

2019-2020 Niagara Region Chapter

Chapter Leadership Council

Nominees



Selma Basic

My name is Selma Basic and I am seeking re-election to the Niagara Chapter Leadership Council. I believe I have been an asset to Autism Ontario Niagara by being a part of the fundraising and event organizing committee and attending events and raising awareness. It also helps being a parent of a teen with autism to have the perspective of being involved and invested in making decisions that will help both my child but others as well., My family is also involved in fundraising and supporting our chapter through their Hugga Honey business that helps support camp programs at Autism Ontario Niagara Chapter.

Amy Dunn

I have stood on the Niagara Chapter CLC for 5 years; this will be my sixth year. I currently hold the DSBN SEAC seat and will continue at this position into the next year. I have stood as VP of the CLC for a few terms and attended most events and several provincial training am meet ups. I would be happy to stand for another year, representing chapter.

Darla Gowan

I have been a member of Niagara Chapter for over 17 years. Mike and I have hosted the Golf Tournament since its inception. I have volunteered for almost every event and fundraiser throughout the years as well as serving on the Housing Committee.

Mike Gowan

I have served on the CLC for over 20 years, including president for over 10 plus years. I have been the chair of the golf committee since 1999 and a committee member for many fundraising events. I have also been a member of the Housing Committee.

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Michael Jardine

I am a local professional and have a son who is on the spectrum. I am passionate about the services this Chapter offers as our family has experienced it first-hand. I served as the Treasurer of the CLC for the past year.

Jacqueline Bakker

This will be my second year to sit on the CLC. Last year I had the honour of serving as secretary which I enjoyed and learned a lot from. I am an active member and volunteer for the chapter. I am co-chair of the fundraising committee and help out wherever and whenever I can. Having a young child on the spectrum gives the council a window to see how to reach out and involve the parents who are just beginning their journey with a child with ASD. I have a BA from Brock majoring in Psychology, diploma from Niagara College in Law & Security as well as French as a Second language. I have sat on the Family Advisory Council for the past 3 years at the Niagara Children's Centre and recently joined their Challenger Baseball committee to provide baseball for children with disabilities. I am passionate about be involved and giving my all to help with the growth of our chapter. I look forward to the next year and all the exciting things happening within our chapter.

Lucy Zenga

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My husband Emilio and I are the proud parents of two daughters. It is our youngest, Patricia who has autism. I have volunteered for our Niagara Chapter since 2007 and have seen the Chapter grow and change over the years. I have completed my first term on the CLC and am asking for your continued support. Our family has benefitted from the many programs our Chapter has to offer and we are fortunate to be part of such a vibrant community. I feel it is important to give back and support the Chapter as much as possible to continue the amazing programs we have for our family members with autism. Thank you in advance for your vote.

Kate Klassen

I am a mother of a child with Autism. After finding Autism Ontario my life changed. I found people who spoke my language and people who “get” my daughter. I want to work with and support the chapter, so others are able to experience what I have. I would like to promote and represent the chapter in the community.