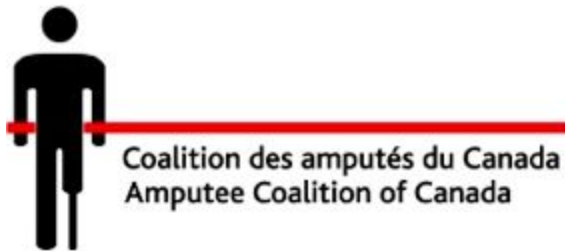


# Amputee Coalition of Canada (ACC)



## Annual Report (2017)

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The year 2017 saw lots of activity within the Amputee Coalition of Canada (ACC). We continued our partnership with Thrive Magazine (<https://thrivemag.ca/>) and all of our members receive a yearly subscription without charge. If you are not on our Thrive mailing list, please send an email to [info@amputees-amputee.org](mailto:info@amputees-amputee.org) with the subject line 'Thrive' along with your mailing details and we will get you added to the list. This is a fantastic magazine that keeps getting better and a great way to stay informed within Canada's limb loss community.

### **PEER VISITOR PROGRAM**

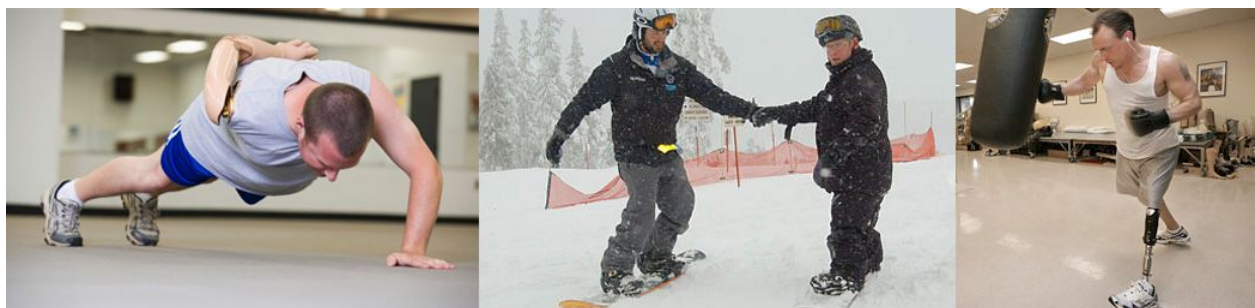
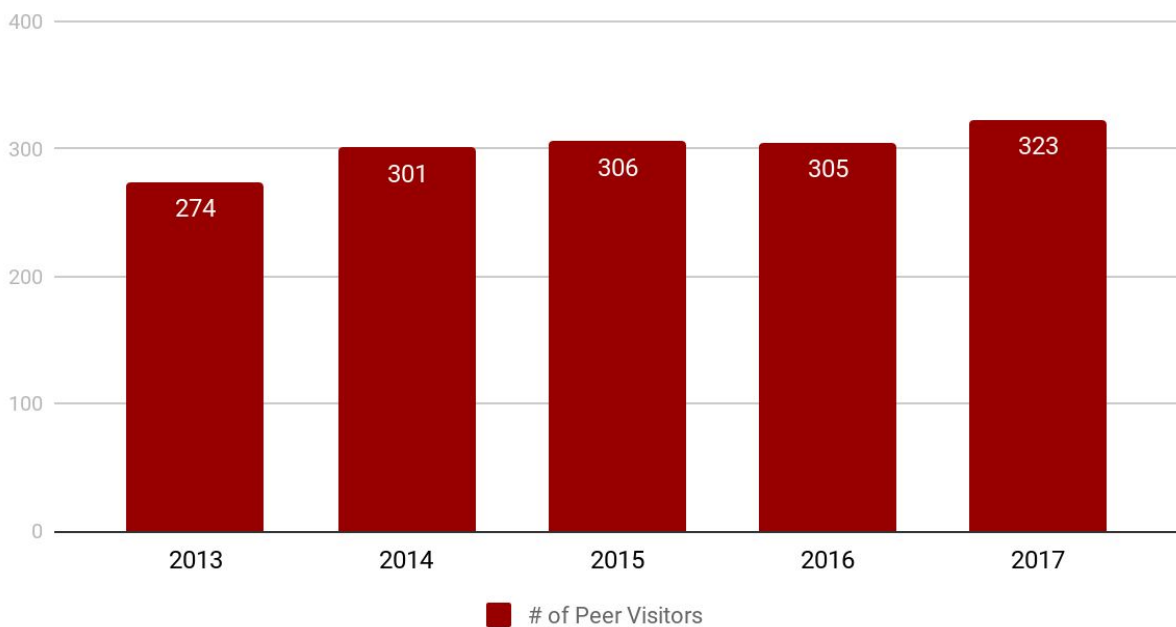
Our signature program, the Peer Visitor Program continued its reach across our country. There was a total of 323 Peer Visitors across Canada, up from 305 in 2016 (an increase of 6%). The success of this program is due to Canada's rehabilitation medical professionals in local communities and in the major rehabilitation hospitals – from occupational therapists,

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physiotherapists, physiatrists, and community professionals. Our regional representatives and administrators act as the front line for this program and the ACC as a whole, often interacting with those seeking a peer visit or their families.

PEER VISITORS ACROSS CANADA																			
B.C.	ALTA	MAN.	SASK.	ONT.	QC.	N.S.	P.E.I.	N.B.	TOTAL										
Vancouver Island H.R.	39	Calgary Zone	8	Interlake-Eastern RHA	1	Heartland H.R.	1	Barrie Region	4	Région de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue	1	Central H.R.	10	P.E.I. H.R.	3			1	
Vancouver Coastal H.R.	14	Edmonton Zone	33	Southern R.H.	1	Kelsey Trail H.R.	1	Greater Toronto	18	Région Bas St-Laurent	2	Northern H.R.	1						
Fraser Health Region	24	North Zone	6	Winnipeg R.H.	8	Saskatoon H.R.	4	Windsor Region	9	Région Chaudière Appalaches	1								
Interior Health Region	14	South Zone	1					Kitchener Region	9	Région La Mauricie	3								
Northern Health Region	1							Thunder Bay Region	11	Région de la Capitale Nationale	23								
								North Bay Region	1	Région de la Côte Nord	4								
								Ottawa Region	14	Région de la Mauricie	2								
										Région de la Montérégie	13								
										Région de la Lanaudière	4								
										Région de Laval	9								
										Région de l'Estrie	9								
										Région de l'Outaouais	1								
										Région de Montréal	8								
										Région des Laurentides	5								
										Région de la Gaspésie	1								
	92		48		10		6		66		86		11		3		1		<b>323</b>

### Number of Peer Visitors in Canada (2013-2017)





If you are interested in becoming a Peer Visitor, a Peer Visitor Trainer or a Regional Representative – we are always looking to add more certified individuals to our program. Please send an email to [info@mputes-amputee.org](mailto:info@mputes-amputee.org) and we will register your interest and help to facilitate a training when possible.

### **PROMOTING AMPUTEE LIFE SKILLS (PALS) PROGRAM**

There has been some movement on our PALS program to move it to a digital platform. The ACC has been working with industry partners with the intent to form a mutually beneficial partnership that will see the eight-week course transitioned into a bilingual online platform. While there are no details available at the time of this report, the ACC is optimistic that there will be movement during 2018.

### **FREEDOM THROUGH SPORT PROGRAM**

There were several 'Give-It-A-Try' days in 2017 through our Freedom Through Sport Program and our partners. The Paralympics Sports Association (PSA) hosted a cross-country skiing event in association with Cross Country Alberta. There was an adaptive hockey event in Quebec City as well as soccer, tennis and yoga events across the country. More 'Give-It-A-Try' days are planned for 2018 and beyond. If you have a sport that you would like to learn or return to – please send an email to our Freedom Through Sport Director, Camille Poulin at [Camille@amputes-amputee.org](mailto:Camille@amputes-amputee.org).

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

1. The ACC is proud to have provided a Letter of Support to Dr. Marie-Pascale Pomey and her team for their research project. The research project is called "Contribution of peer patients in the follow-up of patients who have benefited

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from emergency microsurgical reimplantation of the upper limb: A pragmatic randomized trial" focuses on acute amputation of the hand." The research proposal was submitted to the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS). We wish Dr. Pomey and her team, the very best and look forward to the opportunity to learn from this important research;

2. The ACC Board worked with the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) on their public consultation with a proposal to change how CATSA screened persons with prosthetic limbs at Canadian Airports. Many of our members completed the survey, shared their experiences and proposed their ideas; and
3. We sponsored two of our members to attend the Amputee Coalition of America (ACA) Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky to investigate the possibility of hosting such an event in Canada. The information they brought back was valuable, but ultimately the ACC does not have the necessary bandwidth to host a similar, though at a smaller scale event in Canada. There may be opportunities to work closely with the ACA in the future at upcoming conferences.



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## FINANCIALS

The Amputee Coalition of Canada had expenses of \$11,956 in 2017 up from \$7,870 in 2016. This was an increase of 52% over the previous year. This increase was related to increased activity across all programs – the Peer Visitor Program, the Promoting Amputee Life Skills (PALS) and the Freedom Through Sport Program. Administrative expenses for 2017 were reduced by more than forty percent (40%) over the previous year, from \$1,350 in 2016 to \$794 in 2017. Donations for the year were \$803. Cash balance at the end of the year was \$41,805 with a net income (loss) of \$11,142.

Program	Spend	Percentage of Spend
<b>Peer Visitor</b>	\$5,193	43%
<b>Promoting Amputee Life Skills (PALS)</b>	\$2,979	25%
<b>Freedom Through Sport</b>	\$2,979	25%
<b>Administration</b>	\$794	7%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$11,945</b>	<b>100%</b>

