrocephalus Canada!

Hydrocephalus Canada is extremely grateful to Jackson and his mom Tammy for organizing the 11th Annual Jackson's Hope Fore Hydrocephalus Charity Golf Tournament. They donated \$3,745 to support our programs and services in 2019! Tammy and Jackson's efforts have totaled over \$25,000 since 2009.

### Thirty One Gifts Second Annual Sales Fundraiser

HC member Christine Iggulden and her husband are representatives of 31 Gifts. They raised \$500 from a special sales event to support Hydrocephalus Canada.

### Golf Challenge

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Challenge was a rousing success! With your help the event raised over \$25,000. A special shout-out to our Board Member Eric Smith for not only promoting the event but doing an outstanding job as MC at the dinner. Thank you!

### Spirit Wheel Walk Run

Our Spirit Walk Wheel Run (SWWR) events are organized by individual's right in the communities where they live! The people who ran and supported these events this year raised over \$17,000 for Hydrocephalus Canada programs and services. Thank you to everyone who came out! We offer our deep gratitude to our long-time supporter and SWWR sponsor, O.O.S Medical.



# Our Partners are a Key to Our Success

## Thank You from the Bottom of Our Hearts!

Our fabulous partners, sponsors and donors just keep giving and we are eternally grateful! The following individuals and organizations have been instrumental in beginning the next chapter in the history of Hydrocephalus Canada. Their support is absolutely essential to helping people live their best lives with hydrocephalus and/or spina bifida wherever they call home in Canada. THANK YOU!

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## Unsung Heroes

We are grateful to more people than we can name on these pages. Thank you to everyone who provided a gift to Hydrocephalus Canada. Your contributions truly made a difference in our community!

# Volunteer Support Means Everything As We Grow

**H**ydrocephalus Canada values the time generously given to us by our team of volunteers. It is an irreplaceable and most precious gift. Our volunteers organized events, distributed learning materials, shared their stories so people didn't feel so alone and much more!

Volunteers led us, raised much needed funds, and have worked hard to increase awareness of the issues faced by people living with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered. ***We are more grateful to each and every one of you than you know!***

## Awards and Certificates to Say Thank You to Special People

Hydrocephalus Canada said a public and formal thank you to the following volunteers for their outstanding service at the 2019 Annual Conference.

### Laura Booth – SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Ms. Booth has been an active member and volunteer with the Association for many years. She volunteered two to three times a week at HC's office, providing much needed administrative support for fundraising, membership and programs.

### Troy & Annette Chandler – CITATION OF MERIT

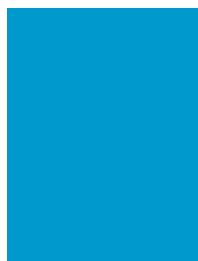
As an adult living with hydrocephalus in Sault Ste. Marie, Troy wanted to connect with those in a similar situation. With his wife, Annette they created a Facebook group and connected with HC. Since 2012, the Chandlers have been the community contacts for the region, featured in Current magazine and on our website. Not only do the Chandlers support families and individuals in the region living with the conditions, they also organize the annual Troy's Trail Spirit Wheel Walk Run. This event has raised the profile of hydrocephalus and spina bifida and garnered a great deal of media attention in their northern Ontario community over the years. To date, Troy's Trail has raised over \$18,000. This couple's commitment to each other is inspiring and their commitment to supporting families living with hydrocephalus and spina bifida is the reason we honoured Troy and Annette with our Citation of Merit award.

### Christine & Andrew Iggulden – FUNDRAISING AWARD

She continued the Thirty One Gifts fundraiser in 2019 for June Awareness month. Christine is from the Niagara region, has hydrocephalus and is raising two children with her husband Andrew.

### Sharon Ennis – FUNDRAISING AWARD

Sharon always wanted to do something to raise awareness of the conditions since her daughter Gabrielle was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. In 2009, she organized "Gabby's Gift". The first event was held in Toronto on Father's day with family and friends who came out to a good old fashioned bbq, games and a walk. Gabby's Gift was moved to Newcastle in 2011 and became an annual community event with local girl-guide troupes, bands and supporters attending for 10 consecutive years every June.





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