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Dear Manitoba Occupational Therapist,

MSOT continues to be an important voice representing Manitoba occupational therapists. The board of directors is a dedicated and energetic team who strives to represent OT's in various platforms, working with a variety of community partners both locally and nationally.

This year, MSOT has worked on communication as a major goal. We continue to revamp the website to keep up-to-date information readily available. We share our bi-monthly newsletter that is used as an advertising opportunity. We also launched a Bus Bench campaign during OT month, where three bus benches promoting occupational therapy were located in high traffic areas. Lastly, we have reached out to OT leadership with monthly updates, where three quick points are shared at monthly meetings across various hospital, school, and community sites.

MSOT supports "Team OT" in a variety of community events including Trek for Tourettes, CIBC Run for the Curb, Move'n Groove A-Thon, and a volunteer evening at Siloam Mission. These events are open to all, and a great way to show support and give back to our community.

We continue to collaborate with a variety of professional associations. MSOT is joining the Mental Health and Addictions Advocacy Network to bring together a network of community agencies and professional associations who are involved in the advocacy of mental health and addictions services and treatment to coordinate our advocacy efforts. We also supported a letter to the Honourable Kelvin Goertzen recognizing a statement in the letter of mandate dated May 3, 2016, which made a commitment to the consolidation of acute stroke services in Manitoba in collaboration with the Physiotherapy Association. These efforts allow for a variety of advocacy opportunities across different platforms to share how OT can contribute and influence decision makers.

Our success as an organization is driven by the membership and engagement of Manitoba occupational therapists. On behalf of the MSOT board of Directors, I would like to thank the committed membership body who have shown consistent support for the work of the Board and its Committees.

We look forward to your continued support this coming membership year. Join us so we can serve you better.

Sincerely,

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