

2012

Annual Report



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Services

Child & Youth

EHPH provides in-school training for teachers and boards, offering information and tools to improve teaching methods while providing accommodations and safety planning guides.

- *Individual and family counselling is available for families, parents and teens.
- *Facilitate the introduction of educational material for schools and boards.
- *Training is available for camp leaders and/or coaches to make sure those children with epilepsy receive the same opportunities to participate as others.

Adult Services

Individual and family counselling and support, including monthly support groups and peer mentoring.
 Employment counselling and safety training.
 Parent matching is available for parents of children with epilepsy.

Volunteer Services

Volunteer opportunities for community members to help the association with administrative services.
 Volunteer opportunities for the community to join and help with all fundraising events and raise public awareness.
 Leadership and mentoring opportunities for volunteers

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Our Vision

Increasing public awareness via outreach, individual/family counselling and working with select forums, Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton strives to educate and encourage understanding within our community.

Our Mission

Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people living with seizure disorders through counselling and support services.



Sanya Batos
President
EHPH

President's

Message

I am honoured to have assumed the role of President in 2010 after serving on the board as a Director since our incorporation on May 23rd 2008. Since then I have seen tremendous growth and increased services. We started as Epilepsy Peel Region and then grew to Epilepsy Halton Peel. 2011 has been a significant year of growth and accomplishments. One year ago we assumed the Greater Hamilton area, expanding our programs and services to those regions and officially renamed as Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton.

It is a privilege to be working alongside the extraordinary staff we have today. I am so proud of them and the leadership of our Executive Director, Cynthia Milburn. I am also proud to serve with such an amazing group of passionate and dedicated volunteers and board colleagues. Together all of us can take great pride in our work as an organization serving the communities of Halton Peel and Greater Hamilton area.

On behalf of Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton, I thank you for your support and look forward to a promising future of helping improve the quality of life for people living with epilepsy.

Sanya Batos
President

Executive Director's Message

The 2011-2012 Fiscal year began with the expansion into the Greater Hamilton area and our legal name change to Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton. We have never worked harder to make a difference in the epilepsy community.

Our Sunny Days Camp was one of the most rewarding of all our programs; offering camp experience to children living with epilepsy and their siblings. We held support groups in Brampton, Hamilton, Oakville and Mississauga; provided Public Education; made Hospital visits; built liaisons & improved relationships with community partners and received our first Grant to provide the Grade 5 Curriculum *Thinking About Epilepsy Program*. Our Seniors Program continues to thrive as it is gaining momentum.

In December, we orchestrated an organizational move to our very own offices to accommodate our growth. We now have adequate space and an excellent work environment for the staff, volunteers, members and clients who benefit from the support services we offer.

I am extremely proud of the staff, Board, interns and volunteers at EHPH who have all contributed to the successful growth of the organization in order to serve our vast region. What an amazing Team!

Cynthia Milburn
Executive Director



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Executive Director
EHPH

Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon

EHPH participated for the second year in a row. Angela Watson and James Hitchcock both ran the full marathon on behalf of EHPH with great finishing times. The remainder of the Team participated in the 5k and had tons of fun. The pledges raised this year exceeded the previous year's by over 30%. Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton partnered with Epilepsy Toronto and managed the largest water station along the entire route. Looking forward to 2012 already!



Epilepsy Awareness Day



March 26th is "Purple Day", an international awareness day for epilepsy. It was founded in 2008 by 9 year old Megan Cassidy in Nova Scotia, Canada and has grown to involve people around the world who mark the day by participating in a variety of Purple Day awareness events



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