

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2020 was an epic year of legacy building initiatives, health promotion, and advocacy for the epilepsy community in BC.

Early on, in March 2020, we endeavoured to dedicate ourselves to rethinking not only the way we work, but also how to pivot, and re-focus our limited resources to mitigate the impact and devastation that COVID-19 has had on the lives of people living with epilepsy in BC. We swiftly moved all of the in-person support groups to an online format and increased the frequency of groups; from March 2020 to June 2020, we delivered weekly online support groups. As the province opened up, your need for weekly groups (drop in attendance) was no longer necessary, and from June 2020 onwards, we have continued to run monthly online support groups.

In September 2020, we created the Your Voice Matters: Adult Epilepsy System Report Card survey to give people living with and affected by epilepsy in BC the chance to share their experiences with the adult epilepsy system and assign a report card grade. Through your participation, you graded the adult epilepsy system in BC with an overwhelming F.

2020 was also the year that we increased our provincial reach to the public through our social media accounts and media projects. In 2020, BCES created and produced four new brands within our revolutionary media production framework. We are proud to highlight our compelling media works that educate, inform, and inspire, including the Epilepsy Expert Webinar Series, the What If ... Documentary Series, the Voice Epilepsy™ Podcast Series and E-News Broadcasts.

You have – and always will have – our continued commitment to use every avenue available to raise awareness, educate, and advocate for more provincial and federal funding to address the deficiencies in British Columbia for therapeutics, medications, in-province brain surgeries, medical staffing, system navigators, equitable disability benefits, and much more.

From every one of us at BC Epilepsy Society, the support workers on the front line, the operations staff working diligently behind the scenes, the Board, the Professional Advisory Committee, and most importantly, from our clients, thank you for your unwavering support in helping us provide life-changing, essential services to those living with epilepsy.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BUILD LEGACIES AND SAVE LIVES!

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