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Disabilities
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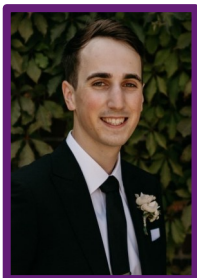
2024 / 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

*dedicated to improving
the quality of life
for persons living with epilepsy*

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A Message from our Board President



Dear Members and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, it is clear that 2024–2025 has brought both new challenges and fresh opportunities for Epilepsy South Central Ontario.

The ongoing quest for reliable funding remains at the forefront of our efforts, as we strive to sustain and expand the vital services we offer to individuals living with epilepsy and their families.

This past year, Epilepsy South Central Ontario hosted several outstanding events that brought our community together and advanced our core mission. The vibrant and engaging Aloha Vegas event united supporters for an evening of entertainment, while raising essential funds and promoting advocacy for epilepsy.

Additionally, the Ride for Epilepsy saw a dedicated team of cyclists journey over 300 km, further raising awareness and critical funds to support those affected by epilepsy.

Through the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers, our youth and adult programs have reached new heights this year. Their passion and commitment ensure that we deliver exceptional support and resources to our community—achievements that would not be possible without their tireless efforts.

On behalf of the entire organization, I extend my deepest gratitude to all our donors, partners, and volunteers. Your steadfast support makes everything we do possible.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to make a difference in the lives of those affected by epilepsy.

With appreciation,

Chris Still

A Message from our CEO

Dear ESCO Family,

Once again, we have been going through a multitude of changes at Epilepsy South Central Ontario...all for the best. We have streamlined our programs and services to provide a more direct form of support. We are slowly re-building our programs, have plans to expand our outreach for Sunny Days Camp and the Youth and Young Adult program. This will take time to action, but we are committed to the task.

While ESCO, along with many charities still struggle with acquiring grants, sponsorships, donations, fundraising and financial support, we are taking steps to begin thinking out-side of the box to increase funding.

Our annual Purple Gala is no longer. The concept was changed to a fun evening fundraiser... Aloha-Vegas 2025 and we were grateful to have Locking Arms Foundation as our event sponsor. The success of the night was overwhelming, and we are proud to return with Aloha-Vegas 2026.



David Charchalis

ESCO Services & Programs

Sunny Days Camp for Kids

Our Sunny Days Camp program allows our kids and their siblings the opportunity to experience a true "summer camp ritual". Our counsellors work hard to provide a fun and safe space for the kids. Once a week we take the kids on an adventure. Past adventures included The Lion King, Build-a-Bear, Medieval Times, Centre Island, the Royal Ontario Museum, Dragon Boating, African Lion Safari, to name a few.

Family & Youth Educational Conference

Our Family & Youth Conference has become an integral part of education, support and advocacy for our clients and their families. Adults and Young Adults participate in educational seminars, Team Building and Life Skills activities. Youth and Children participate in educational and Life Skills activities. Our conference adapts to the needs of the families and community.

Youth and Young Adult Empowerment Program

Our Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) is a place for Youth and Young Adults to come together to support each other, and to have a social outing once a month. As we move forward with the program, we have split the program into two groups: Youth ages 16 to 19 and Young Adults ages 20 to 30.

Adult Support Group Program

Our Adult Support Group is a safe place for Adults to come together to support each other, talk about their epilepsy experiences and help to support each other through lived experiences. The adult support group is a peer-to-peer lead group that meets virtually once a month. It is for Adults ages 30 and up.

Thinking About Epilepsy

Our Thinking About Epilepsy is a free 50 minute interactive-educational program that offers epilepsy awareness and seizure first aid to student and staff. Ties in to the Grade 5 "Human Body Science" Unit.

2024 / 2025 EpilepsySCO Staff



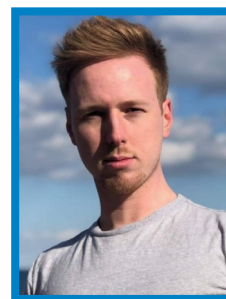
David Charchalis, SSW
**Chief Executive
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Carly Smith, CYW
**Youth and Young Adult
Services**

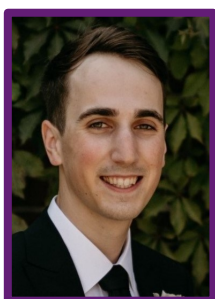


Trevor Gordon
**Community Engagement
Media**



Josh Gieg, BA Honours
**Adult and Family
Services**

2024 / 2025 Board of Directors



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Code of Ethics

Epilepsy South Central Ontario recognizes that the region is vast and rich in diversity.

EpilepsySCO strives to ensure all programs and services are accessible to all.

We help to eliminate barriers within the community we serve, and uphold a high standard of positive race relations and attitude within the association at all times.

Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people living with seizure disorders.

Charitable Registration Number: 80288 6218 RR0001

2024-2025 Statement of Operations

Melissa L. Coulson CPA, CA, LPA

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Year ending April 30

	2025 \$	2024 \$
REVENUE		
Donations	163,757	105,771
Grant income (note 5)	94,347	153,858
Fundraising	92,027	73,081
Sundry and other miscellaneous income	16,042	30,008
	366,173	362,718
EXPENSES BY PROGRAM		
General administration	130,000	132,196
Youth programming	68,200	27,460
Fundraising	37,410	75,116
Sunny days camp	22,533	40,899
Public awareness and advocacy	5,788	35,945
Counselling & support	3,566	19,574
Volunteer recruitment and retention	2,230	9,654
Community education & training	2,049	8,029
Clinic 2 community	-	10,475
School programming	-	1,274
	271,776	360,622
Excess of revenue over expenses	94,397	2,096
Fund shortfall, beginning of year	(43,067)	(45,163)
Fund balance (shortfall), end of year	51,330	(43,067)

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The 2025 H.O.P.E Award

CHRISTOPHER STILL

The H.O.P.E. Award is presented to an individual or group who has made an outstanding commitment to improving the quality of life for people with Epilepsy in our community.

Chris Still started his journey with Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton as one of our Sunny Days Camp counsellor back in 2015 and was a huge successful role model for the kids.

Three years later, in October 2018 he joined the Board of Directors of Epilepsy South Central Ontario and continued his connection to Epilepsy. On the Board, he further provided a lot of inciteful ideas, agency support and worked as an amazing team player.

Flash forward to December 2018, the board moved him to the role of Treasurer. In October of 2023 Chris took on the added role of Board President and was in integral part of guiding the agency during the aftermath of Covid-19.

Chris, along-side the board of directors, continues dedicating his time and efforts to ensure the success of Epilepsy South Central Ontario.



The Family & Youth Conference is dedicated to bringing families together to educate, grow, share experiences, and share life stories.



Pictures through the years.





Saturday April 11, 2026

PARTY TIME:
5:00pm to 12:00am

OASIS CONVENTION CENTRE
1036 Lakeshore Road East
Mississauga, ON

CASH BAR

SINGLE TICKET

\$185.00
per person

TABLE OF 10

\$1,650.00
per table

Discount Codes

Valid until January 31, 2026

ESCOSINGLE

\$160.00
per person

ESCOTABLE

\$1,400.00
per table

**TICKETS AVAILABLE
DECEMBER 1st, 2025**

<https://trellis.org/alohavegas2026>

For more information, contact:
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Hawaiian Attire or your
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Our Mission

Epilepsy South Central Ontario is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people living with seizure disorders through counseling and support services.

Our Vision

Increasing public awareness via outreach, individual/family counseling and working with select forums, Epilepsy South Central Ontario strives to educate and encourage understanding within our community.

Our Values

- Equality and mutual respect of all individuals,
- Fostering successful, fulfilling lives for families and persons living with epilepsy,
- To encourage everyone to attain positive solutions when challenged,
- To conduct ourselves in a supportive, non-judgmental manner with all members and participants.

2024-2025 FUNDERS, SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS



LOCKING ARMS FOUNDATION

