

TOURETTE CANADA ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

An empowered Tourette community in
an inclusive Canada



President's Message

I have been honoured to serve in the capacity of President of Tourette Canada's Board of Directors this past year. This foundation has meant so much to me and my family for more than 25 years, so when I was invited to join the Board, I did not hesitate.

This year has been an extremely eventful year with many pressures and trials. We drew on the resilience and strength of our community to meet each challenge and to learn how we can grow and strengthen our organization to best serve the needs of the very people we draw our inspiration from.

In April, we were left without an Executive Director, with staff who had only recently been hired. If anything could go wrong, it did. Many people stepped up to support the Home Office and, through their hard work and support, it has stabilized. Through it all, the staff persevered, remained focused, solved problems, and met each challenge.

After having served as our Interim Office Manager, TC was pleased to formally hire Jenni Neumair as our Office Operations Manager. She and the team are providing services and supporting the needs of the TS community alongside our many affiliates across Canada.

Although the Board of Directors is a governance board responsible over monitoring approved policies, ensuring the financial health of the organization, and overseeing the operations of the Home Office, this year's board members had stepped into operational mode until things stabilized.

As I look back over this very eventful year, I am inspired. In retrospect, each of the many hurdles TC encountered this year has provided the opportunity for Tourette Canada to become stronger and better. We are still facing trials, but with the continued work of our committed staff and our many dedicated volunteers, we will continue to grow and develop to meet the needs of the individuals and families who encounter their own adversity on a daily basis.

I humbly offer sincere thanks, from our Board of Directors to the many volunteers from across Canada who give freely of their time and talents. Our volunteers deliver much of Tourette Canada's direct service, including support groups and in-servicing. They plan and run fundraisers and social outings to benefit families and the community. It is their exceptional efforts that enable us to better serve you and others living with Tourette Syndrome/TS+. Your dedication is appreciated.



Harmona Jenney

About Tourette Canada

As a registered national charity, Tourette Canada is made up of a connected network of 16 Chapters, Affiliates and Resource Units. These 16 locations are run by a dedicated and hardworking group of volunteers, committed to public education by furthering an understanding of Tourette Syndrome and its associated conditions. The Chapters, Affiliates and Resource Units are supported by a small Home Office staff in Mississauga, ON.

Among the programs and services we run are In-Service Presentations, Virtual Support Groups for a range of ages, an online support forum, special events, educational resources, and online learning courses.

We encourage our members to engage with the Tourette Canada community, the organization and the public at large to educate the condition, address and correct misconceptions and allay fears and concerns.

To all our members, thank you for your support and dedication as we celebrate the successes of the past year, and as we look forward to a better Tourette Canada.

Dear Friends of Tourette Canada

It has been an eventful year for Tourette Canada. In the spring, I was asked to take on the responsibility of overseeing operations when the Executive Director position was vacated. As the Peer Support Coordinator and a mom of a son with Tourette, I know how important it is to the Tourette community to have a strong and vital Home Office. I am dedicated to serving in this new role. Staff have been working diligently to rebuild and reconnect with our affiliates and dedicated volunteers. We know we still have work to do, but we are committed to making these relationships work.

At present, we are serving 16 communities across Canada. We are developing Contact Representatives and a Resource Unit in the provinces of Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia. The development of Lethbridge (AB), Cranbrook (BC), Campbellford/Belleville (ON), and Red Lake (ON) is exciting for us as we continue to move forward in creating supportive resources for the TS/TS+ community. Our goal for the next year is to support both our newer affiliates while helping some of our longtime Chapters to rebuild and regain their strength in the communities they serve. We are hopeful that we can support our affiliates as they build their volunteer base. We know this is not an easy task to undergo: we want to be supportive as this should not be shouldered by just a few individuals.

We understand the importance of education through in-service and it is our focus to re-establish and rebuild this program. Currently, we have had the program updated and vetted. We are looking at training new presenters in the early months of the upcoming year so we can better serve educators, families, and community agencies. We would like to see the development of a virtual in-service program so that we may offer presentations in the more difficult-to-serve areas.

We are excited about the recent growth in our Virtual Support Groups. We are currently increasing the number of groups offered. Our plan is to once again offer support to those living on both coasts, as well as to youth. Parents who are currently waiting to be matched to a virtual group have access to a private social media group. This group acts as a “holding room” while offering support to parents who are at varied stages in their own Tourette journey.

Due to the dedication of our volunteers, we were able to secure the opportunity to partner with Camp Maple Leaf next summer (2018). This camp offers a traditional summer camp experience to children and youth with TS/TS+. Camp “sTiC together” will also offer Counsellors In Training opportunities to TS teens and job opportunities for those who are interested in being part of the Camp Maple Leaf staffing group.

We are grateful to our supporters and volunteers, and we invite you to continue this journey. We are excited about the opportunities we have before us and we are hopeful that this new year for Tourette Canada will bring renewed relationships and continued successes for our Tourette community.

Jenni Neumair

Office Operations Manager

Affiliate Reports

The good news is that you don't know how great you can be. How much you can love! What you can accomplish. And what your potential is.

--Anne Frank

Tourette Canada is made up of a volunteer-based network of coast-to-coast affiliates. Together, these affiliates are run by individuals who collectively contribute hundreds of hours of their time in support of a greater good. Working on behalf of those with Tourette Syndrome is why these volunteers continue to do what they do. They educate, they listen, they reassure. The past year has been one of challenge and possibility for Tourette Canada. But, still, our affiliates remain up to the challenge. Through change, through adversity, we remain Tourette Canada.

This is our year.

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On December 13th, 2016, Calgary finally became the Chapter we had been working towards for close to 25 years. With the new affiliate status has come a lot of growth and a greater understanding of the expanded work and responsibilities ahead of us. This past year has been a learning experience for which we have started to hit our stride.

Educationally, our chapter has presented formal in-services to eight school classrooms and their teachers, to one workplace, and to one church during a Sunday Brunch. Most of these classroom presentations involved more than one class and/or grade level, with a portion of those provided in presenter teams.

Additionally, we held one public education evening through our work with the Community Education Service of Alberta Health Services, a relationship we have nurtured for five years and which we hope to expand upon. These are all outside of the near dozen virtual in-services our Education Coordinator, Adrienne Hill, has performed through direct requests by way of Tourette Canada's Home Office.



Group support has come in the form of Meet & Greet sessions where we have had variable attendance, leading us to seek new models in a more casual setting. Individually, we have been contacted and have counselled with five individuals and/or families seeking guidance, resources, and direction. Follow up has been maintained with encouragement to participate in our programs and activities.

Social events, such as our recent family picnic, have also been designed as opportunities to provide support, network with other individuals and families, and to build a stronger TS community. Our plan for the future is to incorporate social activities for specific groupings (children and parents, youth, and adults) to allow a more peer-to-peer age range focus.

Our Trek for Tourette national fundraiser was a success with its superhero theme. Using the opportunity of the walk to build a community event around has succeeded in bringing families together and staying longer with activities, entertainment, and prize draws. The interaction, especially between our children, has proven this model to work for us. We use this event as a jumping-on point for promoting more year round activities in our affiliate.

We held our Inaugural Dinner Gala and Silent Auction in January with much success. Our annual gala, called, "A Dinner for the Ages" – A Viking Feast, was sold out and well received. We had many from our Tourette Community attend and some wonderful corporate sponsors who have been very supportive of mission.

We have seen a huge increase in our social media interactions with more than quadruple our base over last year. We have started a quarterly newsletter, "Calgary Tics", for our community and use it as a resource for our members.

Within the past month, our Calgary Chapter had discovered that two individuals on different occasions had expressed interest in starting an affiliate in the Lethbridge area. To facilitate a smooth introduction to an affiliate status, provide training and direction, and to allow work from an already established budget, our Chapter has welcomed these ladies into our family. Their roles as Coordinators for Lethbridge will allow our affiliate to reach areas that have, up till now, been harder to reach out to. As with all of our volunteers, their talents, experience, and passion are what makes our Chapter the success it is.

We look forward to another year of growth, of continued presence in our communities, and of good works that will benefit Calgary and all of southern Alberta.



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Support Meetings

Attendance at Hamilton Support Group meetings has declined this year. Many of the families we served in recent years have found they are coping well and no longer need our support. We are planning a guest speaker, Ken Shyminsky, in November and will carry out a survey to determine interest among our members for future speakers and workshops. We cannot confirm whether Niagara area meetings have stopped and we're looking into this with the support of the Home Office. We have had much interest in starting Support Groups in St. Catharines however we currently don't have enough volunteers to make this happen.

Lending Library

We continue to provide resources to our members through a lending library that is accessed at the Hamilton Support Group meetings.

Trek 2017

Trek 2017 fell on the March Break this year. Consequently, our fund raising efforts were smaller than previous Total raised in 2017: \$3,658. There were 78 total participants. We did, however, generate lots of media attention and have planned a date with less conflict for 2018. We sold T-shirts at our Trek with a poem written by a member Amy Yarrow's mother and illustrated by Danielle Mattatall. They were very popular and we plan to offer them again in 2018.



We got an early start on planning for Trek 2018 this year. Sophia Dix has assigned duties with deadlines to ensure that the workload is evenly shared and the Trek will be a fun experience for everyone. Our 2018 Trek is scheduled for March 25 in Hamilton, where we have found participation to be the highest.

Fundraising – December 2016

Amy Yarrow Organized a Christmas Cheer Basket Draw in 2016, which raised \$1,660. Five baskets were beautifully created and most items were donated from local vendors. Each consisted of \$75 LCBO gift Card, Sobeys gift card, wrapping paper set, ornaments, and assorted fine chocolates. Four additional bonus draws were also donated; three wine tours and 2 tickets to the 2017 World Junior pre-tournament Championship game. Amy has started getting prepared for this year as we are hoping for this to be an annual fundraiser as it showed such interest.

Events

A Christmas party was held in Niagara Falls at the Geekery, which is a board game and video game café. Christmas crafts were supplied and small presents were given to the kids. Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special stop at our Annual Gingerbread House Making Event last year and plan to again for 2017. We hope to include face painting in the event this year with a high-school art student volunteer, Amelia Vincent.

Swimming and Pizza Event

Held at YMCA in St. Catharines, four families came out and enjoyed some yummy food, a space to run around and a good swim.

Family Football Night – September 3, 2017

Sophia Dix organized a fantastic football night with discounted tickets for members to attend the Hamilton Tiger-Cats/Toronto Argonauts game at Tim Horton Field in Hamilton. Fifty people were in attendance. We had beautiful t-shirts made for the children in attendance who got to unroll the Canada Flag on the field before the game. This provided excellent exposure for Tourette Canada and a fantastic, fun night for current members. Unfortunately, it was not such a great night for the Tiger-Cats. Go Cats Go!

Picnic in Gage Park

The HHN Chapter planned two family picnics in Hamilton this summer. On July 18, members, family and friends were invited to join Sophia and Jessie in Gage Park. The chapter provided pizza and veggies and a laid back opportunity to meet fellow Tourette families in the area. We had several new people turn up and we hope they become involved in the chapter. The August 15 picnic was cancelled to weather. Better luck next year!

Community

The new T-Shirts went over really well and the next batch will be sold for \$20 to raise funds for our chapter, with a profit of \$10/shirt.

The design has been shared with other chapters, as well as the national office.

Our Chapter has registered with McMaster University and we will be involved in their Volunteer Fair, as well as a variety of Educational programs. We will provide Information, feedback and guidance for specific charitable organization assignments.

In-Service 2017

We continue to provide in-service presentations to our region have also covered presentations for the Toronto chapter as well. Jessie Vincent made the following presentations this year and has several more in the planning stage:

1. Senator Gibson School NDSB, Staff presentation – Jan. 2017.
2. St. Joan of Arc School, Oakville, Entire school – Feb. 2017
3. Templemeade School, Four Grade 6 classes – Apr. 2017
4. Sherwood High School, Staff presentation – May 2017
5. St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School Grade 5-6 class – Oct. 2017
6. Oakville, Grade 5 class – Nov. 2017

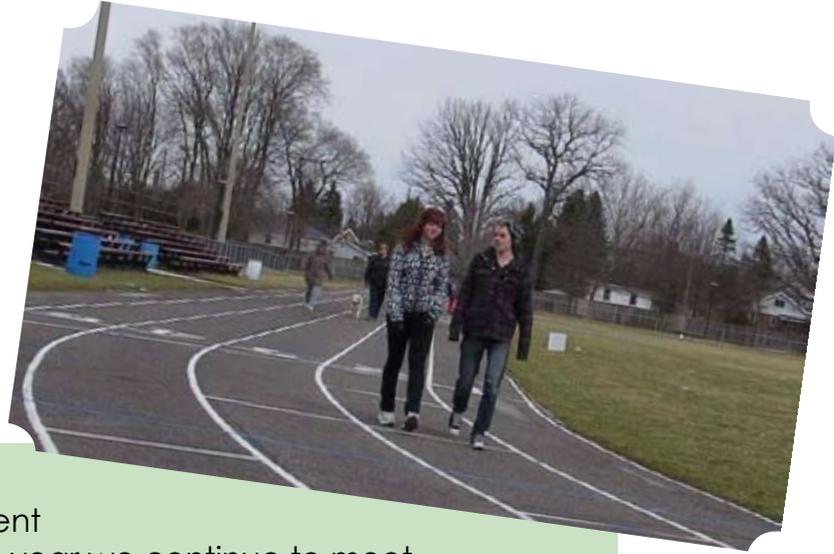


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The London Chapter is in the 25rd year of hosting Parent Support meetings and each year we continue to meet new families. We continue to circulate our e-newsletter reminding people about our upcoming meetings and other events at the Chapter and National level.

Our fund raising bingo events continue to provide money for chapter work under the direction of our Treasurer, Linda Johnson. Our volunteers have been supporting this work for 12 years.

The chapter participated in the Trek for Tourette for the seventh time and raised \$2,000 to help support the work of Tourette Canada.

The Montreal Affiliate enjoyed a tremendously active and successful year. With a very small volunteer base of just a handful of people, the Affiliate managed to organize a number of events and to hold regular public support meetings.

Twice over the last year, two concerts were held to promote the organization and to raise awareness of Tourette Syndrome. The shows, featuring Jimmy Humbrucker, Chair Warriors, Noyze, The Falling, Rough Gentlemen and Sarah Vanderzwon, raised a total of about \$1,000.

The Affiliate made connections with the AQST (Association québécoise du syndrome de la Tourette, held an awareness carnival at Saint-Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church and conducted several In-Service Presentations. The partnership with AQST is meant to ensure open communication between the two organizations and look for ways to collaborate.



Unfortunately the local Trek for Tourette event was cancelled due to low registration numbers. Still, a total of \$4,700 was donated to the Trek, including \$3,000 from CN Rail, secured through the Sadori family.

Perhaps most exciting over the past year Melissa Water's participation in Employable Me. Melissa is an active and dedicated member of the Montreal Affiliate and she appeared in an episode of the AMI TV series that featured a group of individuals with various barriers to employment, including Tourette Syndrome. Her appearance resulted in greater awareness, education and compassion for those with Tourette Syndrome. Most importantly it showed that someone living with Tourette is not hindered in any way in doing a job and doing it well.

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With a small group of dedicated volunteers, the Muskoka Resource Unit had a successful year of events, support groups, and public outreach.

Trek for Tourette took place in Bracebridge in March and raised \$7,133 in donations.

Over the last year, the Resource Unit held one fundraiser, the Trek, held one information/awareness display in Bracebridge and held monthly support group meetings. Attendance at the meetings ranged from two to eight people, either in person or online via Google Hangouts.

There are five families in Muskoka Region that receive support from the Resource. This support is either over the phone, through email or in person at monthly meetings.

The Resource Unit stepped up to hold one in-service presentation out of the area, in Barrie.

This was a year of records for the Ottawa Chapter of Tourette Canada. Local organizers held the annual Christmas party the first weekend of December and the event had the largest turnout ever, with more than 60 people taking part. Ottawa Chapter president Jill Bobula said the party continues to grow year after year.

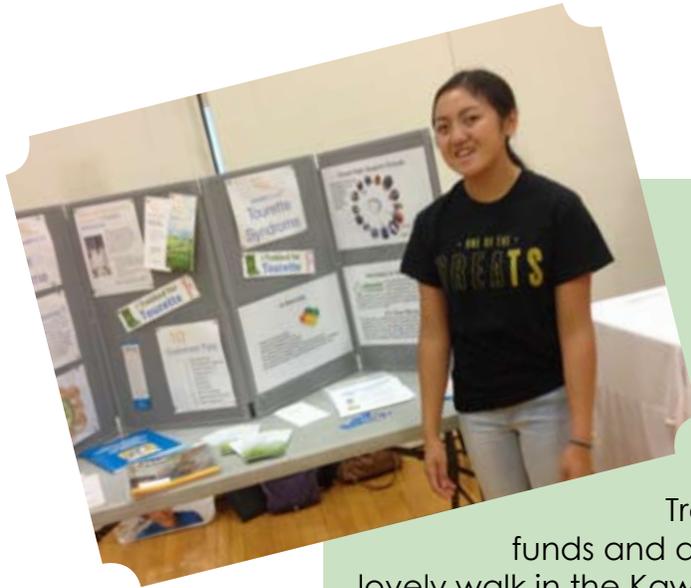
Ottawa's Trek for Tourette took place in April, with a new attendance record.

We held the trek in April and again we broke the attendance record. Finally we had the pool party in August and yes, you guessed it, we had a record turnout. We have more folks coming to our group support sessions, a few new families. We have had speakers come talk to our group but the attendance is not strong despite relevant topics. We have three active members in the chapter who help organize the various activities and events. Therefore it's difficult to do much because we are three at best but most times only two.

Frank Spartico held his annual fundraiser during the summer and yes, once again, we had the largest number of participants. We also raised \$10,000 in one day! Lastly our awareness campaign is always a big success because we promote Tourette throughout the region and people come to us as a result. Very popular campaign here in Ottawa.

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The Peterborough Kawartha Lakes Tourette Canada Resource Unit has had a busy year.

Our first area 'Trek for Tourette' occurred in Lakefield, Ontario in March of this year. A wonderful and dedicated group of Trekkers from all over the area took part to raise funds and awareness. We enjoyed music, snacks and a lovely walk in the Kawarthas!

In August, friends of Peterborough Kawartha Lakes Tourette Canada put on an amazing golf tournament to support local initiatives. A fun filled day was had by participants and this is sure to become an annual event.

Peterborough Kawartha Lakes Tourette Canada also launched a Facebook page this year allowing followers to view information about local activities and learn more about TS and how it impacts lives.

In-services were provided to area schools and we once again attended Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB's parent conference on mental health. We are looking for area volunteers to help grow our group and build on this year's success!



Capacity

The chapter has been struggling the past year with capacity. Some longer-term volunteers were supported by the chapter in taking a step back to allow them to devote their time to significant responsibilities arising in their personal lives. The chapter is actively seeking three new volunteers to join the team, in addition to one new volunteer.

Support Meetings

The GTA Chapter has held monthly support meetings in Toronto and Durham; we have received positive feedback about the support that participating families and individuals with Tourette have received. The chapter has been able to secure a new location for the Peel support group which is back on offer effective November 2017. We have also had a number of conversations over the phone with families and individuals looking for support.

In-Services

The chapter has delivered several In-Service requests across the region over the past year, though lately have appreciated the support of Hamilton/Halton/Niagara Chapter to provide In-Service sessions on behalf of the chapter while we retain additional volunteers. Home office has been supporting the chapter to recruit additional volunteers to increase the chapter's capacity.

Communications and Outreach

The chapter has implemented a regular outreach program to its distribution list, linking to earlier media outreach from the Summer 2016. Blog posts with links to the chapter's website are circulated to the chapter's distribution list every two to three weeks. The chapter also supported home office in spreading the word to our membership about the June golf tournament. Additionally, the chapter has been developing a plan to provide information packages for newly diagnosed patients at the Toronto Tourette Clinic.

Trek

The 2017 GTA Trek took place on the Toronto Waterfront. We had approximately 50 Trekkers come out despite the rainy day. They enjoyed our photo booth, face painting and did some crafts before we trekked. We raised approximately \$6,500.00.

Finances

The chapter's finances have remained steady over the past year. Gradual growth in our financial position would be expected after the chapter has reached and maintained appropriate capacity to support community development.

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Parent support group meetings: 5
Business / Board meetings: 4
Family gatherings: 5
Trek: 1 (note we had a great article in Victoria News)
Newsletters: 2
In-services and in-school support meetings: 7, including one
pro-d day for teachers
Many individual meetings with parents on the phone or in
person
Representatives sent to National Conference in October 2016: 2

The Tourette Canada - Winnipeg Chapter remains active conducting business meetings on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month (Except: July, August & December). Our meetings are open for all to attend and we encourage discussions that are supportive in nature as well as conducting our monthly business.

Events:

While September 16th, 2016 started out with rain and clouds the sky broke to sunshine & clouds for the afternoon of the 2nd Annual Hack'n Smack Golf Tournament at the Warren Golf & Country Club in Warren, Manitoba.

Over 60 golfers participated in this event to not only have a fun afternoon of golf, but to raise a few dollars for both the Manitoba Police Curling Association & Tourette Canada – Winnipeg Chapter. The Canadian Police Curling Association designates Tourette Canada as its charity of choice and the provincial bodies support Tourette Canada across the nation.

Upon the completion of the afternoon of golfing, participants gathered at the club house for the evening banquet and awarding of prizes. A highlight during the banquet was a presentation by Keaton Savard, a 14 year old youth living with Tourette Syndrome.

The Winnipeg Chapter had four of our Executive Committee members attend the Tourette Canada National Conference in Edmonton, AB from September 29 – October 2nd, 2016. Two of our members included their teenage sons who were involved in the Youth Program.

In order to thank outstanding volunteers, Tourette Canada conducts an annual appeal for nominations from Affiliates across Canada. This year's awards were presented at the National Conference in Edmonton on Friday, September 30th. A total of 17 awards are available to be awarded in specific categories.

The Maureen Cavanaugh Public Awareness Award is presented to an individual who has accomplished an outstanding achievement in promoting Tourette Syndrome awareness. We are so pleased that the award winner was our very own –Julie DeGroot.

Text from Award Presentation: This individual was introduced to Tourette when she did her student placement at the Tourette Clinic in Winnipeg. Since joining the TS Family, she has taken on major fundraising tasks; first and foremost the Trek for Tourette. She has the wonderful ability to not only organize, advertise and volunteer at all events, but she inspires others to participate as well. She currently works with children as an occupational therapist. We are thrilled to present the Maureen Cavanaugh Award to: Julie DeGroot!

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The Todd Axelson Role Model Award is presented to an individual who has met the challenge of having Tourette Syndrome and is an example and inspiration to others. This award has three age categories of award recipients. For the junior category, age 6 to 13 years the award recipient is our very own - Evan Loewen.

Text from Award Presentation: This inspiring 12 year old boy helps spread understanding and awareness to the people of Winnipeg. He wrote and presented his own In-service to ensure his classmates understood Tourette Syndrome. His class held a garage sale and proceeds were donated to Tourette Canada. He has been interviewed on TV to promote the annual Trek for Tourette and spoke at last year's golf tournament. We are happy to present this year's junior role model award to: Evan Loewen.

On December 7th, 2016 our Chapter held our annual Christmas Holiday Dinner at Canad Inns Polo Park. The chapter recognized the outstanding efforts for our long-term "volunteer" –Barbara Greig who retired from being our Secretary of 33 years.

Barbara Greig has been involved with the Winnipeg Chapter since inception when it was the Manitoba Society of Tourette Syndrome. In the early years the group of volunteers supported the development of the Tourette Syndrome Clinic at St. Boniface Hospital. The organization developed over the years and joined as an official Chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada, the umbrella national organization. Today we still work to support those with Tourette Syndrome and their families as the Tourette Canada – Winnipeg Chapter.

On February 26th, 2017 the Chapter held a Family Bowling Event at Academy Lanes in Winnipeg. Over 90 people (adults & children) enjoyed an afternoon of bowling followed by pizza & pop. The event was funded by the chapter and allowed families to join with others who had members with Tourette Syndrome in a fun filled atmosphere.

On March 26th, 2017 our Chapter participated in the 9th Annual Trek for Tourette held at Assiniboine Park. Over 80 people participated in our 5km trek and raised over \$10,000 in support of the work conducted by the national organization. After the Trek, refreshments and hot dogs were available to our trekkers. The weather cooperated with the sun breaking through and allowing for an enjoyable event.

The Winnipeg Chapter continues to support the Tourette Syndrome Service (Clinic) which provides consultation, assessment and treatment to children and adolescents who are experiencing symptoms of Tourette Syndrome in conjunction with associated disorders.

The clinic operates out of the Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre at 228 Maryland Street.

Richard Stein Memorial Award
(Quality of Life Award)
Award Winner: Steve Colle, Calgary, AB

Maureen Cavanaugh Public Awareness
Award
Award Winner: Julie DeGroot, Winnipeg, MB

Sybil Berenstein Fundraising Award
Award Winner: Melissa Muskat, Toronto, ON

Todd Axelson Role Model Award
Junior: Evan Loewen, Winnipeg, MB
Intermediate: Maggie Lu MacLean,
Peterborough, ON
Senior: Kayla Lay, Vancouver, BC

Exceptional Member Award
Award Winner: Jonathan Berry, Victoria, BC

Family Fundraising Award
Award Winner: Sadori Family, Montreal, QC

Educator Award
Award Winner: Adrienne Hill, Calgary, AB

Media Award
Award Winner: Erin Isfeld, Edmonton, AB

Corporate Award
Award Winner: MacDonald Sager Manis
LLP, Toronto, ON

Medical Award
Award Winner: Dr. Alan Carroll, Edmonton,
AB

Centre of Excellence Award
Award Winner: Glenrose Rehabilitation
Hospital /Tourette Clinic, Edmonton, AB

Community Service Award
Award Winner: Edmonton Rotary Club,
Edmonton, AB

Family Award
Award Winner: Hill Family, Calgary, AB

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FINANCIAL SYNOPSIS - June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

The financial term of June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 was a period of numerous changes within the Tourette Canada national office. The start of the fiscal term was under the direction of a new Executive Director who was with TC for a period of one year, departing in late April 2017. During the term, a majority of the office staff was new to the organization and worked through a learning curve for its operations.

A number of activities were undertaken throughout the year. In June 2016 the annual national golf tournament was conducted and contributed just under \$30,000 to the organization's revenues. In late September 2016 the National Conference was hosted by the Edmonton Chapter and involved a number of presenters covering a range of topics on Tourette Syndrome. The conference had a good response for registrants and achieved one of the largest number of children participants. The Annual National Awards were presented as part of the conference program. The support from the Edmonton Chapter was most appreciated with an event of this scope.

The 9th Annual Trek for Tourette was conducted in late March and while the organization undertook a change for the participant and donation software back to our original pledging software provided by the TNG group, results were less than anticipated. In the committee debrief review; it was felt that the previous two year period utilizing less than satisfactory pledging software was a major factor for our results that were approximately \$85,000.

In May, Tourette Canada undertook to host a Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics (CBIT) training session for Canadian Clinicians. The training session was conducted in Ottawa under the supervision of Dr. Douglas Woods PhD, Professor and Department Head, Department of Psychology, Texas A&M University.

While the fiscal term was a period of change with the home office and staff members, it was also a term of challenge for our fiscal stability. The organization provides support to those with Tourette Syndrome and is the umbrella organization of our "affiliates" across Canada. The challenge facing the organization is balancing home office resources to support the programs and services, while building revenue capacity. While the organization fulfilled its mandate in support of programs and services, our revenues continued to decline and we ended the fiscal term with a shortfall of (\$101,556).

As we look forward, the organization must find ways to enhance and build upon its revenue streams in order to produce positive fiscal results. The organization cannot continue to have financial losses for its future long term stability.

The Board of Directors conducted an in-person fund development session in June 2017 in Toronto and focused upon the revenue challenges facing the organization. It was noted that the overall operational expenses were in-line, with very little room to reduce further without impacting programs and services. The Board continues to work on building our revenue streams.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorne W. Perrin
Treasurer

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT - June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

Revenue	2017			2016
	General	Research	Total	Total
Donations	\$ 68,136	\$ -	\$ 68,136	\$ 195,007
Fundraising	216,750	-	216,750	132,318
Grants	4,806	-	4,806	335,114
Interest and other income	102,835	-	102,835	49,558
Memberships	8,912	-	8,912	13,591
Nevada ticket revenue	114,016	-	114,016	124,947
Product sales	21,493	-	21,493	2,954
Total revenue	536,948	-	536,948	853,489
Expenditures				
Advertising, dues and subscriptions	17,556	-	17,556	22,039
Amortization	1,554	-	1,554	1,726
Bank charges	13,688	-	13,688	19,780
Bursary	13,545	-	13,545	-
Employee benefits	15,949	-	15,949	17,400
Fundraising and special events	261,529	-	261,529	196,646
Insurance	4,702	-	4,702	5,013
Nevada ticket and related expenditure	63,818	-	63,818	68,094
Occupancy costs	6,398	-	6,398	23,364
Office supplies	1,622	-	1,622	6,450
Postage	3,405	-	3,405	14,404
Printing and photocopying	1,156	-	1,156	17,835
Product costs	5,267	-	5,267	8,487
Professional fees	47,757	-	47,757	190,949
Salaries and benefits	127,923	-	127,923	141,007
Telephone	18,965	-	18,965	17,865
Travel, accommodation and meals	23,025	-	23,025	106,606
Volunteer recognition and development	2,854	-	2,854	3,419
Website development	7,791	-	7,791	119,431
Total revenue	536,948	-	536,948	853,489
Total expenditure	638,504	-	638,504	980,515
Excess (shortfall) of revenue over expenditure for the year	\$ (101,556)	\$ -	\$ (101,556)	\$ (127,026)

CORPORATE DONORS AND SPONSORS

Thank you to every foundation, donor, sponsor, and supporter, large and small, that contributed to Tourette Canada over the past year. We thank you for making a difference in the lives of those with Tourette Syndrome, their families and children.

Your support, commitment, and dedication does not go unnoticed.

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Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan
Aspiria
ATCO Energy Solutions
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Branch 619 Royal Canadian Legion
Campus Living Centres Inc.
Carstead Motor Trends LTC.
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CJL Logistics
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Costco Kitchener
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Credo Consulting Inc.
DNTW Toronto LLP
Ecole Notre Dame
Emergency Veterinary Clinic of Waterloo
G&M Masters Foundation
Hub International Phoenix Insurance
Kindred Credit Union
Mac Lang (Sundridge) Ltd.
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Marcc Apparel
Mobile Giving Foundation Canada
Moore 5 County Dairy Services
Nanos Research

National Bank
National Bank of Canada
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Newfoundland and Labrador Police Curling Association
Northwater Foundation
Ontario Police Curling Association
Ontario Power Generation Inc.
PACE Credit Union
Pharmacie Pierre Leblanc Inc.
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Reg Ward Insurance Services
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Spectacular Water Systems
Telus Community Affairs
Tim Hortons - Mr. Ralph Shepherd
Tonel Masonry Partnership
Toronto Police Amateur Athletic Association
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