



# News Digest

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## **Message from the President – Ontario General Election 2014 #EndTheWait**

In the last issue of the OASIS News Digest you received links to the **One Voice Kit**, an **e-Card** to send to your local candidates, and the **Brighter Future Pledge**. This article, which ran in the Brantford Expositor on June 2, 2014 demonstrates how one member agency, Brantwood, has used these materials to effectively engage their local candidates and the media: <http://www.parisstaronline.com/2014/05/30/provincial-election-candidates-address-funding-for-developmental-services>. The OASIS Communications and Public Relations Committee encourages everyone to share the work they are doing to help raise awareness during the election campaign .

During the campaign process we encourage you to ask all party representatives the following questions:

**OASIS #EndTheWait**

**Ask:** *If your party is elected, will you commit to ending the wait for funding and supports to people with a developmental disability and their families and stabilizing services by committing to the \$810 million over three years promised in the proposed 2014 provincial budget?*

The proposed 2014 provincial budget promised the developmental services sector \$810 million in funding to:

- End the wait for daily living supports for youth and adults which is almost 20,000 people long
- Begin to address the wait list of over 7,000 people who are waiting for support to live in a home of their own
- Deliver stability to agencies who provide direct supports
- Develop new community-based services that support community inclusion

Individuals with a developmental disability and their families are in crisis. The developmental services system requires immediate investment and planning and community support agencies are struggling to respond to this crisis.

**#EndTheWait for people with a developmental disability.**

To access your **One Voice Kit**, click here

<http://oasionline.ca/pdf/OASIS%20One%20Voice%20Kit%20-%202014%20Ontario%20General%20Election.pdf>

To Download the **e-Card** and send to your local candidates, as well as post on your website and social media pages, click here: <http://oasionline.ca/pdf/endthewait-ecard.pub>

To take the **Brighter Future Pledge**, click here: <http://oasionline.ca/pledge/>

The next meeting of the OASIS Board of Directors will take place on June 18-19, 2014 in Hamilton. As always, Members are welcome to attend Board meetings. We welcome you to join us or contact me prior to the meeting to share your ideas and concerns. I can be reached by email at [pbi-inter@uniserve.com](mailto:pbi-inter@uniserve.com) or by phone at 1-800-961-9144.

Sincerely,  
L. David Barber  
President, OASIS

### ***Welcome New OASIS Board Members***

I would like to welcome four new members to the OASIS Board of Directors who were elected at the post Conference Board meeting in London on May 9, 2014. They are:

- Sally Ginter, Kerry's Place Autism Services (Treasurer)
- Wilma Arthurs, Lambton County Developmental Services (Director, Volunteer)
- Robert Mitchell, Ottawa Carleton Associations for Persons with a Developmental Disability (Director, Volunteer)
- Heather Bruce, CHOICES (Director, Executive Director)

In this and subsequent issues of the News Digest we will feature a biography for each new Board member.



#### ***Sally Ginter – OASIS Treasurer***

President and Chief Executive Officer Sally Ginter joined the Kerry's Place Autism Services team in August 2013. Sally brings a personal Autism Spectrum Disorder connection, professional management background, and strategic leadership experience.

Sally originally hails from Peterborough, is married and has two children. She is a Trent University graduate, earning her honours Bachelor of Arts in English Literature then continued her studies to earn her Executive MBA from Athabasca University. Prior to relocating to Aurora, Sally was the Regional Director for the Canadian Cancer Society serving 44 communities within the Southern Interior of British Columbia.

Sally appreciates the opportunity to join the OASIS Board of Directors and looks forward to working alongside the many professionals dedicated to positive change and sustainable solutions.

