



# The War Amputations of Canada

Improving the quality of life for Canadian amputees



## 2017 Annual Report

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**1,064**

Amputees enrolled in 2017

“The War Amps is making a difference in Megan’s life in so many ways.”

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**2,868**

Amputees who received prosthetic financial assistance in 2017

“A heartfelt thank you for returning my keys.”

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**10,981** SETS OF LOST KEYS RETURNED IN 2017



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Regional CHAMP seminars in 2017 for child amputees across the country

*On the front cover (clockwise from top): Maddux; Jai; War Amps Chairman of the Board Stuart Vallières, Leah and Maj. Blaise; Emma-Rose and Sarah*



Sébastien, Éléonore and Amilie are members of the Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program.

“Sincere thanks to The War Amps for the wonderful programs they offer to amputees across Canada. Having been a front-line prosthetic practitioner for almost 40 years, I can attest that you really do change the lives of those who require these services!” – Bill

# Thank You

Your support of the Key Tag Service makes all of The War Amps programs for amputees possible!



Champs like Feranmi benefit from your support.

Thank you sincerely for choosing to donate to The War Amps and for your interest in the work we do for all amputees. Our donors like you, including corporate and foundation donors and those who have left charitable estate donations in their wills, are supporting the Association's many vital programs for amputees, particularly the child amputees who outgrow their artificial limbs just like they do their clothing.

Your support also allows us to continue to ensure the needs of our war amputee veterans are being met. As much as we have fought the battle for veterans since 1918, we still have a modern-day battle to fight to challenge the government to ensure they are treating war amputee veterans fairly.

There are similar battles to be fought for adult amputees in this country. We are certain that many Canadians would be shocked to find out that those who suffer the loss of a limb are not adequately covered by their provincial or private health insurance plans for artificial limbs, and that several provinces provide no funding at all.

In response to this, The War Amps has established our "Crusade for Reform" with the goal of proactively educating the government and insurers on the medical necessity of artificial limbs, their functions and limitations, and their realistic costs, so that amputees receive the limbs they need for their independence, safety and security.

In 2017, we brought the patient perspective forward in several discussions between prosthetic associations and provincial health ministries to ensure the standards of funding for prosthetic care are fair, up to date and shaped with an understanding of the individual needs of amputees. The War Amps provides a strong voice for all amputees and advocates for their best interests.

With so many charities to choose from, we do not take your support for granted, and we work continuously to ensure these funds are put to the very best use. Please read on to learn more about how we are doing this through our many programs for amputees. We welcome your feedback and, as always, remain accountable to our donors.

## The War Amps DOES NOT:

- Use professional fundraisers
- Receive government grants
- Solicit by phone or door-to-door
- Sell or trade your name/address
- Spend more than 10% on administration
- Tie up funds in long-term investments



"My wife and I have contributed to your organization for years. We appreciate that you do not sell, rent, trade or share our personal information. Keep up the good work!" – Wayne

# Ways We Help Amputees

The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program offers comprehensive services to child amputees and their families, including financial assistance, regional seminars and peer support.

## Megan

“The War Amps has opened up a world of possibilities for Megan by helping with the cost of her artificial arms, like the waterproof swim arm that gives her safety and balance in the water.

“At three, Megan began to ask when her arm would grow back. Seminars show her that there are other kids like her and that it’s OK to be an amputee. The War Amps also has resources to introduce her into her classes and groups, which cuts down on staring and questions.

“The War Amps is making a difference in Megan’s life in so many ways, and in the lives of other amputees across Canada. We would like to thank War Amps donors for their support, which makes all of this possible.”

– Sally and Chris, Megan’s parents



Megan

## Jericho

“From the day we enrolled, The War Amps was there for us to ease the path. Through Matching Mothers, they matched us with a family that had dealt with the same amputations as Jericho, and these new friends were there to support us through phone calls, emails and visits.

“At our first CHAMP Seminar, we saw kids with all kinds of amputations, running around and having fun, and knew then that our son was going to be like that someday. Today, he has waterproof swim legs and special running legs. You can’t stop him.

“Without The War Amps and all of their financial support for Jericho’s artificial limbs, we don’t know where we would be right now. He lives their motto ‘It’s what’s left that counts’ every single day.”

– Joy, Jericho’s mom



Jericho



“I lost my car keys and inquired about getting a new set at the dealership – nearly \$400 to replace. Just received them back by courier from The War Amps. What a service!” – Marilyn

# Ways We Help Amputees

## Jean-Simon

“Attending our first event with the CHAMP Program, when Jean-Simon was just three months old, was very important for us. We met experienced parents of amputees and learned that they, and The War Amps, would always be there to reassure and support us.

“Today, at 13, Jean-Simon continues to benefit from CHAMP seminars, which really help with his self-confidence. They remind him that he is not the only young person in the world with an amputation.

“The War Amps has provided Jean-Simon with a waterproof swim leg that keeps him safe in the water and on wet surfaces. Another specialized artificial leg allows him to stay active and enjoy sports like football and soccer. This means he can take part and be just like other kids his age.”

– Patrick and Mélanie, Jean-Simon’s parents



Jean-Simon

## Olive

“We heard about CHAMP through our pediatrician. We thought it would be great for Olive to learn and grow with other kids who have had the same challenges she has.

“The War Amps has helped us more than I could ever imagine. We would have never been able to afford to get Olive an artificial limb if it wasn’t for their help. They have also given us the opportunity to learn as a family and see that amputation is not a sad thing but something that makes her special. She amazes me every day with how she has adapted to doing anything anyone else would do!

“None of this would be possible without donors. They really are a blessing to all the families affected by amputations and limb differences. We cannot thank them enough.”

– Megan, Olive’s mom



Olive



“Because of my War Amps key tag which instructs the finder to simply pop them into any mailbox, within a few days, I had my lost keys back – better than Christmas for any car owner!” – Joey

# Ways We Help Amputees

The War Amps proudly serves war amputees from past and more recent conflicts.

## A Voice for War Amputees

The War Amps serves war amputees and seriously disabled veterans by acting as a navigator to help them access their benefits and services, sharing our expertise on all aspects of amputation, advocating for amputees and effecting legislative change. We continue to develop our collaborative partnerships with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and the Department of National Defence (DND) to help them better serve seriously disabled veterans and particularly war amputees. The Association is also actively engaged with the newly appointed VAC Minister Seamus O'Regan and Deputy Minister Walt Natynczyk as we monitor legislation to ensure veterans' needs are being met.

## New Veterans Charter Reform

Introduced in 2006, the New Veterans Charter changed the way the Canadian government issues financial compensation to veterans. The charter has been criticized by veterans groups for a number of years. Despite frequent calls for reform, many of the charter's shortfalls remain.

As a leading member of the National Council of Veteran Associations (NCVA), an organization of more than 60 distinct veterans associations, The War Amps continues to pressure the Government to address the remaining gaps and inequities in the charter. In addition to participating in Veterans Summits, The War Amps is also represented on four of the six advisory groups to VAC, including the Policy Advisory Group, for which Brian Forbes, Chairman of The War Amps Executive Committee and of NCVA, is co-chair.

"We strongly encourage VAC to adopt the position wherein the best parts of both the Pension Act and the New Veterans Charter can be utilized to produce a compensation model that is fair and equitable for all disabled veterans in Canada," says Forbes. "The War Amps and the NCVA contend that Minister O'Regan's December announcement regarding the long-awaited 'lifelong pension' fails to live up to the Government's election commitment to remedy the self-evident inequities in the charter.

"If the 'one veteran – one standard' philosophy advocated by VAC has any meaning, the Government must fix this problem to ensure no veteran under the New Veterans Charter receives less compensation than a veteran with the same disability or incapacity under the Pension Act. Correcting this unjust disparity remains The War Amps ongoing mission."

## CIMVHR Conference

The War Amps hosted a booth at the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research (CIMVHR) conference in our role as the centre of excellence in amputation and prosthetic care. This forum allowed us to bolster our reputation as a key player in the veterans' community and continue to share knowledge with VAC and DND as well as health-care professionals.



By sharing our information, resources and long-standing knowledge of amputation with government and policy-makers, The War Amps pursues legislative changes that better address the needs of all Canadian war amputees and their families, now and in the future. (Maj. Blaise is pictured.)



"Thanks to The War Amps Key Tag Service for returning my lost keys! I will continue to support your great programs!" – Pat

# Ways We Help Amputees

The War Amps provides adult amputees with financial assistance towards the cost of artificial limbs and a wealth of information about living with amputation.

## Paul

“I would like to thank you for your generous contribution towards the cost of my prosthetic leg. The War Amps does a lot of great work and I am eternally grateful to be a recipient of your support.

“I will soon return to the rehab centre for a prosthetic fitting and I’ve been told that the leg should be ready in two weeks. Upon its completion, I’ll have three weeks of rehabilitation to learn how to walk again. I am looking forward to the day that I can walk with confidence and I am eager to regain my independence and mobility.”

## Linda

“On behalf of my husband, I just want to thank you for contributing towards the cost of his prosthetic device. You have given him hope. Seeing him walk after 11 months in his wheelchair brought tears to so many.”



## Lillian

“I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am for The War Amps contribution towards the cost of my artificial leg. I am a senior on a fixed income and have recently had to move into a retirement home which has increased my expenses dramatically. Thank you for relieving my financial pressures and for making my daily life a lot easier as a result of your assistance.”

## Bryan

“Thanks to The War Amps for the contribution towards my prosthetic leg. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated and came at a time when things were fraught with challenges.

“I am staggered by the cost of artificial limbs, and without the help I am sure I’d be without recourse. A key part of transitioning to living with amputation is the journey of renewed inspiration and hope, without which recovery is not possible. I’m humbled to be a recipient of this kindness.”

The War Amps helps amputees across the country, such as Shelley, with financial assistance for artificial limbs, information resources and support. Many of our booklets and information sheets are available on our website at [waramps.ca](http://waramps.ca).



“I received an envelope today with my lost keys. They would have cost me over \$700 to replace but a Good Samaritan found them and The War Amps did the rest. Believe me, key tags work!” – Ardalan

# Ways We Help Amputees

The War Amps advocates for individual amputees who have encountered discrimination or red tape in accessing appropriate amputee care, important financial benefits and/or legal rights.

## Advocacy

Although life for amputees has come a long way since the end of the First World War, there are still many gaps in support for Canadians living with amputation. The War Amps provides a voice for all amputees in Canada and helps them access the financial assistance, care and services they are entitled to, and protects their rights and interests. In 2017, we assisted 395 amputees with their requests for help in areas such as government benefits, insurance and provincial funding, and human rights – an increase of 14 per cent over last year.

“Our prosthetist recommended we contact The War Amps when he learned of our challenges to recover our full insurance benefit for my artificial leg. As experts in the field, The War Amps immediately engaged with our insurer and our claim was eventually settled for the full amount entitled. The Association gave us support, hope and clear direction, making this adjustment period much easier. We are truly grateful for their help.”

– William



“Thank you to The War Amps for returning my keys. That little key tag on my key chain is now extra special!” – Dorothy

## A Landmark Case

The War Amps four-year battle to assist leg amputee François Lauzon resulted in a positive outcome which has set a precedent for other amputees in Quebec to similarly receive coverage for essential artificial limbs.

Mr. Lauzon lost his left leg above the knee in a 2011 auto accident and was repeatedly denied coverage for a microprocessor-controlled (computerized) knee unit. In May, the case went before the Tribunal administratif du Québec which found that the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) must cover the cost of the artificial limb prescribed by his medical team.

Our unique perspective as the centre of excellence in the field of amputation and prosthetics allowed us to help Mr. Lauzon make a strong insurance appeal which explained the need for an adequate artificial leg for his safety and well-being.

By assisting in situations such as these which have the potential to create widespread, positive changes for all amputees, The War Amps can play an integral role in setting the groundwork for many more amputees to benefit from the results.



The War Amps provides amputees, such as Mary, with information and contacts to help them access important financial and health care programs, tax benefits and credits like the Disability Tax Credit and the Registered Disability Savings Plan, and funding or other services to which they are entitled.

# Ways We Help Amputees

## Crusade for Reform

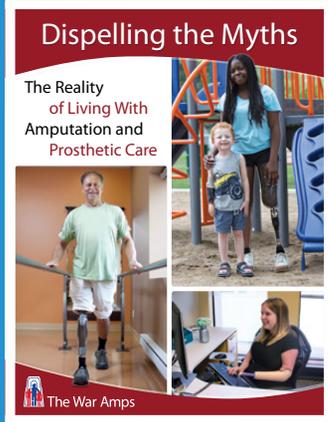
One of the biggest issues facing amputees across the country is a lack of sufficient funding for artificial limbs. This is true of both public health care and private insurance. The War Amps fills these gaps in prosthetic funding where it can, but as a charity that relies on public donations, our funds can only go so far. The Crusade for Reform is our mission to proactively educate the government and insurers on the medical necessity of artificial limbs, their functions and limitations, and their realistic costs so that amputees receive the limbs they need for their independence, safety and security.

## Sharing Our Expertise

With a century of expertise, The War Amps helps amputees across the country with financial assistance for artificial limbs, information resources and support. This past year, we had a number of opportunities to share our knowledge with the goal of ensuring the needs of amputees are being met.

As presenters at the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Conference, The War Amps increased awareness among insurance industry agents on living with limb loss as well as appropriate

coverage for artificial limbs so that amputees can receive what their medical team prescribes for their individual needs instead of one-size-fits-all coverage.



As part of our initiative to educate insurers on amputation and prosthetic treatment (an often misunderstood disability and area of health care), The War Amps has created the booklet *Dispelling the Myths: The Reality of Living With Amputation and Prosthetic Care* with input from Orthotics Prosthetics Canada. This resource aims to help inform the decisions of insurance companies in order to ensure amputees receive the artificial limbs they need to lead independent lives.

At the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) Canada Symposium, we made a presentation for certified professionals and students in the field of prosthetics. The presentation was well attended and allowed us to share information with orthotists and prosthetists so that they could bring this knowledge into practice when assisting Canadian amputees.

## Public Engagement

Nationally, The War Amps is held in high regard as the expert in the needs of amputees. As such, media outlets across the country engaged with us this year on a variety of issues facing amputees, particularly on the subject of “sci-fi syndrome.”

In articles published by the Toronto Star and the CBC, The War Amps explained how Hollywood and the media have set false expectations of what is possible of prosthetic technology in the eyes of the public, including the government and the insurance industry. Television and movie portrayals which show artificial limbs restoring complete functionality to the amputee or even providing superhuman strength ignore the limitations of artificial limbs and do not reflect reality.

The War Amps addressed how this misconception can prevent appropriate prosthetic funding, as government and private insurers who embrace this syndrome respond by contributing to the funding of the most basic limbs only, regarding more specialized ones as a luxury.

By sharing our knowledge through news outlets and social media, the Association raised awareness of the challenges amputees face in accessing the essential artificial limbs they need for everyday life, with some of them even resorting to crowdfunding in desperate circumstances – a shameful state of affairs for health care in Canada.



“You provide a good service with a precious cause. Your Key Tag Service is excellent, and we experienced it firsthand when our lost keys were returned.” – Margot and Hank

# The Key Tag and Address Label Service

The public's support of the Key Tag and Address Label Service makes all of The War Amps programs for amputees possible! We do not receive government grants.

## Employing People With Disabilities

The Key Tag Service debuted in 1946, creating jobs for war amputees and generating funds for the Association by providing a valuable service to the public. By attaching a War Amps tag to a set of keys or other valuables, Canadians could feel assured these important items would be returned to them if lost.

Today, The War Amps has returned more than 1.5 million sets of lost keys to their owners and, together with the Key Tag Service, the Address Label Service provides year-round employment for amputees and people with disabilities in the sheltered workshop. Raul (*pictured at right*) is a member of the Remittance Processing Department, where the incoming mail is processed and sorted, and donations are received and prepared for deposit. He also works in Customer Service, handling a variety of callers' questions and requests such as change of address.

“Firstly, without the generosity of people who continuously support and believe in The War Amps mission of ‘amputees helping amputees,’ I would not have this opportunity to share my story.

“I have been helped by The War Amps since I was a Champ at nine years old. Their financial and emotional support have made my life's challenges easier. Now, working within the organization, I understand its history and why it will soon reach its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I'm proud to be a part of continuing the legacy that was started by the war amputees who founded the Association.

“I'm so fortunate to be working here and I wear my amputation as a ‘badge of courage’ as a War Amps member and employee. Please continue to support this organization, because your support instills confidence in us amputees and allows us to enjoy our lives.”

– Raul



The War Amps sheltered workshop is where key tags and address labels are produced. Raul, an arm amputee, works in Remittance Processing and Customer Service, answering callers' questions and handling requests such as change of address.



“A heartfelt thank you for returning my keys. The cost of replacing them through the dealership would have been astronomical.” – Robert

“Thank you for the return of my keys. I've always been a supporter of the Key Tag Service. Now, I'm telling all my friends of my experience.” – Audrey

“The system you have established works and is truly a great service to those, like me, who lost their keys.” – Neil

# Community Outreach

Champs are active in their communities, sharing the PLAYSAFE™ Program's safety message, and the message of remembrance, through presentations, events, letters to their local newspapers and more.



Champs like Gabrielle help spread the PLAYSAFE Program's message to thousands of spectators as they ride on board The War Amps parade float.



"Thank you for returning my lost keys (for car, house, etc.). I cannot tell you how anxiety reducing it is to have them back." – Alison

## Teaming up With the CFL to Promote PLAYSAFE

Having lost part of his left foot in a lawn mower accident, Champ Darevin is well qualified to alert other children to the importance of playing safely. As our 2017 National Safety Ambassador, Darevin joined BC Lions players Travis Lulay and Jeremiah Johnson to film our annual PLAYSAFE public service announcement (PSA) – a tradition The War Amps and the Canadian Football League (CFL) have shared for more than 35 years.

With the help of Travis and Jeremiah, Darevin delivered a positive "kids-to-kids" safety message in the PSA, warning other children to stay away from lawn mowers and be aware of the hazards in their own backyards. The PSA was seen by millions during the nationally televised CFL games, including the Grey Cup.

"The BC Lions are excited to be the team to partner with The War Amps this year to drive home a very important safety message," said Terri Breker of the BC Lions. "It has been a thrill to introduce Darevin to our players, all while encouraging youth in our communities to PLAYSAFE."

You can watch the PSA and a behind-the-scenes video on The War Amps YouTube channel.



2017 National Safety Ambassador Darevin with BC Lions players Travis Lulay and Jeremiah Johnson. Their message? "Whatever game you play, PLAYSAFE!"

# Community Outreach

## PLAYSAFE Presentations

Champs across the country continued to spread the PLAYSAFE Program's message in their local communities, reminding hundreds of school-aged children to "Spot the danger *before* you play!"

Presentations follow a "kids-to-kids" approach to child safety, providing young amputees with the opportunity to speak to other children about the potential dangers they may encounter in their neighbourhoods and how to prevent accidents from happening.

The War Amps believes no one is better qualified to deliver the PLAYSAFE message than members of the CHAMP Program, as they know what it's like to live without a limb.

“The presentation went very well. We played ‘Spot the Danger’ with the PLAYSAFE posters. James talked about his artificial hand and answered a lot of questions. His teacher asked him why he wanted to do a presentation for his class, and his answer was ‘because I don’t want [an accident] to happen to you!’”

– Christine, Champ James' mom



“We appreciate all the work you do for children and adults alike.” – Ruby



Champ Tiffany and PLAYSAFE/DRIVESAFE Director Rob Larman lay a rose at the grave of war amputee veteran Curley Christian in honour of his remarkable sacrifice at Vimy Ridge.

## Operation Legacy

As part of Operation Legacy, through which child amputees pass on the remembrance message by participating in commemorative events, Champ Tiffany and Rob Larman, Director of The War Amps PLAYSAFE/DRIVESAFE Program, marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge by laying a rose at the grave of war amputee veteran Ethelbert “Curley” Christian.

Christian lost all four limbs in the Vimy battle and is believed to be the only quadruple amputee to have survived the First World War. Despite his grievous injuries, he became actively involved in The War Amps as a leading member.

“Curley was there to offer assurance and advice to the Second World War amputees from someone who had been there, and after my accident, those veterans did the same for me. Now we older amputees pass along this support and legacy to young amputees like Tiffany,” says Rob.

He adds that laying a rose at Christian's grave is both a way to honour him as a role model for amputees and to put a face to the many Canadian soldiers who lost limbs at Vimy Ridge. “These young men showed great bravery in fighting for their country and in readjusting to their new lives as amputees,” says Rob. “Through The War Amps, we will continue the work and the example left by war amputee veterans like Curley long into the future.”

# Financials



Donations from the public help Champs like Hussein lead active lives!

The War Amps has been continued under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and is registered as a charitable organization with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The War Amps is funded by donations to the Key Tag Service. It does not receive government grants.

Since 1918, The War Amps has met the needs of war amputees. Today, the Association continues to serve them, and all Canadian amputees, including children. The Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program provides financial assistance for artificial limbs, regional seminars and peer support. Through CHAMP, The War Amps tradition of “amputees helping amputees” will continue long into the future.

Public support of the Key Tag Service enables the Association to continue to operate its many programs.

As part of The War Amps commitment to being accountable to our donors, we are pleased to provide you with our Essential Financial Information. The intent of this financial summary is to provide the most valuable data for our donors in terms of explaining our programs and how their money is being spent.

The War Amps has a unique structure within the charitable field. In 1946, the Key Tag Service was launched to provide employment for returning amputee veterans from the Second World War. This service was recognized as a sheltered workshop at that time.

Throughout the intervening years, hundreds of Canadians with disabilities have worked at the Key Tag Service, which continues today. Employees at the Key Tag Service make competitive wages and help provide a service to Canadians that generates funds for the Association.

All of this detailed financial information is provided in our annual filing of form T3010, which is available to the public on the CRA website at [cra-arc.gc.ca](http://cra-arc.gc.ca). Our full, audited financial statement is also available at [waramps.ca](http://waramps.ca).

The War Amps financial statements are prepared and audited by the respected, international accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). They also prepare our annual filing of the T3010 government return.

We are continually evaluating how we present our financial information in order to ensure that we provide our donors with the facts they need to make a well-informed decision.

The War Amps is proud of its history and the programs and services we offer to amputees. Public support of the Key Tag Service, which has returned more than 1.5 million sets of lost keys, enables the Association to continue to operate its many programs, such as the CHAMP Program for child amputees, the National Service Bureau for war amputees and seriously disabled veterans, the National Amputee Centre for adult amputees and Advocacy, ensuring the rights and interests of amputees.



“We like to donate to causes close to our hearts. Thank you for not trading our names, and for the lack of pressure and guilt techniques. Your labels and key tag program are appreciated.” – Maureen

# Financials

## Statement of Revenue and Expense for the year ended December 31, 2016

### REVENUE

Donations (Net)	\$ 15,384,858
Bequests	4,922,725
Interest and Other	392,956
	<u>\$ 20,700,539</u>

### EXPENSE

Adult Amputee Program	\$ 3,559,388
CHAMP Program	9,438,290
DRIVESAFE™ Program	---
PLAYSAFE™ Program	2,657,710
Prosthetics, Research and Education	489,492
Service Bureau	2,611,010
Veterans Issues – Special	377,009
Widows Assistance Program	681,576
Other Charitable Programs	700,951
Administrative	472,057
	<u>\$ 20,987,483</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expense (Expense Over Revenue)	<u>(\$ 286,944)</u>

## Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2016

### ASSETS

Cash and Term Deposits (See Note 1)	\$ 30,310,115
Property and Equipment	5,912,610
Assets Held for Pension Liability	5,831,511
Other Assets	5,968,060
	<u>\$ 48,022,296</u>

### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,860,723
Pension Liability	8,326,808
	<u>\$ 12,187,531</u>

### EQUITY

Equity in Property Equipment	\$ 5,912,610
Appropriated Equity (See Note 2)	28,080,000
Unappropriated Net Assets (Deficiency of Net Assets) (See Note 3)	1,698,745
Externally Restricted for Endowment Purposes	143,410
	<u>\$ 35,834,765</u>
	<u>\$ 48,022,296</u>

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2016

### 1. CASH AND TERM DEPOSITS

The Association receives a significant portion of its funding immediately prior to the year end. These funds are used to finance the operations of its charitable activities in the ensuing year.

### 2. APPROPRIATED EQUITY

CHAMP Program	\$ 28,000,000
Survivors' Subsistence Grants	80,000
	<u>\$ 28,080,000</u>

The National Board of Directors has approved appropriations to:

- Provide for long-term commitments made on behalf of children enrolled in the Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program.
- Provide survivors' subsistence grants of \$2,000 per member on the death of an active member and \$1,000 on the death of the spouse. Payment of these grants is at the discretion of the Association on the basis of need.

### 3. UNAPPROPRIATED NET ASSETS

These funds are used to finance the charitable activities in the ensuing year.

We were pleased to once again be ranked as one of the leading charities in Canada in *MoneySense's* annual charity rating. For the 2018 Charity 100 survey, The War Amps received A+ grades in "Charity Efficiency" and "Fundraising Efficiency."



"We appreciate the work this organization does and will continue to support your worthy projects. You do great things for many people. We know you work hard." – Geri and Michael

# The Legacy Continues

Today, the legacy that was started by war amputees returning home from the First World War continues to grow and evolve to meet the unique needs of war, adult and child amputees.

War Amps board member Michael Krulicki, who lost his leg in the Second World War, has devoted his lifetime of experience to the Association and has carried on the tradition of “amputees helping amputees.” Mr. Krulicki still visits with people in his community who have recently lost limbs, including child amputees and their families.

“As an ‘old amp,’ I talk to the new amps about my own experiences and the conversation builds from there. If they see a person missing a limb and how they’re getting along well, that perks them up.

“The War Amps is one of the best organizations in the world and I hope CHAMP continues into the future, because these children are marvelous – every one of them. I’m sure they’ll carry on our legacy and make us proud.”

– Michael Krulicki, National Director, Waterloo-Wellington Branch

As we enter our 100<sup>th</sup> year, The War Amps Regional Representatives (all of them CHAMP graduates who have had a long-standing involvement with and dedication to the Association) continue this initiative of local outreach in their provinces.

Thanks to the public’s continued support of the Key Tag Service, The War Amps legacy will carry on long into the future.



“When my keys arrived by courier, I was touched that someone took the trouble to put them in a mailbox and that your organization arranged their return. Reassuring that there is still kindness at work in the world.” – Margaret



War Amps board member Michael Krulicki (a Second World War amputee veteran) and Champ Abigail.

# Executive

2017

## Chairman of the Board

Stuart Vallières . . . . . Chairman of the Board and  
National Director, Montreal Branch

## Executive Committee

Brian N. Forbes, B.Comm., LL.B. . . . . Chairman, Executive Committee

David Saunders, CPA, CA . . . . . Chief Operating Officer

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and CHAMP Program

Lorraine Cornelius . . . . . Executive Director, Public Awareness

Darlene Quesnel . . . . . Executive Director, Internal Operations

## Quebec Operations

Marlène Girard . . . . . Executive Director

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