



# MYVON Donor Impact Report

A year of resilience and resourcefulness



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## Weathering the storm, thanks to you!

As another challenging year comes to a close, I am reminded of a quote by author Robert Jordan that reads, “The oak fought the wind and was broken, the willow bent when it must and survived.” What better way to describe the way VON has been able to adapt to the challenges we have faced this past year—thanks to the generosity of supporters like you.

When difficult times persist, it can be easy to get discouraged. But it makes all the difference when you know that you have the support of a community that truly cares about the work you are doing, and about the people for whom we provide care.

Our 125th year is approaching, and while I am incredibly proud to be part of an organization that has pioneered care at home in Canada, I am especially proud of the way we have weathered the current storm by adapting programs and finding innovative solutions that enabled us to safely continue providing the kind of care our clients and their families rely on every day.

**Thank you for assisting us with the resources we needed to bend like the willow to provide the best possible care to all.**

# Your support by the numbers

The generosity of our donors during yet another year impacted by COVID-19 is the reason we can still provide safe, compassionate care at home—and **why we were able to adapt and find new ways to safely deliver programs that help our clients live every day with joy and purpose.**



**1.9 million**  
nursing visits to people  
in their homes



**19,436,294**  
healthy breakfasts and snacks  
delivered to children in schools



**2.1 million**  
home support visits to people  
in their homes



**1,091,516**  
hours of respite care



**108,499**  
rides given to people who  
cannot drive themselves  
to appointments



**449,590**  
meals provided through  
meals on wheels and our  
frozen favourites program

Leading the future  
of home and  
community care for

**125 years**

## 125 years of caring

In 2022, VON will be celebrating a milestone anniversary. Our proud legacy began in 1897 when Lady Ishbel Aberdeen founded an order of visiting nurses in Canada in honour of the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria's ascent to the throne. For 125 years, we have been pioneering care at home, and today we continue to provide innovative clinical, personal, and social support to people who want the comfort and peace of mind of living in their own homes.

**Thanks to you, we are able to continue our mission of delivering the compassionate care that our clients and their families deserve.**



## The "Joy" of giving

In 2020, 101-year-old Joy Saunders decided to walk 102 times before her 102nd birthday in support of VON. Joy's walk raised an astounding \$79,000 and is attributed with attracting 1,051 donors to VON.

In recognition of her incredible accomplishment and dedication, Joy was awarded The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in February 2021—an award that recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians across the country.

**At the private ceremony outside her home, Joy expressed her gratitude saying, "I know that there are many other people who could deserve this more than I do, but there is no one who appreciates it more than I do. Thank you!"**

## Correction notice:

The calendar month of April was printed incorrectly, if you would like a replacement calendar please contact us at 1 888 866 2273 extension 1 or email us at [fd@von.ca](mailto:fd@von.ca). Thank you!