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MAKING LIFE BETTER

The Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured (ARBI) is a community-based, non-profit organization in Calgary, AB. Since 1978, ARBI has been providing vital services to individuals with severe acquired brain injuries. What began as a grassroots organization has now evolved into a multifaceted, essential service for survivors of brain injuries and strokes.

ARBI provides comprehensive community-based rehabilitation and family support in a nurturing and encouraging environment. Our innovative treatment model and unique, personalized approach has successfully helped thousands of individuals with brain injuries regain their independence and live fulfilling lives.

MESSAGE from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Luanne Whitmarsh Executive Director As ARBI continues to adjust to ever-changing landscapes, I am delighted to take this opportunity to share my thoughts about the exceptional team that drives ARBI. From our trained interdisciplinary team members through to our capable administrative staff, ARBI's success as an organization is due to our team members' passion, commitment and ability to work exceptionally well together to best meet the needs of our clients.

Collectively, the team sincerely believes in our clients' abilities to recover, learn and accomplish their goals. Clients and their family members are assisted in living their best possible lives. It is remarkable to watch the magic, the symphony created through skill, humor, kindness and caring, in order to gain the trust of our clients and their families in working towards what is most important to them. It is my pleasure to be part of this team, contributing my voice and skills to better the lives of those we serve.



123 CLIENTS



18 EMPLOYEES



318 DONORS



15
AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS

ARBI BOARD MEMBERS

- Doug Webb, President
- Ross Gilker, Vice President
- Erik Fraunberger, Secretary
- · Orson Ross, Treasurer
- Susan Brown
- Dr. Alex Hillyard
- Brandy Hunter
- Jim Saunders
- Bruce Shultz
- · Randy Fowler, Lifetime Director

THE COVID PIVOT

In 2020, the world as we knew it was forever changed due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has made a significant impact on our organization and our clients.

ARBI focused on keeping our employees, clients, and communities safe while pivoting from our traditional in-person services to virtual services and adapting to help as many clients as possible. We hosted over 1,700 hours of virtual therapy sessions, supplied laptops to our clients, delivered art and craft supplies, and made every effort to stay connected with clients, staff, volunteers, donors, and funders.

We took this opportunity to challenge ourselves and learned new ways to accomplish our goals while supporting our clients in achieving theirs.



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

On-Site Program provides intensive neurorehabilitation therapy delivered by our multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals.

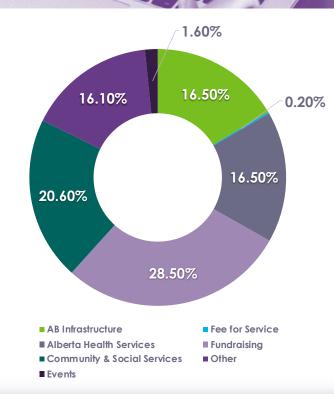
Outreach Program offers one-to-one assessment and treatment tailored for clients requiring intervention from only one discipline.

Community Integration Program (CIP)

offers group and one-to-one opportunities for engagement in meaningful community-based recreational pursuits.

Family Support is provided to clients and their families as they adjust to life after brain injury and reconnect with the community.





The programs offered through ARBI have significantly contributed to Harvey's recovery from his stroke. The staff and volunteers have always made him feel as if he was part of a large family. Pre-Covid Harvey looked forward to the weekly programs like group walks, golfing, and cooking. Since Covid he has learned new computer skills by participating in Zoom calls. These programs enable Harvey to stay positive and provide him the incentive to participate and engage with others like him at ARBI. Thank you ARBI!

— Brenda, Sister of Harvey (ARBI Client)