

Amherstburg Community Services



2017-2018 Annual Report



Kathy DiBartolomeo
ACS Executive Director

GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Another year has come to a close and it's hard to imagine where the time has gone. This past year, we continued providing our services to the communities of Amherstburg, McGregor, Harrow and LaSalle. Developing and modifying programs to better meet the needs of our community will always be our highest priority.

Our accessible transportation was at the forefront of our attention this year as it became apparent that our vehicles are in dire need of being replaced. Concours Mold Inc. challenged ACS to raise \$50,000.00 and they will make a donation of \$25,000.00 towards the purchase of a new vehicle. As our year ends, we have raised over \$17,000.00. In the meantime, we have also worked with the Town of Amherstburg on a Municipal Grant to offer transportation in rural areas. We were pleased to participate as we understand the need for rural residents to maintain their mobility and access services they need to live healthy lives.

Our community awareness campaign has helped us to form new partnerships within the community that will allow us to better serve our clients. Agencies such as WE PrideFest and Ontario Works have started offering their services at our location to meet the needs of people of all ages. Our community partners continue to reach out more to us, looking to expand their roles with our agency.

During the 2017 holiday season, Mealtime Express and Amherstburg Police Services helped deliver the 2nd Secret Santa Toy Giveaway to more children than the previous year. This time also saw the Annual Stuff-a-Stocking reach more seniors due to generous donations from The Amherstburg Minor Hockey Association and Caesars Windsor Casino. As we work to support our community with these and other services, the community continues to respond with enthusiasm to our fundraising events as our Wine 'n Hop Walks and Souper Wednesday sold out, proving to be the hottest events in town!

Saying thank you seems inadequate when it comes to our volunteers. The dedication they show day after day and year after year is endless. They truly are the frontline workers and are not only an asset to us but also to the families who have written us letters thanking the "Angels" among us! Among those volunteers are the members of the Board of Directors; their assistance and vision provides guidance to keep us relevant within our community. They don't always have the easiest job but they are a tremendous support system!

Lastly, I want to thank my incredible staff for everything they do all year. They work tirelessly with compassion and professionalism toward our clients, volunteers, each other and myself! They may be few in number but the work they do is outstanding and admirable. Congratulations to everyone! As we head into our 45th year, we are not only ready, but excited to meet new challenges!

Sincerely,

Kathy DiBartolomeo
ACS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Terri Barrette
President, ACS Board of
Directors 2016-2018

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Welcome to the 42nd Annual General Meeting of Amherstburg Community Services (ACS).

There have been many accomplishments and exciting achievements to celebrate! This year, we must celebrate the connections the organization has made through the development of relationships with important community members of the surrounding areas. This winter, a local company conveyed the importance of the services provided by ACS. By putting forth a challenge to the community, with their promise to donate an extensive amount of money toward a new vehicle, they let everyone know how essential the CareLink service is to the people of our area. Not surprisingly, we experienced continued success with our partners for the Wine 'n' Hop fundraisers – once again, the Fall and Spring session were sold out. It continues to be a key way to raise awareness of the resources ACS infuses into the area. Another key partnership with the Town of Amherstburg has resulted in the opportunity to offer services to the community in a more efficient, flexible and accessible way. Through the use of a new building, the space to provide classes, social gatherings and resources to deserving citizens has increased dramatically! This year, over 100 volunteers were honoured at the Volunteer Appreciation! The ACS employees outdid themselves with their Western theme and made our valued volunteers feel just like the “good guys” that they are! It was a beautiful evening. These examples of success illustrate the integrity of the organization and its high regard and value in our community.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication of the Board of Directors for their service and contributions that help ACS thrive. This was another celebration. We gained a few more Board members. They are young, driven and talented. To have younger members of our community wanting to share their voice and make a difference is proof that this organization is more important than ever. I'm proud to be a part of such a wonderful team.

It is with much respect, on behalf of the Board of Directors, that I would like to recognize Kathy, the program managers and valuable staff and volunteers. Their incredible commitment, creativity and compassion is what drives this organization and makes it successful.

As we celebrate our successes, we look forward to upcoming events and another wonderful year of serving our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Terri Barrette".

Terri Barrette
PRESIDENT, ACS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ABOUT ACS

OUR MISSION

To improve the overall quality of life and social well-being for residents of Amherstburg, LaSalle, Harrow and McGregor.

OUR VISION

Residents of our region are aware of social issues within their communities and work together to create a fair and dignified community for all.

OUR VALUES

Accessible to all, regardless of physical, social or financial status

Community Awareness of local issues and solutions

Solutions for local issues



March for Meals 2018

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

Meals on Wheels

Teen Health Counselling

Friendly Visiting

Security Reassurance

Friendly Social Seniors

Youth Recreation Subsidies

Coats for Kids

Free Hearing Tests

CareLink Health Transit

Computer Classes

Keep the Heat

Income Tax Clinics

Medical Footcare

Legal Aid Lawyer

Credit Counselling

Hiatus House

OESP Intake

Sexual Assault Crisis
Centre

Stuff-a-Stocking for
Seniors

Service Canada

Ministry of Children and
Youth Services

Ministry of Community
Safety and Correctional
Services

ABOUT ACS CONT'D

Meet the Board

PRESIDENT Terri Barrette

VICE-PRESIDENT Jennifer Hawksworth

TREASURER Wendy Dade

SECRETARY Pam Burkhart-Badiuk

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Kathy DiBartolomeo

DIRECTORS

Ashley Gibb

Camillia DiPasquale

Shelley Pike

Greg Crain

Nicholas Jones

Staff at the 2018 ACS Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Meet the Staff

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Kathy DiBartolomeo

PROGRAM COORDINATOR Branka Stewin

ASSISTANT PROGRAM COORDINATOR Nicole Smith

COMMUNITY AWARENESS/FUNDRAISING

COORDINATOR Austin Tyrrell

RECEPTION Claudia Castellan

KITCHEN STAFF

Sue Laprade

Karen Legault

Debby Vigneux

DRIVERS

Gail Beaudoin

Tino Riccio

James Cryowski

Dawn Laliberte

A YEAR SPENT HELPING OTHERS



16625 Meals Delivered



5852 CareLink Rides Provided



611 Reassurance Calls & 289 Friendly Visits



147 Volunteers Engaged in Supporting their Community



272 Tax Clinics Provided



26 families given winter clothing through Coats 4 Kids

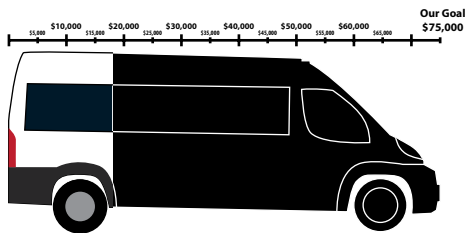


387 Stockings Donated to Seniors for Christmas



\$63,460 Given to Subsidize Recreation Fees

NEW & ONGOING PROJECTS



The Concours Mold Inc. Challenge

In February, 2018, Concours Mold Inc. issued a challenge to the community to raise \$50,000 to help ACS purchase a new accessible vehicle. They have committed to providing \$25,000 themselves to push us to our ultimate goal of \$75,000 which we need to purchase an accessible vehicle. As of June 1, 2018, we have raised \$17,583. Visit our website today to make a donation!



Photo Courtesy of River Town Times

The Active & Aging Well Expo



Fung Loy Kok demonstrating Taoist Tai Chi at Active & Aging Well Expo

On June 11 and 12 this year, we hosted the inaugural Active & Aging Well Expo alongside our partner, the Town of Amherstburg. With over 40 exhibitors, the event was a success and established a firm foundation for us to build on for next year.

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