



A CENTRE FOR BEREAVEMENT AND HEALING

# 2019 Annual Report

March 2019 – March 2020

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# Message from our Chair

2019 was a year of pivot in direction for Oasis. Throughout this year members of our board met with a variety of community bereavement organizations and these meetings have informed our direction looking forward. Responding to the needs of our community, Oasis moved to become a fully virtual organization. At the same time, we received our registered charity status, allowing us to now issue charitable tax receipt for donations received.

This year, Oasis hosted a series of community partner design thinking meetings. These sessions were constructed in order to dream, brainstorm, and then create a set of actions in order to fulfill the needs and gaps in the York Region Bereavement Services community. Ideas such as a united grief awareness campaign, a central resource hub and community calendar, and a space for storytelling opportunities in order to break cultural barriers came out of these sessions and they have informed Oasis's forward planning.

Moving to a virtual platform also saw the beginning of the reconstruction of the Oasis website as a central source of information sharing for the bereavement community. Several community organizations have come onboard with our website. This process has just begun and will continue into the coming year.

As our fiscal year wrapped up in March 2020, the world is facing a global pandemic that is pushing people further into an online reality and we see that the work we are doing is vitally important, now more than ever.

Michelle Nye, Chair



## Our Officers

Michelle Nye – *Chair*

Christine Glenn – *Treasurer*

Lisa Snow – *Secretary*

## Our Directors

Juliet Irish – *Director*

Tony Van Bynen – *Honorary Chair*

## Connect with Us



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**Our Mission:** To help all members of the York Region community navigate their grief journey by providing a central network of safe and valuable resources and support.

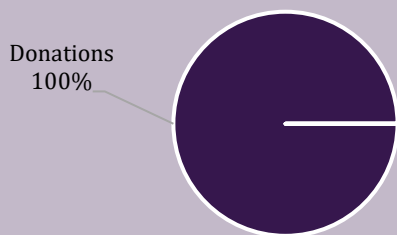
**Our Vision:** To uncover and honour grief as a normal and healthy process that is vital to living with purpose and meaning after a loved one has died.

**How we succeed:** Leveraging partnerships with community groups and organizations, we solve for existing challenges in the grief services landscape and enable successful individual outcomes

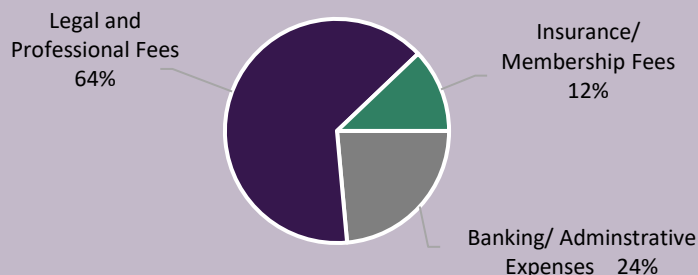
## Financials

**Beginning of Year Net Assets**  
(as of March 31, 2019): \$11,769

**Income: \$4939**



**Expenses: \$6401**



**End of Year Net Assets**  
(as of March 31, 2020): \$10,307

## Our Volunteers & Donors

As a non-profit organization, our volunteers and donors are our lifeblood; from our board of directors to the students that help out at our events, to community members who support us financially. Without them and their dedication we would not be able to achieve everything we set out to do. Thank you!

If you would like to connect with us as a volunteer, please email us at [info@oasisbereavement.ca](mailto:info@oasisbereavement.ca)

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