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A letter from our CEO and the President of our Boards The 2018-2019 Impact

The spectrum of addiction treatment options in Canada offers relatively few residential programs, which results in ever-growing wait lists for publicly funded beds. This is the conundrum our community faces during the ongoing addiction crisis.

In the past year we have continued to show leadership in our approach to the opioid and broader addiction crisis: our unique and innovative This Can't Wait bursary program secured funding from private donors to provide 38 treatment bursaries for the most vulnerable people on our wait list; ongoing donations from the community have supported government-funded treatment; our drive to maximize the effectiveness of our program offerings has led to collaborations across the health system.

As we approach our 50th year, we are proud to continue delivering the treatment services we are recognized for, and serve the community who so needs and deserves those services. Our 2018-2019 Annual Report focuses on the impact we have all made together in the past year.

View our 2018-2019 Annual Report online at renascent.ca/ar2019/ or call Christina Selvaggio at 416-847-6444 to have a paper copy mailed to you.

Sue Jaffe,
President and Chair

Laura Bhoi,
Chief Executive Officer



Transformational Gift of Hope

In 2018, we responded to the addiction crisis by setting an ambitious goal. The challenge is that in Ontario, people who are in desperate need of residential treatment have to wait months for a funded bed. Because of three generous donations, we exceeded our goal in 2018-2019 and were able to launch the This Can't Wait Fund, and offer 38 fully funded treatment bursaries for Renascent's programs. This funding brought some of the most at-risk individuals on our waitlist into Renascent's Complete Care program, by giving them immediate access to intensive inpatient care, ongoing Continuing Care programming, and Family Care Programs for their families. Here is just one of the many gratitude notes we received from recipients:

Sept. 7/18.

I may never meet you, I may never know who you are, but I do want you to know how truly humbled and grateful I am to have received such a generous gift.

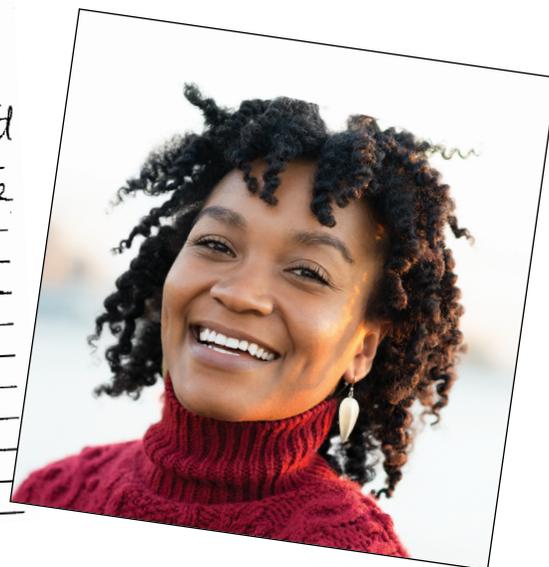
My name is Meagen and I am 35 years old. I am a loving mother, wife, daughter and sister.

I have struggled with addiction since the age of 16 and slowly but surely spiraled out of control.

But for the grace of God, I landed in Renascent. This program has truly changed my life. The tools that I have learned here have given me exactly what I need to take on the world!

I will be forever grateful, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Sincerely,
Meagen B.



Dr. Mark Weiss Joining Renascent!

We are thrilled to announce that Dr. Mark Weiss will be joining Renascent in the role of Medical Director, overseeing medical care at our Paul J. Sullivan Treatment Centre in Brooklin, Ontario, and providing other clinical and leadership services across Renascent. Dr. Weiss brings extensive expertise and experience in addiction medicine, and will be joining our long-standing Medical Director and addiction specialist, Dr. Vera Tarman.

Dr. Weiss comes to Renascent with over 20 years of specialization in Addiction Medicine. He also brings impressive leadership experience within specialized inpatient addiction treatment settings, with prior roles including Chief of Addiction Medicine at Homewood Health Centre, and Medical Director at Bellwood Health Services. Dr. Weiss will be joining us at the beginning of December. Welcome!



Dr. Mark Weiss,
M.D., MCFP (AM)



Dr. Ed and Bobby Yielding, Inspirational Donors

The Lifetime Recovery Legacy Fund

After a lifetime of tireless service and support of Renascent and the treatment of addiction, Dr. Ed and Bobby Yielding gave their final transformational legacy gift for the care and treatment of individuals and families living with addiction.

As pioneers in the addiction treatment field, dedicated to both the clinical work and generous financial support of Renascent, as well as being members of the 12-step community, Dr. Ed and Bobby Yielding continue to have an impact because of their final generous gift. In July 2012, The Yieldings left Renascent a legacy gift in their will of \$202,000, truly one of our greatest Guardian Angel gifts ever.

In their honour, Renascent is proud to launch the **Lifetime Recovery Legacy Fund**.



The **Lifetime Recovery Legacy Fund**, inspired by Dr. Ed and Bobby Yielding's transformational legacy gift, will address a significant gap in continuing care and ongoing support in the current treatment offerings at Renascent, and use their inspirational example to inspire new funds to provide sustainable, ongoing support.

The fund will offer giving opportunities through annual and planned giving, to generate ongoing annual funds to cover the costs of providing continuing care and support to individuals and families.

How to make a planned gift

1. Create or update a will that reflects your wishes. If you already have a will and are considering a legacy gift to Renascent, the easiest and least expensive way is to add a codicil to your will. The codicil will retain all provisions of your will, except those that are modified by this addition.
2. Contact Renascent to inform us of your gift, to ensure we are able to honour your gift intentions as you wish.

What are the tax benefits of planned gifts?

1. Donors can contribute securities or other appreciated property, such as real estate, and receive a charitable deduction for the full market value of the asset, and pay no capital gains tax on the transfer.
2. Donors who establish a life-income gift, like a charitable annuity, receive a tax deduction for the full and fair market value of the assets contributed, minus the present value of the income interest retained; if they fund their gift with appreciated property, they pay no upfront capital gains tax on the transfer.
3. Gifts payable to charity upon the donor's death, like a bequest or a beneficiary designation in a life insurance policy or retirement account, do not generate a lifetime income tax deduction for the donor, but they are exempt from estate tax.

If you are interested in being an annual donor or a Lifetime Recovery Legacy Fund donor please contact Christina Selvaggio at 416-847-6444, by email at cselvaggio@renascent.ca, or by mail at 38 Isabella St., Toronto, ON, M4Y 1N1





Staying Connected



Golfing for a Cause!

More than 170 golfers gathered at the end of July to celebrate 25 years of golfing for a cause, in partnership with Unifor Canada and Ford Canada. Over the years, Recovery Shot has raised over \$2.6 million to support addiction recovery treatment. If you missed out this year, save the date for Recovery Shot 2020, which will be held on Wednesday, July 22nd.



We're Here for Life

Renascent is here for life, and we invite our alumni to keep coming back, which is why we hosted two alumni events this summer. At our Alumni & Friends Golf Day in August, we collectively raised nearly \$25,000 in support of recovery treatment programs. Thank you to RBC Foundation for their continued support as our banquet sponsor. In September, we brought back the very popular Alumni Picnic in High Park.



Mark Your Calendars for these Renascent Upcoming Events:



Recovering Out Loud: A recovery workshop hosted by the Renascent Alumni Committee for the recovery community. Join us on Sunday, October 27th from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre (Bloor & Spadina) 750 Spadina Ave.

Purchase your tickets on Eventbrite today or call Ryan Kerr at 416-847-6452.



Building On Hope & Strength: approaches to overcoming addiction and mental health challenges is our next education event, sponsored by the Bell Let's Talk Community Fund.

It will be held at Innis Town Hall Theatre, 2 Sussex Ave., U of T on Thursday, November 7th, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Michael Lochran, Talli Osborne, and Mike Shannon will share their experiences and reveal the techniques that have allowed them to navigate a fragmented healthcare system while overcoming adversity, stigma, and barriers. With this information, you will feel more empowered to help yourself, your clients, and others survive and thrive. Purchase your tickets on Eventbrite today or call Christina Selvaggio at 416-847-6444.

