

# YouQuest Young Onset Dementia Community

Midterm Update

## YouQuest

focusing on young onset dementia

YouQuest provides a place of belonging for those experiencing young onset dementia (individuals under the age of 65). It offers choices and active participation in an inviting recreational environment; a weekly, full-day program using volunteers to assist people with young onset dementia to participate in individually-planned activities. Although COVID-19 added some challenges to the YouQuest initiative, we were able to adapt and continue to make progress.

### **Midterm Milestones:**

- Expanded our volunteer network to support additional participants.
- Training and orientation were provided to volunteers in February 2020.
- We opened a second service day in October 2020, to welcome more families from the waitlist; we are now supporting 16 families, 8 participants per service day. Services are currently paused due to provincial COVID-19 restrictions. A volunteer portal/information technology project was created in October 2020.
- The project team has secured a new program site and are in the process of resuming contracts with existing vendors.
- Participant eligibility assessments were completed on inclusion and will resume when services restart after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- Positions are staffed and job descriptions are in place. Currently, all contractors are on hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- There is ongoing collaboration and communication for increased understanding of family needs.
- A year-end fundraising campaign was promoted electronically.

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