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ANNUAL REPORT

2016/17

Message from Robert Kroll, Chair of the Board and Margit Pukonen, Interim Executive Director

WELCOME TO OUR 2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT



Robert Kroll



Margit Pukonen

It is an exciting time of change and growth for The Speech and Stuttering Institute. We are pleased that Margit has accepted the position as the Interim Executive Director. Margit has worked at SSI since it opened its doors in the 1980's and has been a front line clinician, managed the clinical programs and has overseen the development and evaluation of treatment programs as well as training programs for professionals working with children with motor speech disorders.

We are also very excited to announce that Bob will be assuming the chairmanship of the Board of Directors of The Speech and Stuttering Institute. The role of the Board of Directors is to oversee and support all aspects of the management of the organization pertaining to governance, operations and budgeting. After 11 years of dedicated service, Paul L'Heureux is stepping down as Chair of our Board of Directors, we are grateful to Paul for his thoughtful leadership.

Under our joint leadership we look forward to continuing to offer our unique brand of excellence in care, education, research, and adaptability to help serve our clients best!

The next few years will remain very challenging for all of us at the SSI with the changing landscape of healthcare and education. We are confident that we shall be successful in addressing and dealing with every one of the hurdles that come our way, as we have always done in the

past. We look forward to your continued support as we plan and direct the future of this wonderful organization.

Please enjoy some of the highlights from the past year.

Thanks for reading,

Robert Kroll
Board Chair

Margit Pukonen
Interim Executive
Director

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OUR CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Our Children's Speech Therapy Programs include individualized treatment programs for children with motor speech problems or fluency (stuttering) disorders. The treatment approaches we have developed for these programs build up the child's area of weakness within language-based activities and social interaction.

Therapy sessions for the motor speech program focus on improving speech production as well as language and early literacy skills, and in the stuttering program the focus is on teaching children specific techniques to increase fluency and to communicate more confidently. The Fluency Plus program for teens and adults who stutter has been recognized internationally as an effective treatment for stuttering. New this year we are offering stuttering therapy via telepractice for people of all ages in Ontario. In addition our Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Speech Therapy Program serves children from senior kindergarten to grade 3 who have a diagnosis of ASD, are consistently communicating with others (to ask for things, make comments and ask questions) and have moderate to severe speech difficulties.

RESEARCH

As a part of our three-fold mandate, The Speech and Stuttering Institute engages in state of the art research to evaluate effective treatment methods. Research at The Speech and Stuttering Institute focuses on clinically relevant issues designed to shed light on best practices in the provision of speech-language pathology services for individuals with speech and stuttering disorders. The Institute is well-placed to draw upon the expertise of its many experienced Speech-Language Pathologists working with these client populations. Clinicians at the Institute are leaders in developing and providing effective treatment approaches for children with motor speech and stuttering disorders.

Our approach to clinical research reflects a commitment to discovering the most effective treatment methods, in order to support both excellent clinical service and evidence-based professional training. To that end we are continuing to collect data on the effectiveness and impact

The Speech and Stuttering Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for those with speech and stuttering challenges.

We are a team of speech-language pathologists with extensive experience in the areas of articulation and speech sound disorders, including motor speech impairments, such as childhood apraxia of speech (CAS). Our clinicians are trained in the PROMPT system (Prompts for Restructuring Oral Muscular Phonetic Targets), which has been found to be an effective tool for the treatment of motor speech disorders.

of our training programs for MCYS to ensure professionals practicing within the province are provided with the most effective treatment methods. In addition findings from the Motor Speech Research study data were published in the journal "Disability and Rehabilitation" in the article "Parent-child interaction in motor speech therapy".

EDUCATION

The Speech and Stuttering Institute has been given the prestigious designation from the Ontario Government as a "Centre for Training and Development". This means that the Government is relying on our Institute to help create speech and stuttering pathways across the Province of Ontario. This designation is a result of the Institute's many years of conducting research to inform our evidence based speech and stuttering treatment programs.

In this last year, senior staff at the Institute have been continuing to train professionals throughout Ontario. We have conducted workshops for Speech Language Pathologists and support personnel for motor speech and preschool fluency to 13 Preschool Speech-Language Programs in Ontario. In addition to the ministry training, we provided a one day motor speech workshop to professionals in Toronto, a 3 day fluency workshop to SLP students in Toronto and a two day workshop on motor speech and fluency to Durham Catholic School Board.



The Speech & Stuttering Institute Partners with EchoAge

OVER \$8000 HAS BEEN RAISED FOR SSI THROUGH ECHOAGE SINCE JULY 2012!

The Speech and Stuttering Institute is proud of its partnership with EchoAge. EchoAge is a web-based birthday party program that allows its users to donate half of their birthday funds to a charity of their choice. When a child registers their party through the EchoAge website, their invitations then go to their friends through EchoAge. Instead of the traditional method of bringing a gift to the birthday party, EchoAge asks each invitee to offer a dollar amount to the birthday child. Half of this amount will go to the birthday child and the other half will go to a charity. If you have a child who has a birthday coming up, please consider using EchoAge for his or her birthday gifts, and go to <http://echoage.com/charities/the-speech-and-stuttering-institute> to begin!

Pictured is Stella with Bob Kroll. Stella went over and above for her birthday and donated ALL her gifts to SSI. She raised over \$800! It was important to Stella to raise awareness of stuttering and what we do here to help people. Thank you Stella!



FEEDBACK WE HAVE RECEIVED

I am very grateful for the speech therapy that I have received for my son, [redacted]. He stuttered throughout kindergarten and continued. His doctor reassured me that this was normal and he will grow out of it. When he started Grade 1, he cried everyday and didn't want to go to school. He said the kids would walk away from him when he tried to talk to them. Since starting speech therapy, he has self confidence and does not shy away from talking to other kids. He no longer the quiet and lonely child he used to be, he is happy, outgoing and talkative. This even though his speech has improved, we still have alot of work ahead of us. I would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in this process, including [redacted] for all the help we have received for my son. Thank You

My son is in 3rd grade and was evaluated recently by TDSB for the gifted program and was placed in the 99th per-centile. He was treated very successfully about 4 years ago. I am sure removing his speech impediment helps him to realize his true potential in life.

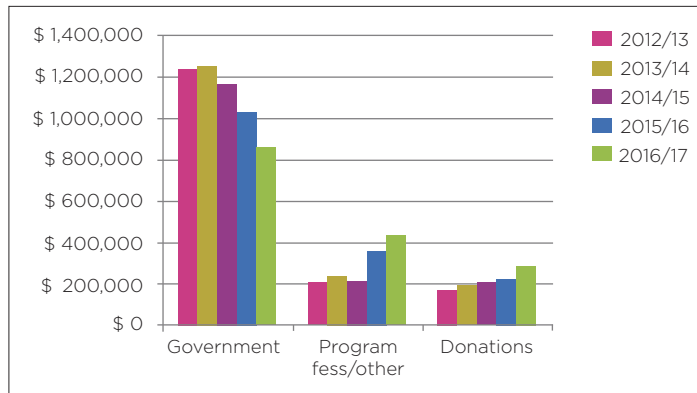
The service has been life-changing for our son, opening the door to better communication and learning readiness. We are certain he has gained confidence and experiences less frustration and anxiety because of the therapy.

My daughter did not say 1 word before coming here. Now she has so many words (in just a year) and is so much more confident using her voice.

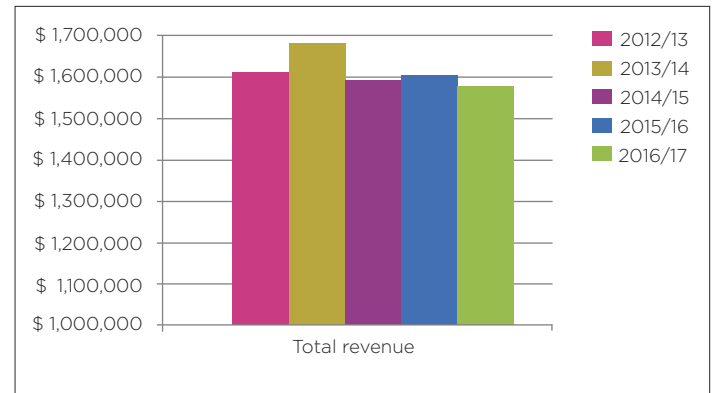


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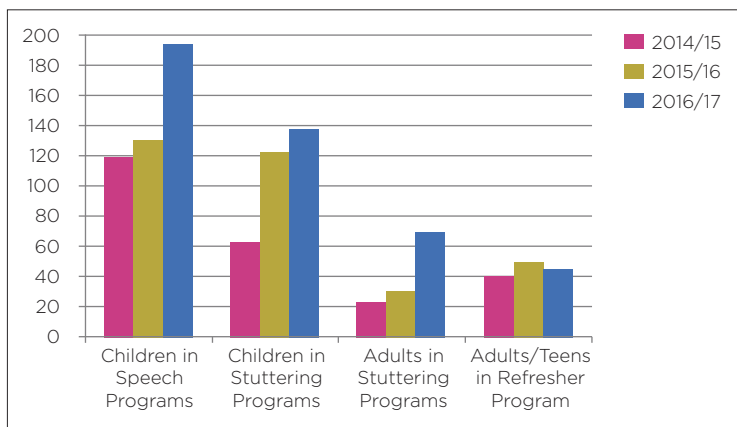
REVENUE BY TYPE



REVENUE BY YEAR



CLIENTS SERVED



Balance Sheet Summary (in thousands)			
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Assets	721	737	753
Liabilities	29	25	62
Total Net	692	712	691

Did you know that you can allocate your United Way gift to The Speech & Stuttering Institute?

Annual 1K\5K a million things I need to say Walk & Run for Stuttering Awareness

The fifth Annual Walk & Run for Stuttering Awareness to raise money for The Speech and Stuttering Institute took place September 25, 2016 and was a great success!

Supporters both young and old(er) from all over the greater Toronto area, including Markham, Richmond Hill, Mississauga and Whitby came out on a beautiful sunny day for an invigorating run or walk followed by a delicious BBQ and entertaining DJ.

Planning and organizing such an event requires a significant commitment of time and energy. A big thank you is extended to Greg O'Grady the Founder of the Walk & Run and coordinator who volunteers his time and energy to ensuring the success of this event.

SAVE THE DATE
for the 6th Annual
Walk & Run for
Stuttering Awareness
**Sunday
September 24th, 2017**



OUR COMMUNITY OF DONORS

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who made donations. We are extremely grateful for their commitment and ongoing support.*

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN ALSO DONATE STOCK, SECURITIES, BONDS AND MUTUAL FUNDS TO SSI?

To donate appreciated stocks, securities or mutual funds directly to The Speech & Stuttering Institute please fill out the Donations of Securities form found in a link on the do-nate stock page (under support us) on our website, or contact Loriellen Karam.

Donating appreciated stocks, securities or mutual funds directly to The Speech & Stuttering Institute is more cost effective than selling the stock and making a cash gift. There are many attractive tax incentives available to you with this program.

If you donate stock to charity, you pay no capital gains and receive a tax receipt for the full value of the stock. This makes donating appreciated stock one of the most effective ways to donate.

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PLANNING YOUR LEGACY

Did you know that you can plan your legacy to include a gift to The Speech and Stuttering Institute in your estate?

Gifts by bequest in your Will* or designating The Speech and Stuttering Institute in your Life Insurance* allows you to make a larger donation than may be possible during your lifetime.

Charitable giving through your estate can help you to minimize the taxes that will ultimately have to be paid and is a powerful way to show your support for the valuable work being done at the Institute and helping so many people find their voice.

*If you are considering a donation like appreciated stock, securities or mutual funds or through a bequest, we encourage you to consult your own financial and legal advisors. They will ensure your donation is tailor made to your personal circumstances to maximize your tax advantage.

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OUR VISION

To expand universal access to effective treatment for individuals presenting with motor speech and stuttering difficulties by establishing The Speech and Stuttering Institute as a nationally recognized and highly valued Ontario Centre of Excellence

Who We Are	What We Do	How We Do It	Why We Do It
<p>OUR MISSION</p> <p>We advance the quality of speech treatment services in Ontario through an integrated model of evidence based treatment services, research, and professional training</p>	<p>OUR AREAS OF FOCUS</p> <p>Our 2 areas of focus include motor speech disorders and stuttering</p> <p>We deliver treatment for children, youth and adults</p> <p>We offer training and consultation on assessment and treatment to Speech Language Pathologists, supportive personnel, teachers, parents, and students</p> <p>We conduct research on treatment practices to support the development of evidence informed clinical pathways</p>	<p>OUR PRIORITIES</p> <p>Maintain clinical programs as a strong base for research and training</p> <p>Build capacity to deliver training and consultation services</p> <p>Support provincial implementation of clinical pathways and protocols</p> <p>Develop SSI staff capacity and competencies</p> <p>Develop infrastructure to support SSI mission</p> <p>Build SSI brand and recognition of speech and stuttering disorders</p> <p>Grow our base of diverse and sustainable funding</p>	<p>OUR IMPACT</p> <p>Improve outcomes and lives for children, youth and adults</p> <p>Improve access provincially to quality, effective services</p> <p>Advance treatment methods</p> <p>Build awareness of the importance of timely identification and intervention</p> <p>Accessible and affordable services for our clients</p>

OUR VALUES

Client focused care * affordable equitable access to services * continuous quality improvement
 * evidence based treatment and treatment motivated research * active collaboration with our partners



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