Building Bridges – Newsletter of the Aphasia Institute – The Aphasia Institute is a Canadian community-based centre of excellence, pioneering programs and practices that help people with aphasia learn how to communicate in new ways and begin to navigate their own lives again. Through direct service, research, education and training, the Aphasia Institute has built an international reputation as a world leader and educator in aphasia.

Celebrating 40 Years of Communication Support!

It’s hard to believe, but 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the Aphasia Institute—from humble beginnings in the basement of our founder, Pat Arato, to four decades of creating and delivering a multitude of innovative solutions to people living with aphasia and their families. Look for more celebration details throughout 2019.

Our Annual Appeal was a Great Success… BECAUSE OF YOU!

Your belief in our work and in our clients helped us raise over $31,000 to support our many initiatives – to keep creating ways to make life better for people with aphasia and their families. You’ve made a tremendous difference! Thank you!

I CARE

I Care is the Aphasia Institute’s client-led fundraising campaign. This year the I Care campaign, supported by clients, volunteers, staff and family, has already raised over $9,000! This is done through very creative means, including: a jewelry sale (pictured at right); dinner parties; bake sales; pizza parties; raffle tickets; odd repair jobs; selling gift baskets; an art sale; a baby-guessing contest; and donations in lieu of birthday gifts. This year, one volunteer even used an online fundraising app to raise money; another held a university talent show. Our clients decide how the proceeds for I Care are to be used. The money raised in 2019 will support our direct client services, including conversation groups, debate club, art and music, fitness classes, and much more.

Save the Date!

On Sunday, June 9th, in celebration of the Aphasia Institute’s 40th anniversary, our community of clients, staff, volunteers, and family will join together for our annual signature fundraiser. Visit www.aphasia.ca/walk-talk-roll to read the story of our client, Christine, who was determined to re-engage in her life when a massive brain bleed left her with aphasia. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 9th and walk with Christine, her husband Vincent, and their two children!

The Aphasia Institute relies on the generosity of individual donors and volunteers to deliver life-changing programs.

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Finding a way to tell the world what we do and how we do it

For the past few years, we have had the fortune to partner with Public Inc., a leader in corporate social responsibility consultancy. In fact, it was Public Inc. that worked with us to define the value of the work we do, creating our moto—"Life’s a conversation—and our promise to people with aphasia and their families: "We help you navigate your life... one conversation at a time.”

Recently, Public Inc. helped us find a better way to show the world who we are and what we do. The result is Aphasia & The Aphasia Institute: Impact & Solutions, a two-page document to help spread awareness of this communication disorder and the solutions we provide. We hope you will share it with your family and friends!

To download this document, go to: www.aphasia.ca > Us > Reports & Publications > Building Bridges > Current Issue & Supplemental Links

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