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# ONTARIO NEWS

## **Province-Wide Events**

**RaceHD:** RaceHD is our national running group which runs, walks or rolls in races across the country to raise money for Huntington disease (HD). If you would like more information about the races and how to register, visit <u>p2p.onecause.com/racehd</u>. If you have found a race near you that is not listed, contact us at <u>events@huntingtonsociety.ca</u>.

**Community Education Forums** are taking place on November 14 and February 27 and will cover topics such as HD research and genetic testing. Go to <u>www.huntingtonsociety.ca/cef</u> to register.

## **Toronto Chapter**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

We held our Annual Toronto Huntington Heroes Run virtually this year! We had a great time running in our own neighbourhoods and raising funds for HD! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TORONTO COMEDY NIGHT** – POSTPONED, STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATE. Check out <u>www.huntingtonsociety.ca/events</u> for updates!

### **MEETINGS**

Caregiver Support Group- Please contact Rozi if interested.

Join us for conference call **Chapter meetings**. Connect with Natalie for the call in details.

## **London Chapter and Area**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

In September, we had the annual Exeter hike! This year the event went virtual and we had a great time walking and running in our own neighbourhoods. Check out photos from the event using the hashtag #HikeofHeroes or #ExeterHike.

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings take place the third Wednesday of the month. If you have any ideas on speakers or topics you would like to see discussed, contact Paul McConomy.

## Windsor/Essex Chapter

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

This year we held a virtual walk in place of the Indy Go-Kart Challenge. We had a great time walking in our own communities and raising funds for HD! Thank you for all the support. We are always looking for volunteers and new ideas to strengthen our chapter! If you would like to get involved contact <u>events@huntingtonsociety.ca</u>.

## MEETINGS

Windsor/Essex chapter meetings are held monthly except in July and August. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Paul Bateman at <a href="mailto:pjb8man@hotmail.com">pjb8man@hotmail.com</a>.

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## **HSC RESOURCE CENTRES**

# Family Services Program available at HSC Resource Centres includes:

- Information on HD and strategies for care
- Connecting families with community services/resources through referral and advocacy
- Educational sessions to community groups and healthcare professionals

#### **East Central Ontario**

Ms. Marilyn Mitchell, BSW, RSW Resource Centre Director Ph: 905-426-4333 Toll-Free: 1-855-426-4333 mmitchell@huntingtonsociety.ca

#### **Eastern Ontario**

Mr. Paul Klodniski, M. Ed., RP Resource Centre Director Toll-Free: 1-866-536-4934 613- 233-5838 pklodniski@huntingtonsociety.ca

#### **Central Ontario**

# (inclusive of Halton/Peel/Hamilton/Niagara and St-Catherines areas)

This position is currently in transition. In the meantime, please contact the National Director of Family Services at 1-800-998-7398, ext. 132.

#### **Kingston/Belleville Area**

Ms. Sherrie McKegney, MSW, RSW Family Services Worker 613-548-7153 <u>smckegney@huntingtonsociety.ca</u>

#### **Northern Ontario**

(inclusive of Barrie/Orillia Area) Ms. Sarah Gauthier, MACP, RP Resource Centre Director Toll-Free: 1-855-522-5319 705-522-5319 sgauthier@huntingtonsociety.ca

#### Southwestern Ontario (inclusive of Guelph, Cambridge, Kitchener/Waterloo)

Mr. Graeme Wood, BSW, MPH, RSW Resource Centre Director Toll-Free: 1-855-660-0670 519-660-0670 gwood@huntingtonsociety.ca

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## **Peterborough Chapter**

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

We had a successful golf tournament this September! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported us. If you wish to learn more about the chapter or get involved, contact us at <u>ptbohd@gmail.com</u> or follow us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/hdptbo</u>. If you would like to fundraise for the Peterborough chapter, use our fundraising hub at <u>p2p.onecause.com/ptbochapter</u>.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Check out www.huntingtonsociety.ca/events for updates!

#### **MEETINGS**

The chapter meets the second Thursday of the month. See our Facebook page for more information (<u>www.facebook.com/hdptbo</u>) or contact <u>ptbohd@gmail.com</u> to get on the email distribution list.

## **Durham Region Chapter**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Durham walk went virtual this year, allowing people across the region to participate from their own neighbourhoods. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the chapter this year! The Durham chapter has various events and activities during the year. If you would like to know more about us or become part of the chapter please contact <u>durhamregionhd@gmail.com</u>.

### **MEETINGS**

Chapter meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. –9:00 p.m. For more information, please call 905-410-0451 or email <u>durhamregionhd@gmail.com</u>.

## **Ottawa Chapter**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

This summer saw the Ottawa Race Weekend fundraiser go virtual with the Ottawa chapter Virtual Run that extend throughout the summer months. Thanks to all who ran, walked, or pledged for the cause in these difficult times! Ottawa was a big part of the national RaceHD total funds raised again!

Amaryllis will be blossoming all over Ottawa again this year with the campaign starting mid-October. Get your order in early to avoid disappointment as we are sure to sell out again this year. We moved another record number of growing kits last year! These will be the ideal cheer up gift to give friends and family in these troubled times. Contact Valerie Nabb at vinabb@gmail.com or phone 613-745-5253 to stock up.

Find and follow us on Facebook to see how you can get involved in Ottawa chapter events. <u>www.facebook.com/HSCOttawa/</u>.

### **MEETINGS**

There are two groups available; a group for people in early to early-middle stage HD, and a caregiver/carer support group. If you are interested in either group, please contact Paul Klodniski at 613-233-5838 for details.

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## **HSC RESOURCE CENTRES**

### **Toronto and Area**

Ms. Rozalia (Rozi) Andrejas, MSW, RSW Resource Centre Director Toll-Free: 1-877-573-7011 905-787-1645 <u>randrejas@huntingtonsociety.ca</u>

## Windsor Area

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## **HD RESOURCES**

#### **Clinical Trials**

New clinical trials and observational studies are being offered regularly. Should you or a family member be interested in participating please visit: <u>huntingtonsociety.ca/clinical-trial-locations</u>

#### HDBuzz.net

HD research news. In plain language. Written by scientists for the global HD community. Stay up to date with the latest research news about HD from around the world! Visit:

www.en.hdbuzz.net for more information.

### **HD Fact Sheets**

Fact sheets on a variety of topics relating to HD including communication, clinical trials and behaviour are available on our website at <a href="http://www.hdfactsheets.ca">www.hdfactsheets.ca</a>.

## **ONTARIO NEWS**

## **Barrie Chapter**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

We are always looking for new members to our young chapter. Reach out to Steven Beatty if looking for more information about the Barrie chapter, e.g, becoming a member/volunteering. If you wish to learn more about the chapter or get involved, contact Steven at <u>stevenmbeatty@gmail.com</u>.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BARRIE WALK** – Oct. 17, 2020 — VIRTUAL The Barrie walk has gone virtual this year! Walk/run in your own neighbourhood and raise pledges online at p2p.onecause.com/barriewalk.

### MEETINGS

Monthly meetings take place on last Tuesday of the month. Currently being held over Google Meet due to COVID restrictions. Reach out to Steven Beatty for more into.

## **Grand River Chapter**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

We held our Annual Founder's Walk this September and had a great time getting together to celebrate the founders of HSC, Ralph and Ariel Walker. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our event this year!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

PINS AND PIZZA - POSTPONED, STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATE

Check out www.huntingtonsociety.ca/events for updates!

## **Niagara Chapter**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Golfapalooza HD Classic was cancelled this year, however, if you are interested in supporting this event you can still donate at <a href="http://www.p2p.onecause.com/golfapalooza">www.p2p.onecause.com/golfapalooza</a>. Every donation of \$100 or more will receive a complimentary bottle of wine at the 2021 Golfapalooza event.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

NIAGARA LAKE-TO-LAKE CHALLENGE – October 24, 2020 Go to <u>www.p2p.onecause.com/lake2lake</u> for more information and to register.

If you are interested in learning more about our fundraising efforts or just about our Niagara chapter, please contact Gail DeKoning at <u>gaildekoning@gmail.com</u> or John Stainsby at <u>stainsbyjohn@gmail.com</u>.

## **Kingston/Belleville Area**

## MEETINGS

A support group is offered the fourth Wednesday of the month. There is a care-partner support group and a drop-in offered. Please contact Sherrie McKegney for more information.



# **GET INVOLVED**

#### TeamHD

Join the team of people involved in planning and participating in HSC events across the country.

Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/hschappenings.

For more information on how to get involved in events, go to <u>www.teamHD.ca</u> or contact the HSC Events Team at 1-800-998-7398, ext. 138 or <u>events@huntingtonsociety.ca</u>.

## Volunteer

Our strongest asset is our dedicated volunteers. To learn more about how you can get involved and to fill out an application, visit: www.huntingtonsociety.ca/volunteer.

## **CALLING ALL YOUTH**

## Young People Affected by HD

YPAHD helps youth think about and discuss things like genetic testing, family life, and dating with HD, and supports them in their struggles of being affected by the disease.

Visit <u>www.ypahd.ca</u> for more information or follow them on social media... Facebook: /YPAHD Instagram: @YPAHDFeed Twitter: @YPAby\_HD

### Youth Mentorship Program

The HSC Mentorship Program is designed to support young people across Canada facing the everyday challenges of growing up in a family affected by Huntington disease.

#### Visit

<u>www.huntingtonsociety.ca/learn-about-hd/youth/</u> <u>youth-mentorship-program/</u> for more information.

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## Northern Ontario Chapter (Timmins, Sudbury, Thunder Bay)

UPCOMING EVENTS TIMMINS BOWL FOR A CURE – POSTPONED, STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATE

Check out www.huntingtonsociety.ca/events.

## **MEETINGS**

If you would like to be involved in planning events or joining a chapter, email us at <u>events@huntingtonsociety.ca</u>.

## **Sarnia Chapter**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

We are looking for anyone who is interested to join our chapter and/or be a volunteer at our upcoming events. If you have questions, please contact Lori or Celine.

## **MEETINGS**

If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact Celine for more information. Meetings are typically held on a Sunday every month or two, depending what we have going on.

## Young People Affected by HD (YPAHD) Chapter

YPAHD helps youth think about and discuss issues such as genetic testing, family life, and dating with HD, and supports them in their struggles of being affected by the disease. This group gives young people someone with whom they can relate, talk to, and lean on. This support system can be incredibly important during this stage in life and beyond.

## **MEETINGS**

YPAHD is a virtual chapter that meets monthly via telephone. YPAHD conference calls are typically scheduled during the evening of the second Sunday of each month but this schedule is subject to change. Check social media or contact <u>ypahd@huntingtonsociety.ca</u> for more information.

# **STAY CONNECTED**

### Sign up for our Newsletters

Are you interested in finding out about the latest research news from around the world, or what is happening in your local HD community, or tips for caring for a person with HD?

The Huntington Society of Canada is committed to providing you with the most up-to-date information on your topics of interest.

For more information on our three newsletters and to sign up to receive them directly to your inbox on release date, visit <u>www.huntingtonsociety.ca/newsletters</u>.

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