



A CENTRE FOR BEREAVEMENT AND HEALING

2020 Annual Report

March 2020 – March 2021

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Message from our Chair

2020 saw the world come to a standstill with the Covid 19 pandemic reaching unprecedented worldwide proportions. People were unable to gather and care for each other face to face. The world went virtual and with the colossal spread of the virus and death came colossal grief. Complicated grief.

This situation cemented our mission of creating a larger online presence for our community and beyond as online has no boundaries, and our vision to support anyone on their grieving journey. The focus of Oasis during this time has been on creating an online presence for our community where people can find support as they grieve. We completed the work on our new website and it was successfully launched in December with 10 community organizations partnering with us. We have been working hard to get our community calendar up and running so grieving members of our community need only go to one place to find the variety of supports available to them. This year has also seen an increase in our social media contacts, raising awareness throughout York Region and our plan is to continue to grow this aspect of the organization.

As our fiscal year wrapped up in March 2021, we were one full year into the pandemic and only starting to realize the full extent of the shadow pandemic of complex mental health issues that have arisen. Oasis has started making plans to work with our community partners to offer additional online supports such as monthly webinars covering health and wellbeing, Advanced Care Planning, and Self Care, that support the complex grief that the world will be dealing with long after the physical health pandemic winds down.

Michelle Nye, Chair



Our Officers

Michelle Nye – *Chair*

Christine Glenn – *Treasurer*

Lisa Snow – *Secretary*

Our Directors

Juliet Irish – *Director*

Tony Van Bynen – *Honorary Chair*

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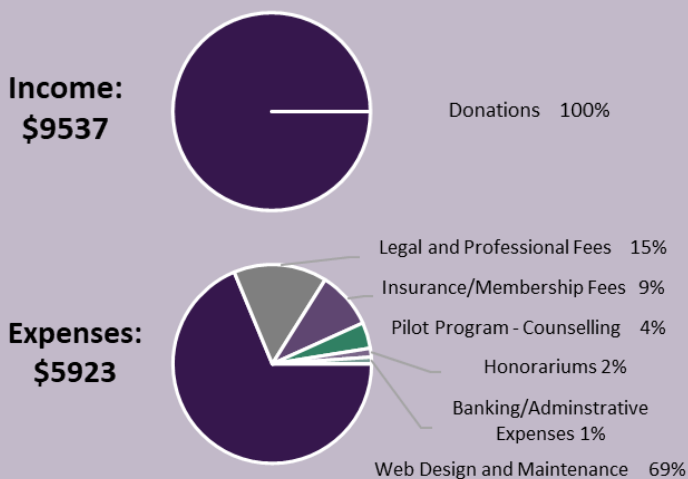
Our Mission: To help all members of the York Region community navigate their grief journey by providing a central network of safe and valuable resources and support.

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, 2010): \$11,769



End of Year Net Assets (as of March 31, 2021): \$15,383

2021/2022 Proposed Budget

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Revenue	Fundraising	\$3,500
	Donations	\$3,000
	Legacy Ornaments	\$200
	Total Revenue	\$6,700
Expenses	Ads and Promotions	\$500
	Bank Charges and Interest	\$65
	Fundraising Exp.	\$1,000
	Membership Fees - Volunteer Canada	\$150
	Honorarium	\$1,000
	Insurance	\$500
	Office and General	\$500
	Web Design and Maintenance	\$1,200
	Professional Fees	\$1,000
	Total Expenses	\$5,915

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.

A Special Thank You to RBC!

In 2020, Oasis was thrilled to be selected as the recipient of a **\$5000 donation from RBC** in honour of the **RBC Global Citizen Award**. This award, recognizes top performing RBC employees who have displayed an incredible commitment to giving their time and expertise to their communities by volunteering and leading charitable initiatives. Our Director, **Lisa Snow**, was a recipient of the award and graciously allocated the award grant to Oasis to continue our important work in the community she loves.

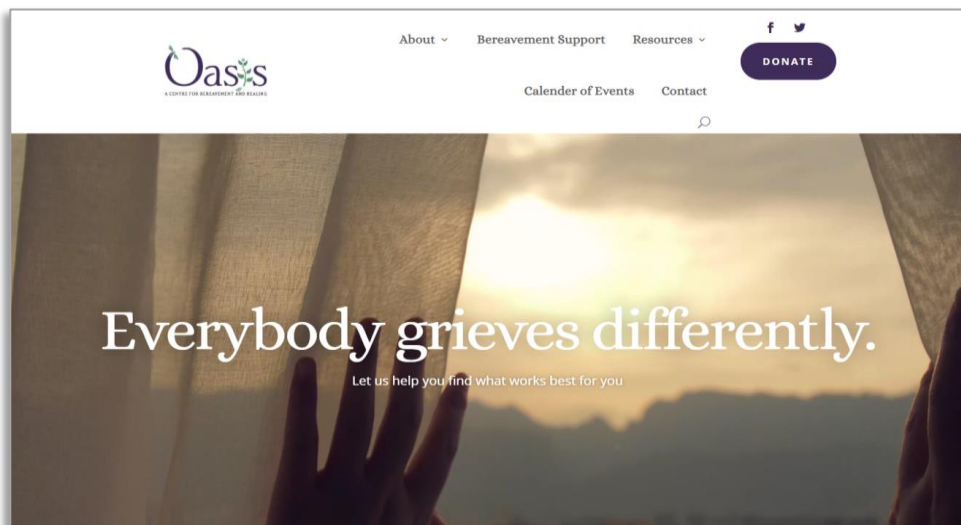
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Re-Launch of our Website

The slow down resulting from the pandemic offered us the opportunity to revisit our website with an enhanced focus on putting the resources our clients need right at hand. The redesigned website, launched in November 2020, has an improved **user design**, quick access to **partner events** through a central calendar, and a wide variety of **bereavement support resources** organized by category to assist our clients with finding and connecting with the resources they need, when they need them. The website URL remains the same, limiting disruption to our clients and partners.



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Looking Forward

Fundraising

Empty Chair Auction

We are pleased to announce that our exciting Empty Chair Auction will be returning in the Spring of 2022! We have engaged with a variety of talented artists throughout York Region to put their stamp on a brand new Muskoka chair that will be available for bidding at our signature fundraising event. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for stories and pictures from our artists as the chairs are transformed.



Legacy Ornaments

Oasis, in partnership with Michelle Cowen, will be offering handmade, customizable clay ornaments for sale, in support of the individual bereavement journey. Michelle is donating her time, skills, and profits from these ornaments to Oasis as an ongoing fundraiser. More examples of available ornaments can be found at <https://michellesmusings.ca/>.



Webinar Series



Oasis kicked off our **virtual webinar series** in March 2021 with a fun and therapeutic **Laughter Yoga** session with our friend Cathy Nesbitt.

We have many exciting topics in line for 2021 and 2022, including **Grief and the Pandemic** with Jo-Ann McRogers of The Heart Collective in April 2021, and **Get a Head Start on Your Health** with personal trainer Chris Munro in the fall.

In addition to events offered by Oasis, we provide details of our partner-led events on the calendar on our website (<https://oasisbereavement.com>) and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/oasisbereavement>).

Follow us to stay up to date on all of these important events intended to support our community in their bereavement journey.