

Statement of Operations

ALBERTA LUNG ASSOCIATION O/A THE LUNG ASSOCIATION ALBERTA & NWT		
Financial Statements		
September 30, 2016		
		2016
Revenue		
Direct Mail Campaigns		954,836
Other Campaigns		571,045
Grant Revenue		49,490
Gaming Revenue		185,002
Other Income		124,916
Endowment Revenue		-
		1,885,289
Expenses		
Fundraising		931,767
Health Initiatives		299,987
Administration		483,780
Research and Education Grants		230,500
National Initiatives		214,956
Amortization		16,928
		2,177,918
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	-	292,629

Extracted from 2015-2016 audited statements
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ANNUAL REPORT
2015-2016

This report covers the fiscal year
October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Message from the Chair

Paul Borrett

2016 was a very interesting year for The Lung Association, Alberta & NWT, this was a year of economic hardship for Albertans and The Lung Association. The need to support Albertans with lung disease is greater and more important than ever.

Awareness both of lung disease and the organization continues to be top of mind for us. We worked hard this year increasing awareness through events at the Legislature for Lung Month in November, as well as participating in key stakeholder groups like the Respiratory Health Strategic Clinical Network, Clean Air Strategic Alliance and Health Partners to name just a few. Participation in these groups help us to keep an eye on the general public's issues, helping us to serve patients and donors better. We are also moving forward with Breathing Space, a lung health and recovery house. This will bring renewed focus, awareness and attention to the plight many transplant patients face and to lung disease as a whole. Increased media attention this year particularly around Radon, wildfires etc. and the impact this has on those suffering from lung disease helps to increase our awareness and provides support for our mission and vision. The statistics for lung disease are alarming and growing, we need engagement from everyone to stop the growing trend. Increased support for research, prevention and support is crucial. Over 600,000 Albertans are suffering from lung disease right now, we need to reduce this number to prevent lung disease from rising to first place as the number one cause of deaths in Canada.

I look forward to working with The Lung Association staff and volunteer Board of Directors in the year ahead.

2015-2016 Highlights

At this time of year we reflect on the events of the past year, celebrate our successes and plan for the year that is just around the corner. We are thankful for the support we have in our members, volunteers, clients, and the broader community. The Lung Association has much to celebrate.

Community Support

The Lung Association delivered education and awareness based presentations in communities throughout the province through a variety of methods, providing resources and information online, via social media and through traditional methods.

We offered assistance to people living with various lung disease like COPD and Asthma through our *Lung Health Information line*, offering practical information, support and resources for people with lung disease, their families and caregivers. Every day, thousands of people struggle to breathe; we support lung disease sufferers and their families through our lung transplant gift basket program and by funding support groups. Ensuring that there is a safe place to share information and receive support for patients and their families.

2016 was the start to our new campaign to build a lung health transplant and recovery house "Breathing Space". The first of its kind in Canada, this facility will provide a home away from home for lung transplant patients throughout northern B.C, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and N.W.T. Many patients cannot afford to travel to the University of Alberta Hospital and pay relocation and living expenses necessary for the 6-9 months post-transplant aftercare for themselves and their

care giver. Creating a space for lung transplant patients and their care givers to stay after this most difficult of surgeries should not be based on financial means.

Prevention

November saw The Lung Association staff and volunteers meet with Members of the Legislative Assembly to raise awareness of the burden of chronic lung disease through a spirometry demonstration (a simple breathing test). They discussed the need for a province-wide coordinated system for early detection and management of chronic lung disease. The Lung Association coordinated radon awareness campaigns and disseminated educational materials and free test kits to members of the public. Radon gas exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer second to tobacco smoke

We participated in several coalitions of health organizations working together to advance healthy public policy for lung disease prevention, education and management, and health , such as the Campaign for Smoke-Free Alberta, the Clean Air Strategic Alliance, and Alberta Breathes.

Research, Awards & Collaboration

We funded vital medical research to advance prevention, early diagnosis, treatments and ultimately a cure - for lung diseases. Our *Research Program* enabled health researchers and PhD students to study respiratory illnesses and develop innovative treatments for the benefit of thousands of people suffering from lung disorders today and in the future. In 2015, 12 researchers were awarded grants.