



WATERLOO REGION
Family Network

*Where exceptional
families thrive*

WELCOME TO WRFN'S AGM



Agenda

- 1) Territorial Acknowledgement**
- 2) Greetings from the Executive Director – Sue Simpson**
- 3) Greetings from the Board Chair – Karen Klink**
- 4) Financial Report – Samantha Brewer, Board Treasurer**
- 5) Our Journey, Values and a Story**
- 6) Values, Mandate, Vision and Mission**
- 5) Partner Testimonials**
- 6) Testimonial – Wendy Newbery, A New Chapter**
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Territorial Acknowledgement



Greetings from the Executive Director



**Sue Simpson,
Executive Director**

Greetings from the Board Chair



**Karen Klink,
Board Chair**

Financial Report



**Samantha Brewer,
Board Treasurer**



Our Journey...Values and a Story



Values

WRFN has three core values that guide how we resonate with exceptional individuals and their families.

1. Experience (we get it!)
2. Empowerment
3. Respect

Mandate

WRFN fills a gap in Waterloo Region, by facilitating peer connections and sharing community resources. Through our innovative community partnership model and strong network, we support individuals both with and without a diagnosis, creating life-long impact.

Vision

An accepting and embracing community where all exceptional families feel connected, supported, heard and understood.

Mission

As a peer-developed and peer-driven network, WRFN is uniquely able to help exceptional families and individuals thrive. Through education and meaningful connections, we offer support in making informed decisions for now and through all life stages.

Testimonials

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Parenting a child with exceptionalities can be a lonely, isolating journey for some families. Fortunately, WRFN is meeting that need with their Parent Mentor Program. This resource has proven particularly important for families receiving services here at KidsAbility.

I often hear about the deep bond they feel when they can connect with other families, a bond they say is only possible when navigating similar journeys with others who have lived experience. Few others in our community can instill such a deep sense of belonging in our families as WRFN.

–Chuck Myke, Clinical Manager – Social Work, KidsAbility



Testimonials

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The WRFN team are passionate, knowledgeable, and innovative, always striving to provide the best support and service to the families and individuals they walk alongside. It is always a pleasure to work and collaborate with WRFN. The collaboration between WRFN and Starling Community Services has been an incredible value to supporting families and individuals with exceptional needs, by providing seamless wraparound of support, and the creation of pathways to reduce barriers for the families and individuals we both serve.

-Jeanette Said, Clinical Supervisor - Front Door, Starling Community Services



Testimonials

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KW Habilitation and Waterloo Region Family Network (WRFN) are united by a shared vision which is to foster a community of inclusion where the people and families we work for have a sense of belonging and the right to participate within their community.

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At KW Habilitation, we value the work we do with Waterloo Region Family Network (WRFN) because they provide another outlet to share resources and programs that our organization offers to support individuals and families with exceptional needs. They have provided an authentic platform where all families may feel connected, supported, and understood, and we at KW Habilitation are honoured to be a part of this common goal for our community.

-Jenn Train, Associate Director of Inclusion Supports – KW Habilitation

In-Person Testimonial



**Wendy Newbery,
A New Chapter Support Group**



Any Question? Now is the
designated time, so please feel
free to ask away.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all attendees!