

# Voice of the Nonprofit Sector



## 2006 Annual Report

Our Members, 2006: ATN (Accommodation Training & Networking), Across Languages, Addiction Services of Thames Valley, Alzheimer Society of London & Middlesex, Anago Resources Inc., The ARTS Project, Big Brothers of London Inc., Big Sisters of London, Beyond Brescia, Brain Injury Association of London & Region, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, Canadian Blood Services, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation - Ontario Chapter, Canadian Centre for Activity & Aging, Canadian Diabetes Association, The Canadian Hearing Society, Canadian Liver Foundation, Canadian Mental Health Association - London-Middlesex, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Canadian Paraplegic Association of Ontario, Canadian Red Cross - London Branch, Childcan, Child Find Ontario, Childreach, Children's Health Foundation, Children's International Summer Villages, ClothingWorks, Community Living London, CRA Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, The Crest Centre, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada, Emmaus Cares, Epilepsy Support Centre, Fanshawe Pioneer Village, Kirsten Fisher, Lissa Foster, Friends of the London Public Library, Ellen Frood, Janet Frood, Nathan Garber, Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre, GoodLife Kids Foundation, Kim Gordon, The Grand Theatre, Habitat for Humanity London Inc., Home County Folk League, Hospice of London, The Independent Living Centre - London & Area, Investing in Children, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, LAVA (London and Area Association for Volunteer Administration), Leads Employment Services Inc., Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario - London Region, Literacy London, London & District Distress Centre, London Abused Women's Centre, London Block Parent Program, London Community Foundation, London Goodwill Industries, London Humane Society, London InterCommunity Health Centre, London International Children's Festival, London Military Family Resource Centre, London Occupational Safety & Health Information Service, London Public Library, London Regional Children's Museum, London Unemployment Help Centre, Londoners.ca, The Lung Association - Bluewater Thames Valley Area Office, Madame Vanier Children's Services, MADD London Chapter, Merrymount Children's Centre, Middlesex London Health Unit, mindyourmind.ca, Mission Services of London, MS Society of Canada - London/Middlesex Chapter, Museum London, My Sisters' Place, Neighbourhood Legal Services (London & Middlesex) Inc., Neighbourhood Watch London, Nokee Kwe Occupational Skills Development Inc., Northwest London Resource Centre, Ontario March of Dimes, Osteoporosis Canada - London & Thames Valley Chapter, Parkinson Society Canada, Parkwood Hospital - Volunteer Services, Participation House Support Services, Pathways Skill Development Inc., Regional Mental Health Care London - Volunteer Services, The Salvation Army, Maria Sanchez-Keane, Scouts Canada - Tri-Shores Council, The Secrets of Radar Museum, St. John Ambulance - London Region, Street Connection, Tetra Society of North America, Thames Region Ecological Association, Thames Talbot Land Trust, Thames Valley Children's Centre, Thyroid Foundation of Canada, United Way of London & Middlesex, Willy Van Klooster, Victim Services of Middlesex County, VOCPRI (Volunteer Organization of CPRI), VON Middlesex-Elgin, Western Area Youth Services, WIL Employment Connections, YMCA of London

Pillar Nonprofit Network supports nonprofit organizations in fulfilling their missions in our community.

We provide leadership, advocacy and support to the nonprofit sector through the promotion of volunteerism, professional development, networking, and information.

## A Message from the Executive Director

It is my privilege on behalf of Pillar Nonprofit Network to present the annual report and share the highlights of our success in 2006.

The year 2006 was one of transition for Pillar Nonprofit Network as Beth De Long, our founding Executive Director of five years, moved on to a new career. It is with sincere gratitude that we thank Beth for the strong foundation that she created for the organization. Glenn Howlett brought a renewed vision as our Interim Executive Director. In November, I was fortunate to take on the incredible opportunity to lead Pillar Nonprofit Network into the future.

Pillar Nonprofit Network continues to provide leadership in the nonprofit sector by meeting the needs identified by our over 100 member organizations.

This past year we offered high quality training, celebrated innovation in the nonprofit sector, conducted valuable research, shared information and best practices and engaged volunteers in our community. We started work on two important projects and anticipate that the Board Diversity Project will leave an enduring legacy in our community.

The commitment and energy of our dedicated and hard working board of directors, staff, volunteers and partners is what drives this organization to truly be a voice for the nonprofit sector.

Pillar Nonprofit Network and the nonprofit sector will continue to provide valuable programs and services that have positive impact in making our community a strong and vibrant place to live, work and play.

**Michelle Baldwin**

## Testimonials

### Regional Mental Health Care London

*"Pillar Nonprofit Network has identified and filled a need in the nonprofit sector. The organization has developed and adapted to meet the needs of both the membership and the community and has done this through careful collaboration and planning. Pillar has become an integral part of the nonprofit sector in our area, as well as provincially and federally."*

Gloria Smith,  
Coordinator, Volunteer Services

### United Way of Middlesex & London

*"Engaging volunteers and connecting them to rewarding, available opportunities empowers individuals, strengthens the nonprofit sector and builds community... Pillar has worked hard to become a voice for the nonprofit sector."*

Helen Connell,  
Executive Director

### Coaching Leaders

*"Pillar Nonprofit Network and its 100 members are taking on longstanding issues in this community - not with words - but with action."*

Glen Howlett,  
Executive Coach

## Testimonials

### Mission Services of London

*"Pillar Nonprofit Network is a very supportive organization. The staff and volunteers not only advocate on our behalf, but also serve as a resource. They respond promptly to questions and requests and they direct and inform appropriately. Our membership investment in this organization is well worth the service we receive."*

Diane Rawlins,  
Volunteer Coordinator

### Thames Region Ecological Association

*"We feel the networking, opportunities to bring groups together and support them under an umbrella organization is a valuable tool for the community."*

Diane Szoller,  
Project Manager

## Role of Volunteers

Pillar Nonprofit Network could not function without our dedicated volunteers – in our office, on our board and on our committees. Our volunteers contributed over 2000 hours of their time in 2006.

## Highlights of 2006

### PROMOTION & BEST PRACTICES FOR THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

- Innovation Awards
  - 2006 Nonprofit Innovation Award to the Boys & Girls' Club of London
  - 2006 Corporate Innovation Award to Forest City National Golf Club

### EDUCATION

- "Calculating Volunteer Contribution" in association with London Public Library & Imagine Canada
- "Corporate Partnerships" Workshop with Imagine Canada
- Charities Directorate Roadshow hosted for Canada Revenue Agency
- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Project

### VOLUNTEERISM

- Volunteer matching on [www.pillarv.com](http://www.pillarv.com)
- "Volunteers: This is our story"
  - DVD promoting volunteering to high school youth

### RESEARCH

- Board Diversity Project
- Employee Recruitment, Retention & Succession Planning Research Project

### INFORMATION

- *Getting Connected* bi-weekly newsletter
- Nonprofit Library Network
- [Voluntarygateway.ca](http://Voluntarygateway.ca)

### ADVOCACY

- London's Nonprofit Reality 2006 Questionnaire
- Special Report on the Municipal Election

### STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

- Identification of Pillar Nonprofit Network's core focus areas for 2007
- Re-branding of Pillar Nonprofit Network

In 2006, our membership grew to 102 members.

In the sector, we helped over 12,000 individuals and organizations through our website and email, telephone and walk-in inquiries.

## Community Partners 2006

- Canada Revenue Agency
- Canadian Federation of Voluntary Sector Networks
- City of London
- DATAPIX
- Imagine Canada
- London & Area Association of Volunteer Administration
- London & Region Fund Raising Executives
- London Community Foundation
- London Public Library
- Multiculturalism Program, Canadian Heritage
- Ontario Network - Canadian Volunteerism Initiative (OCVI)
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Service Canada
- United Way of London & Middlesex

## 2006/2007 Board of Directors

- Willy Van Klooster, Westover Treatment Centre, Chair
- Kirsten Fisher, University of Western Ontario, Vice-Chair
- Lissa Foster, Citi Cards Canada, Secretary
- Gary Wood, Madame Vanier Children's Services, Treasurer
- Michelle Baldwin, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada
- Ellen Froot, St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation
- Jennifer Hesse, London Public Library
- Susanna Hubbard Krimmer, London Public Library
- Brian Meehan, Museum London
- Maria Sanchez-Keane, Sanchez-Keane & Associates
- Christine Wilde, VON Middlesex-Elgin Foundation



## A Message from the Board Chair

2006 was a year of new faces for Pillar Nonprofit Network as we welcomed both a new Executive Director, Michelle Baldwin, and a new image. As one of our founding board members, Michelle has experienced first-hand the challenges and needs not only of Pillar Nonprofit Network, but also of the nonprofit sector as a whole. Her dedication and leadership brings great hope for the future of our organization.

Change in leadership brings change in focus. This year, we re-examined the heart of Pillar Nonprofit Network and the core programs and services we provide for our community. After solidifying our focus and agenda, we are taking the necessary steps to achieve our new vision.

We have already begun to see a more vibrant and united Pillar Nonprofit Network and we look to the future in anticipation of the great success this organization will accomplish.

**Willy Van Klooster**

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