



## The Chris Dawson Foundation



Anita Minielly, The Chris Dawson Foundation's Executive Director, and Wendy Walker, Chris Dawson's mother and Board member.

## Building the Foundation of Sarnia

**The Chris Dawson Foundation is a charitable organization established to celebrate the legacy of Chris Dawson in three ways: developing and managing centres for not-for-profit organizations that offer shared services; participating in educational opportunities, such as scholarships and sponsorships; and supporting charitable events, which will further community development.**

Chris Dawson was a smiling, energetic, positive young gentleman. He lived life to the fullest every day, loved his family and regularly gave of his time to help others. Although not all of his dreams could be fulfilled before a tragic accident in July 2006, his desire to improve lives will forever live on through The Chris Dawson Foundation.

The Chris Dawson Foundation is creating The Chris Dawson Centre, which will become home to between eight to 10 charitable not-for-profit organizations at 420 East Street N., formerly the Medical Arts Building. As of August 1, the Centre is almost 60% full, with leasing opportunities still available for additional not-for-profit organizations. The Foundation is currently in negotiations with a handful of organizations and would love to hear from your charitable not-for-profit organization. The Centre will offer a variety of shared services, from reception area and receptionist, kitchen/staff-room, three boardrooms offering multimedia to a mailroom and office equipment.

Support Sarnia-Lambton, The Chris Dawson Foundation and various local charities by registering a team or sponsoring a participant for the Race to Erase, a fun Road Rally event to be held on Saturday, September 19.

To learn more visit: [www.racetoerase.com](http://www.racetoerase.com)

For more information or to make a charitable donation, please contact us today!

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### BENEFITS OF RELOCATING TO THE CHRIS DAWSON CENTRE INCLUDE:

- 2,000 sq ft of shared services, including three boardrooms
- State-of-the-art technology and amenities
- Lighted parking lot and free parking
- Strategic leasing
- Reduced overhead costs
- Potential for major base-rent subsidy within five years
- Your organization's name and logo will be included in The Chris Dawson Foundation's ongoing fundraising and public relations efforts



(L to R) Dave Brown, Executive Director of the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton; Judy Doan, Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton; George Vincent, Lambton Seniors Association Treasurer; Marianne Buchanan, Lambton Seniors Chair; Dave Leclair, Board President of the Multiple Sclerosis of Canada Sarnia-Lambton Chapter; Anita Minielly, Executive Director of The Chris Dawson Foundation; Marsha Davidson, Executive Director of the Breast Cancer Society of Canada.

## Your charitable not-for-profit organization

More than 500,000 Canadians are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Of these, more than 71,000 are under the age of 65, and approximately 50,000 of them are under the age of 60. At the present time, approximately 2,100 persons in Sarnia-Lambton have a diagnosis of dementia.

That is why the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton (ASSL) provides a full array of educational and support programs throughout the continuum of the disease for both the person in the early stages of dementia as well as their care partner and family members. We also provide resources and support to individuals and families with related diseases such as Pick's disease, Lewy Body, Vascular and other memory-loss-related conditions.

The ASSL also contributes yearly to a research program. With less than half of its operating budget coming from the government, the ASSL relies on donations, gifts, grants and fundraising to be able to provide services at no cost to our families. Fundraising is always a challenge, so we are extremely grateful to our organizing volunteers and those who participate in our events. Remember, as a local charity all donations and fundraising contributions stay in Sarnia-Lambton to assist your community.

**For more information:**  
Visit [alzheimer.sarnia.com](http://alzheimer.sarnia.com) or call 519-332-4445



Since its inception in Sarnia in 1991, the Breast Cancer Society of Canada has been a major national organization funding Canadian breast cancer research. With strong support through annual events and charitable giving, it is able to fund a variety of projects, specifically those pertaining to translational research, which apply discoveries from laboratories and incorporate them in practical applications.

"We've committed to fund \$9.2 million in Canadian research," says Marsha Davidson, executive director of the Breast Cancer Society of Canada. "Through the power of individuals like you, we can achieve our goal—the cure."

The Breast Cancer Society of Canada's national fundraiser, Dress Down Day, has raised millions of dollars for Canadian breast cancer research. Businesses are urged to further research by participating in its 12th annual Dress Down Day, to be held Friday, October 2. For a \$5 suggested individual donation, you can hold a potluck lunch, wear pink, dress in jeans, host a BBQ, wear a pink ribbon, challenge coworkers, have a bake sale and fundraise with or against other organizations.

To register for **Dress Down Day** today, please visit [www.DressDownDay.ca](http://www.DressDownDay.ca).

**For more information:**  
Visit [www.bcsc.ca](http://www.bcsc.ca) or call 519-336-0746



## can be one of The Chris Dawson Centre's partners.



The Lambton Seniors Association was formed in 1990 with representatives from 70 seniors groups in Lambton County to identify concerns that affect their quality of life.

The work of the Lambton Seniors Association has provided information and improved the quality of life for many seniors in Lambton County, through activities such as our handyman-handyperson program, which helps seniors and the disabled continue to live independently in their own homes, by providing home maintenance and installation of safety equipment.

The Lambton Seniors Association host an Info Fair each May at the Point Edward Arena and our annual Seniors Picnic is held each June in Petrolia. Our volunteers provide assistance to the Lambton County Community Health Services Department during their annual flu clinics. We have also been instrumental in securing primary health care through the West Lambton Community Health Centre and the Family Health Teams facility.

Volunteers are always welcome. If you have some time to spare and would like to help with any of our programs or projects, or if you want to be involved in one of our committees, please contact us.

**For more information:**  
Visit [www.lambtonseniors.com](http://www.lambtonseniors.com) or call 519-339-8866



The mission of the MS Society is 'To be a leader in finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life.'

Every day three Canadians are diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, the most common neurological disease affecting young people, some as young as two years old.

75,000 Canadians have MS but that does not mean there is no hope. At the MS Society, we provide help and support to people living with MS and their families.

As the name suggests, multiple sclerosis is a disease with many symptoms and our clients have a multiple range of needs. Our clients, throughout Lambton County, meet the various differing challenges their MS presents on a day-to-day basis.

Your fundraising helps us to provide some much needed resources for equipment, support and services for our clients.

We are thrilled to be relocating to The Chris Dawson Centre. Our clients will benefit greatly from the space and shared services with other community-minded agencies, with plenty of parking and easy access to our office.

**For more information:**  
Visit [www.mssociety.ca](http://www.mssociety.ca) or call 519-332-4015  
*A United Way funded agency*



The United Way of Sarnia-Lambton continues to invest in programs and services that have a direct impact on individuals served, as well as the community at large. Your donation makes a difference in three areas: Supporting youth at risk to achieve positive, personal development; Healthy, safe and independent seniors; and empowering and strengthening self-sustaining families.

Currently, the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton supports 27 local agencies and 50 programs and services. These have a long-lasting, measurable impact on the lives of those in Sarnia-Lambton.

But to continue helping those who need it most, we need your assistance! We're starting our 2009 campaign with a Kickoff to be held on Tuesday, September 22, the International Day of Caring. Our campaign goal is \$1,850,000 and your help is needed now more than ever!

Also, watch for our Locally Lambton Dinner featuring all locally produced, grown, and raised food on the one-of-a-kind buffet on Wednesday, November 4.

Everyone in our community is vital to the success of the United Way. Dedicated volunteers and donors are the pulse that allows the United Way to vibrate with success. Please give today!

**For more information:**  
Visit [www.theunitedway.on.ca](http://www.theunitedway.on.ca) or call 519-336-5452



Contact The Chris Dawson Foundation about your organization's leasing needs at 519-333-6864 today!