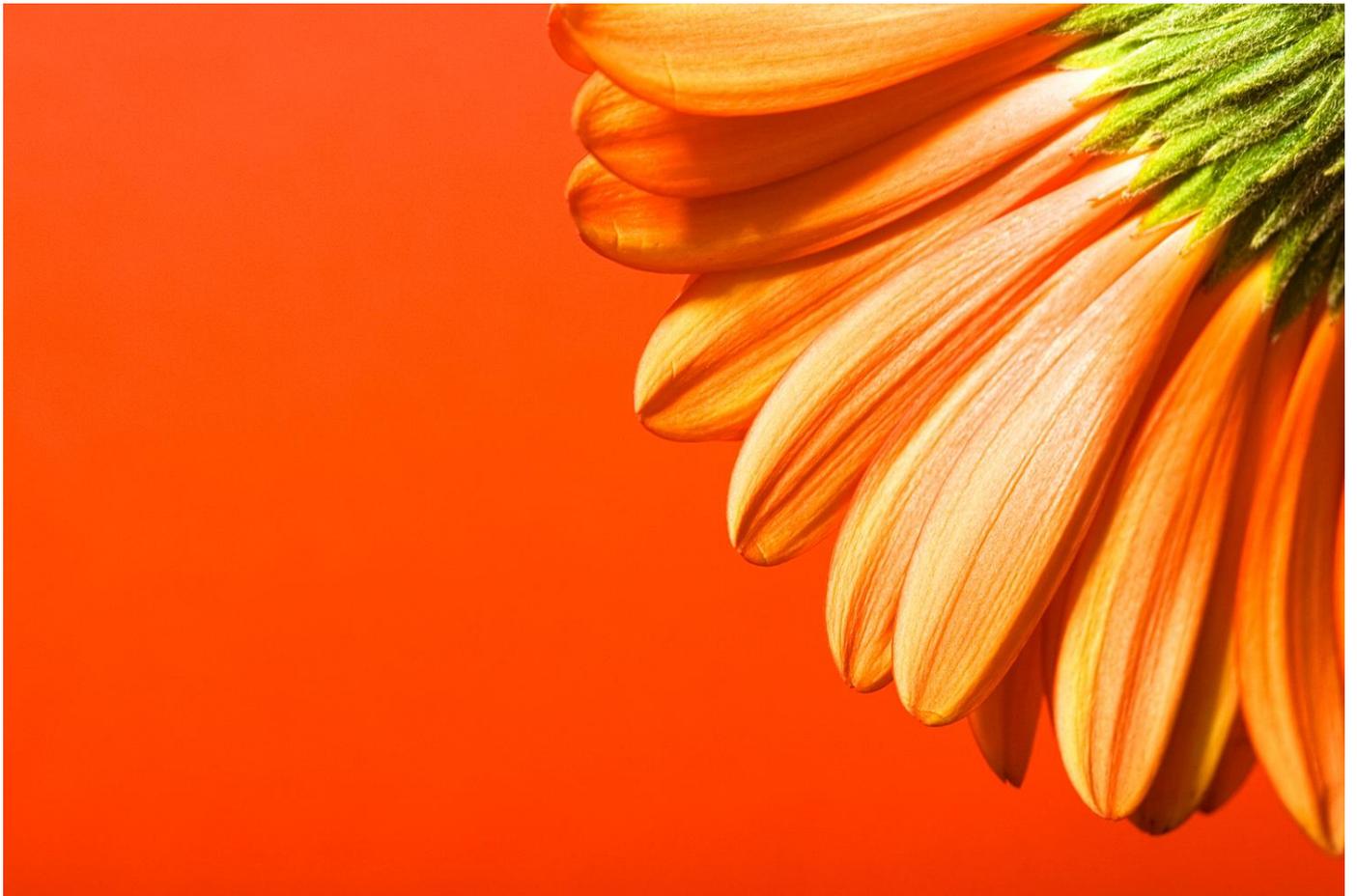


ANNUAL REPORT 2019–2020



Southern Alberta Brain Injury Society

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Travel along the road to recovery can be challenging. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of brain injury survivors and their families.

A Message from the Executive Director

We said goodbye to 2019 and welcomed 2020 with open arms. Little did we know that COVID-19 was just around the corner. We said goodbye to many faces as we closed our doors on March 16th, as many around us also had to do. With groups being canceled and without being able to meet in person, we know that our clients faced challenges beyond their imagination, and it was a difficult time for them. SABIS is a community. A community for people to come to when they feel uncertain. A place where new relationships are discovered, and talents emerge. This community has created a strong sense of support and no matter what storms come our way, we come together and overcome the barriers. Most of us have a difficult time with change. SABIS made a big change last year which involved moving its office to the NW. Although this was difficult for our clients, they were excited that the new location would be more accessible and more centrally located. Together, we overcame this barrier.

2019 was a planning year. We had many hopes for a new fundraising event to take place in October of 2020, we hoped to have more community groups, groups in the park, and we hoped to see our clients every day in person to help them continue in their own personal growth. Even though our hopes have been put on hold, there are still many ways to connect. Even though we may not be able to see each other in person, we are a phone call, email or video chat away.

In life we have hopes for our future. Where we may be and sometimes with whom we will be there with. We have passions, and goals we want to achieve, no matter the circumstance. I believe that no matter the storm, there is always sunshine. Many of you may have faced some difficulties during this uncertain time. Being isolated has brought up many emotions that may not have been there before. Our thoughts can become very overwhelming at times when we don't know how to manage them. When our lives get busy, we tend to forget ourselves in others and our emotional health with it. You are not alone. This pandemic has brought up many things for many people. Children, adults and elderly, and when in uncertain times, know that help is always available to you. In the brain injury community, our clients and their families are our top priority. We are here for you. Never lose hope.

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” – Desmond Tutu

In our hearts,

Natasha Brzoza
Executive Director

Mission

- SABIS offers lifelong support and services for adults with acquired brain injury and their families.

Vision

- SABIS promotes open and inclusive communities for all persons, regardless of the severity of their brain injury.

Values

- Respect
- Support
- Inclusion
- Learning
- Encouragement

A Message from the President

President's Report

2020 was the year of Covid-19 and one of massive change throughout the world. But as pandemics are unpredictable and result in massive upheaval, organizations like SABIS represent solidity and predictability as we assist our clients, helping them live and thrive. We continue to accomplish these goals. As such, the Board of Directors would like to recognize and thank our staff, volunteers, donors, supporters and the Province of Alberta for their continued belief in our vision to promote open and inclusive communities while offering lifelong support and services for adults with acquired brain injuries and their families.

As an organization the Southern Alberta Brain Injury Society made major strides in the past year. We feel renewed, revitalized and on the verge of providing better support for families and clients. Besides changes we've made to better serve our clients during the pandemic, SABIS made three significant changes: we moved to a new location; we expanded our board of directors, and we revamped our executive committee.

SABIS moved from a fairly inaccessible location in north east Calgary to a central one in Hillhurst, with better public transit, sidewalks, meeting places, parks and pathways. We are very excited to provide better access for clients and their groups.

Following the mid year resignation of our president we examined our board structure, resulting in the shifting of our executive committee and the interim appointments of a vice president, treasurer, secretary and president. We also welcomed two new directors. Thank you to long time directors Kimber Pipella, Terry Avramenko, and new directors Dymphny Dronyk, Rebecca Stares, and Harvey Olsen for stepping up to assist in stewarding our organization. These are all people who believe in the cause and volunteer their time to safeguard our future.

With this purpose, the board identified a few new goals for the organization: 1) to create a process to ensure board rejuvenation; 2) to activate board committees and; 3) to build a strategic plan for SABIS. The first two goals will ensure we meet legal governance requirements for the organization and the third will assist the organization, under the leadership and guidance of the Executive Director, to plan and strengthen into the future.

During the entire time our Executive Director, Natasha Brzoza held steadfast in her role, navigating rough seas with focus and resolve. She successfully found our new location, organized the team to accomplish the move, maintained financial stability. The board recognizes that SABIS is stronger for her commitment to our values of respect, support, inclusiveness, learning and encouragement.

I want to personally thank our board for trusting me to take on this leadership role. It is not one I take lightly. Know that I remain committed to SABIS and will work, in whatever role, to make sure we are helping the brain injury community.

Best always,

Allan Boss
Interim President
Southern Alberta Brain Injury Society

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SOUTHERN ALBERTA BRAIN INJURY SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES and EXPENSES and
CHANGES in NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 , 2020

	2020	2019
REVENUES		
Alberta Minister of Human Services (Note 5)	\$ 362,246	\$ 368,798
Donations and fundraising	32,598	47,812
Grants (Note 6)	-	-
Casino funds	53,018	67,315
Memberships and other	345	485
	448,207	484,410
EXPENSES		
Direct program costs	324,797	313,100
Rent (Note 7)	64,152	54,699
Office and administrative	55,762	61,512
Fundraising	7,725	13,028
Amortization	4,763	6,235
Office relocation (Note 7)	3,825	-
	461,024	448,574
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(12,817)	35,836
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	140,144	104,308
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 127,327	\$ 140,144

SOUTHERN ALBERTA BRAIN INJURY SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT MARCH 31 , 2020

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 125,977	\$ 146,133
Donations and fundraising revenues receivable	400	-
Employee advances receivable	488	488
Casino proceeds receivable	53,413	-
Goods and services tax recoverable	1,465	1,714
Prepaid expenses and deposits (Notes 3 and 9)	35,591	28,399
	217,334	176,734
CAPITAL ASSETS (Notes 4 and 7)	8,535	11,315
	\$ 225,869	\$ 188,049
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 9,586	\$ 10,642
Government remittances payable	7,404	6,530
Advances from the Alberta Minister of Human Services (Note 5)	6,552	30,733
Deferred revenue (Notes 6 and 9)	75,000	-
	98,542	47,905
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED	127,327	140,144
	\$ 225,869	\$ 188,049

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