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Greetings From Executive Director Kathy DiBartolomeo



As we come to the end of our 2022/2023 year, we have begun celebrations for our 50th Anniversary!

It is a time to reflect on our past, present, and our future.

When we remember our past, it's hard to imagine that 50 years ago, when our founding members, Dr. John Greenaway, David Goldman, Reverend John Burkhart, and Hazen Price, the first Chairman of the Board of Directors, came together to discuss the nutritional needs of local seniors and the barriers they faced trying to get access to healthy meals. They were forming an agency that 50 years later would not only still exist but is a thriving and much-needed resource in the community. This new agency which was originally called the Social Planning Council, would undergo many changes which would include, locations, its name, areas served and the services provided. The agency's name was officially changed to Amherstburg Community Services(ACS) in February 1976.

When we recognize the present, we are filled with pride as we offer over 25 plus services that address support, subsidies, government programs and health concerns. We know that we cannot do this alone, and we are so grateful for all of our partnerships and collaborations. Through the partnership and collaboration with our local government, we have moved to a larger location that allows us to have a larger and stronger impact on local residents. The businesses and donors provide additional funds to develop and support programming. Volunteers provide an extra set of hands to assist in the delivery of programs and finally and without whom, ACS would not exist.

When we imagine our future, we know the sky is the limit! We envision an agency that provides services that are accessible, inclusive, diverse, and open to everyone! We know it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes everyone in that village to take care of each other, if we are to continue to not only grow but thrive!

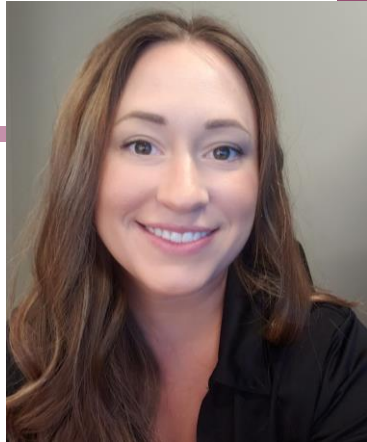
At this point, I would like to thank my Board of Directors for providing guidance and support to me that is crucial to honoring the past, living in the present and planning for the future! I have some long-time Board members that are moving on to different endeavors and to them I will always be grateful for their time spent at ACS. I look forward to working with current and new members as we embark on the start of our next 50 years.

To my coworkers that have always embraced the vision for ACS, I truly understand that without your dedication and passion, ACS would be a very different agency.

Finally, once again to everyone who has been there, is currently here, or who plans to be there in the future to keep the ACS legacy alive, we send you a heartfelt thank you!

"If you can dream it, you can do it!"- Walt Disney

Greetings From Board President Ashley Gibb



Welcome to the 2022/2023 Amherstburg Community Services' (ACS) Annual General Meeting (AGM). First, I'd like to focus on the impact our generous volunteers, donors and sponsors have on the continuation of our Agency's Mission: *To Improve the overall quality of life and social well-being of residents in Amherstburg, LaSalle, Harrow & McGregor*. Without folks in our community who identify with the mission of ACS and are willing to sacrifice their own time, talent, and treasure to enrich the lives of others, there would be no agency here to lend a hand. Thank you, sincerely to those who give of what they have, to help ACS fulfill a need for another.

ACS is celebrating its 50th anniversary – a milestone I'd like to commemorate by sharing a well-known quote by Helen Keller that encapsulates the spirit of growth and community that ACS has fostered throughout its 50 years *"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"*.

What began as a grassroots community initiative to enrich lives has become a sizeable effort by many stakeholders with the same goal: to do some good for someone else. As ACS launches forward into the future, we have not forgotten our past. The team at ACS has planned thoughtful celebrations all year long to mark this time in history.

ACS, under the supervision of Kathy, continues to provide needed services such as Meals on Wheels, CareLink Transit, Community Food Bank, access to support for low-income households, access to Service Canada, and many other valued community services not named here. Thank you to the staff of ACS for your dedication to our clients and the heart that you put into your service.

Finally, a note of thanks to the Board of Directors past and present. It's been my pleasure to serve as a member of the Volunteer Board of Directors for ACS for a number of years and with this being my final term, I wish to express that it has been my delight to work with some of the most compassionate, creative and thoughtful professionals in this way. Thank you for volunteering for the role of board member – we know it can be challenging yet the rewards are vast.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe summer and I certainly look forward to all that ACS has in store for the future.

Our Staff



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kathy DiBartolomeo

Program Co-Ordinator

Branka Stewin



**Community Awareness/
Fundraising**

Peggy Thompson

**Assistant Program
Co-Ordinator**

Tracy Snow



Reception

Gail Beaudoin

Kitchen Staff

Sue Laprade

Darlene Menard

Lisa Miller



CareLink Drivers

Dawn Laliberte

Randy Jones

Tino Riccio





Our Mission

To improve the overall quality of life and social wellbeing 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 providing solutions.

Local Impact

ACS is proud to provide services for all ages.

We've helped hundreds of older adults live healthy, independent lives in their own homes and worked to provide opportunities to reduce social isolation among seniors.

Providing essential services to lend a hand up instead of a hand out, ensure residents are treated with dignity and respect during their time of need.



1020 Senior Reassurance Calls



200 Stuff A Stocking For A Senior Packages Assembled and Delivered



540 Snack and a Smile Packages Delivered To Local Elementary School Children



525 Food Pantry Packages Prepared and Delivered

Local Impact continued

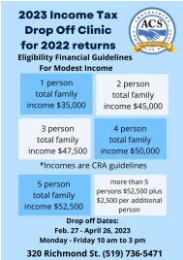
Proudly serving four communities;
Amherstburg, LaSalle, Harrow and McGregor



541 Congregate Dining
(Feast With Friends Luncheons)



4155 Friendly Visits



133 Income Tax Returns Filed



VOLUNTEERS

Over 120 volunteers contributed

Over 5,224 hours to our programs and services



MEALS ON WHEELS

16,630

Prepared and Delivered to four communities



Cooking nutritious meals for one, can be a challenge. Let Us Help. Nutritious and Delicious meals delivered to your doorstep for ONLY \$7.50. Call today (519) 736-5471.



CARELINK ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

3,365 Transportation Provided



PATHWAY 2 POTENTIAL

\$60,000 Given to Recreational Subsidy

Services We Provide



Support

Meals On Wheels

CareLink Accessible Transportation

Senior Calls/Visits

Coats For Kids

Senior Congregate Dining

Food Bank & More

Subsidy

Keep The Heat

Ontario Energy Support Program

PSP – Children’s Recreational Subsidy

Government Services

Services Canada

Free Income Tax Clinic

Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services

Ministry of Children & Youth Service

Ontario Works

Health

Medical Footcare

Hearing Life

Addiction Support

Massage Therapy

Counselling

Emotional (Adult, Teen, Youth)

& so much more!

