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Who are we?

Epilepsy Ontario is a voice for people with epilepsy in the province. Since 1956, our mission has been to promote independence and an optimal quality of life for children and adults living with seizure disorders.

As a non-profit and non-governmental health charity, Epilepsy Ontario relies on the generosity of sponsors and donors to achieve its goals. Through fundraising events and advocacy initiatives, we are able to reach out to Ontarians living with epilepsy.

What do we do?

One way we are working to strengthen the province's epilepsy community is through client services, which include counselling and referrals to local epilepsy agencies. We also offer **provincial programs** to connect our clients to a supportive community of with people who share their hopes and fears.

One in 100 Canadians lives with epilepsy. Doctors make 38 new diagnoses in the country every day. Although epilepsy is the second most common neurological disorder after headaches, most people know little about it. Through our website, brochures and pamphlets, awareness campaigns and teaching aids, we hope to provide a reliable resource for those who seek **information**. We also support epilepsy **research**, particularly in patient care, to explore the possibilities for better treatment in the future.

We are doing our part to educate the public as well, and encourage others to do the same. The fourth and final pillar of our organization is **advocacy**. Epilepsy Ontario works with like-minded agencies to remove barriers at all levels of government for people living with seizure disorders. We are pushing for a Provincial Strategy for Epilepsy Care to make standardized treatment accessible to all who need it.

How can the LCBO help?

The LCBO Provincial Donation Box Program not only offers an invaluable opportunity to raise awareness about epilepsy, but it also helps fund our Summerfest Camp. This program gives children with epilepsy the chance to participate in all the activities Camp Couchiching has to offer. Parents can rest assured knowing nurses are on site to provide appropriate care. Summerfest is a safe, inclusive place for kids to challenge themselves and build self-esteem.

We are also sharing a portion of the proceeds with local epilepsy agencies, which provide valuable information, support, education and public awareness. To find the agency nearest you, see the Contact Us tab on our website: www.epilepsyontario.org.