



THE SPEECH
& STUTTERING
INSTITUTE

TRANSFORMING LIVES
FOR LASTING CHANGE

ANNUAL REPORT

2018 2019

Message from Robert Kroll, Chair of the Board and Frank Ientile, Executive Director



Robert Kroll



Frank Ientile

This Annual Report is an opportunity to introduce myself to you, I'm Frank Ientile, and I'm thrilled to be the new Executive Director of SSI. Together with Bob Kroll, Chair of the Board of Directors we are pleased to share with you the changes and achievements of The Speech & Stuttering Institute over the past year.

We are honoured to be a part of this organization and witness firsthand the life changing speech and stuttering therapy being conducted here. Last year our small and highly skilled team of professionals treated over 400 people (85% of those were children and youth). Of the over 4,700 visits those clients made here, one story stands out in particular:

In our Summer Intensive Fluency Program the therapist asked each of the youths to say what they hoped to get out of the therapy. One teen struggled more than the others to communicate, and his simple goal was heartbreaking. "I just want to be able to say my name."

Can you imagine how hard it is for him not being able to do what so many of us take for granted? You may know exactly what I mean; you know the frustration of not being able to speak fluently, or not understanding your child when they are trying to talk. We are so grateful we were able to help that young man not only say his name, but give him the tools to help improve his speech and confidence to take with him to high school, and throughout his life.

Not only is The Speech & Stuttering Institute helping people find their voice and transform their lives directly through our clinical programs, we are continuing to make an impact by educating other Speech Language Pathologists throughout the province. Last year our senior professional staff trained over 800 professionals.

Unfortunately, the drastic cuts in government funding in the last few years have posed a challenge to SSI. This has had a devastating effect on our clinical programs as we strive to ensure excellence in care while continuing to keep the fees affordable and offering subsidies to families in need. With the help of you, an important member of our community, we are transforming The Speech & Stuttering Institute to the next level. As part of our strategic plan, we are taking concrete steps to self sustainability. We are grateful for your support. With your help we can transform lives for lasting change and continue to help people find their voice.

Thanks for reading,

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Robert Kroll
Board Chair

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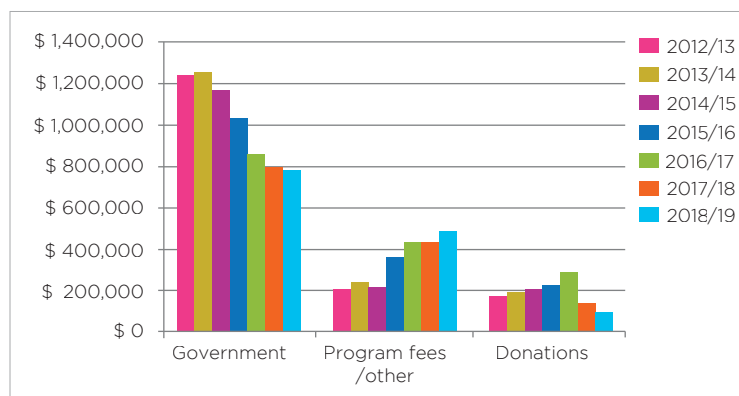
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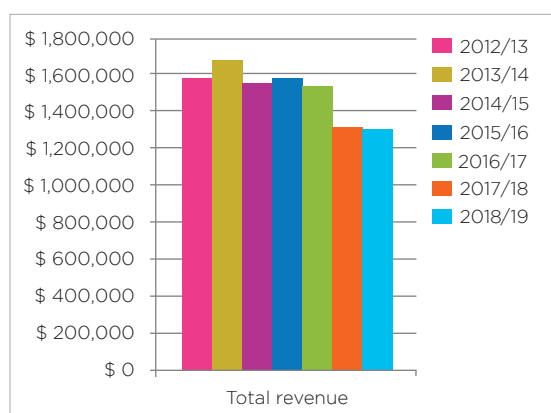
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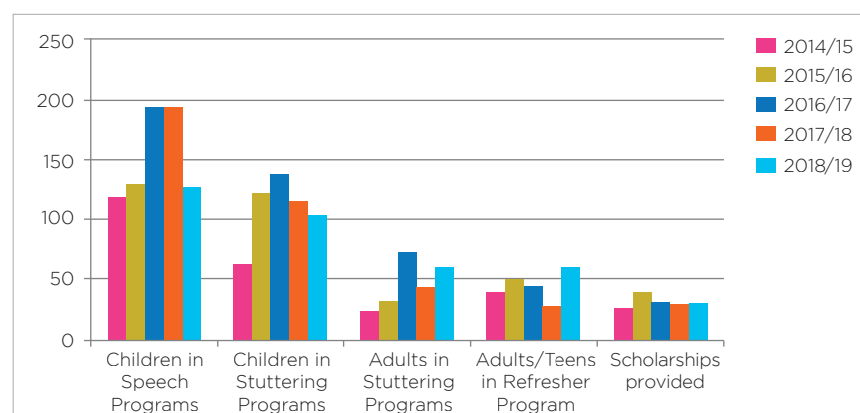
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REVENUE BY YEAR



SSI PROGRAMS/CLIENTS



BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

(in thousands)	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Assets	721	737	770	649	603
Liabilities	29	25	71	24	45
Total Net Assets	692	712	699	625	558

★ \$600,000 ★

COST TO RUN OUR SPEECH AND STUTTERING CLINICAL PROGRAMS. **THIS IS NOT PUBLICLY FUNDED.** OUR PROGRAMS ARE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH GRANTS, CLIENT FEES AND THE GENEROSITY OF DONORS.

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CLINICAL PROGRAMS

SPEECH PROGRAMS

Imagine you're a parent who cannot understand what your child is saying. This is a daily experience for families of children with speech sound disorders. Our speech programs are intensive and motor based. Our treatment approach considers how a child moves different parts of the mouth as they attempt to produce speech sounds. Therapy develops the child's control of the physical movements required to produce speech in functional words and phrases the child needs to acquire. Therapy activities are designed to provide children with many opportunities to develop and practice new speech skills while also supporting language and early literacy development. We provide individual therapy for children.

Our team of speech-language pathologists has extensive clinical and teaching experience in the following areas:

-  **Articulation difficulties**
-  **Speech sound disorders**
-  **Motor speech impairments**
-  **Late talkers**
-  **Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS)**

STUTTERING PROGRAMS

Stuttering is a chronic neurological condition that usually begins between the ages of 3 and 6 and often persists through adulthood. Stuttering affects approximately one out of every 100 persons. We provide a comprehensive range of services to individuals who stutter and their families. We offer parent based programs for preschoolers, individual and group therapy for school aged children and intensive courses for teens and adults. We teach a variety of strategies and techniques to help our clients deal with the physical and psychological effects and become successful communicators.

Our stuttering programs are:

Preschool Program (2-5yrs)

Individual therapy or parent monitoring/consultation

School-age Program (5-13 yrs)

Individual or group therapy

3-week* summer fluency program for 10-14 yr olds

Teen Programs (13 - 17 yrs)

Individual therapy, 3-week* intensive or weekly group treatment

*Our 3-week intensive program is internationally recognized

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

As a part of our three-fold mandate, The Speech & Stuttering Institute engages in state of the art research to identify effective treatment methods. Research at SSI focuses on clinically relevant questions designed to shed light on best practices in the provision of Speech-Language Pathology services for individuals with speech and stuttering disorders. SSI is well-placed to draw upon the expertise of its many experienced Speech-Language Pathologists in working with these client populations.

Clinicians at the Institute are leaders in projects sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services aimed at developing treatment approaches for children with motor speech and stuttering disorders. This year we continued our Ministry funded provincial training project creating speech and stuttering guidelines and training speech language pathologists within the Preschool Speech and Language Services Program across Ontario. We provided education to over 550 professionals throughout 20 cities and regions. In addition, we offered our unique professional training workshops to over 250 SLPs outside of the Preschool Speech and Language Service program.

WALK & RUN FOR STUTTERING AWARENESS

- ☆ 1K or 5K walk or run through the beautiful Betty Sutherland Trail Park
- ☆ DJ with musical entertainment
- ☆ Special guest speakers
- ☆ Scavenger hunt and activities for the kids
- ☆ Delicious BBQ lunch
- ☆ Souvenir T-shirt
- ☆ Raffle draw with exciting prizes
- ☆ Raising funds for SSI to provide clinical therapy for all those in need

SAVE THE DATE!
 The 2019 Walk & Run for Stuttering Awareness will be Sunday, September 22.



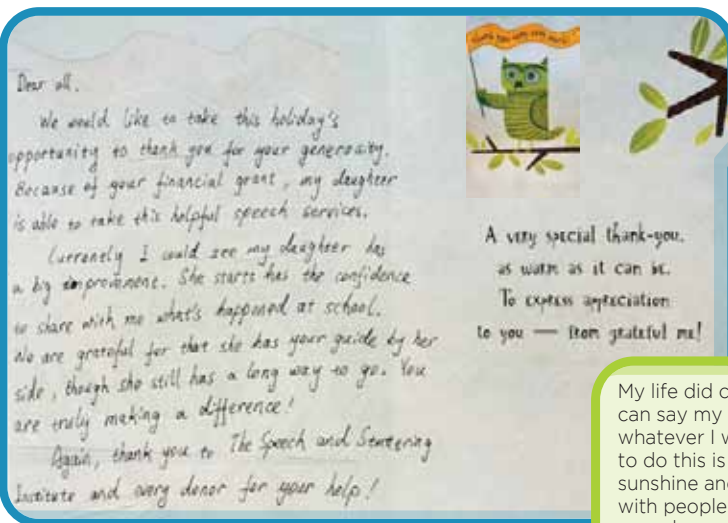
THE 7th WALK & RUN FOR STUTTERING AWARENESS WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

It was a morning when individuals, families, friends, and teammates enjoyed inspiring speakers, a walk or run in the beautiful Betty Sutherland Trail followed by a delicious BBQ, fun music, activities and an exciting raffle. It was a memorable event for our community and a fun opportunity for people who share similar experiences to enjoy time together.

Not only was this a wonderful day to support everyone with speech challenges; this year we set a record for both fundraising and attendance. Thanks to you we surpassed our goal and raised over \$21,000! AMAZING. These funds will go to our clinical programs and ensure that speech therapy is available and affordable to all those in need.

Our heartfelt thanks to Greg O’Grady for spearheading this event with his tireless efforts (all the way from Newfoundland), and our team of volunteers who made it possible.

OUR CLIENT SHARE



I thought I should use the Thanksgiving period to express my profound appreciation for your support in guiding my son with his speech work when he was a beneficiary of your organization. His speech was positively impacted by your help.
We are grateful.

My life did change after the program, after 3 weeks of intensive therapy I now can say my name a billion times without any trouble and I can now say whatever I want. After years and years of struggling, the feeling of being able to do this is amazing. I am now graduating from college. Everything is still not sunshine and daisies, I do have my hard days where I struggle and I have dealt with people that don't understand but I have learned that practicing my speech every morning will make a difference and I am slowly overcoming the obstacle that I face every single day, **I have my self esteem back ... the self esteem I haven't had since I was a little girl and I am so happy with my life and my self worth.**

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 OF SSI.

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Image...Trying to talk and the words just don't come out



1 in 10 Canadians have a speech, language or hearing problem and 11% of children in kindergarten have a speech sound disorder.

Individuals with speech or stuttering problems are affected throughout their life, socially, educationally, vocationally and emotionally.

What Is The Speech & Stuttering Institute?

-  The Speech and Stuttering Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for those with speech and stuttering challenges.
-  Our treatment approach is founded upon more than 30 years of clinical experience and has been widely recognized, with clients travelling from all over the world to attend our clinical services.
-  In our research, we have partnered with the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and the University of Toronto, the findings of which have been published in scientific journals and textbooks.

The SSI is the only specialized and intensive treatment program for stuttering on the Greater Toronto area and one of the only a select few such treatment centres worldwide!



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