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## **President Report – Annual General Meeting October 5, 2017**

At this, my last AGM as President of this amazing organization, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge another very successful year. I will leave the details for Marcie and Ocean in their reports but suffice it to say that we are helping so many families in our community and to acknowledge the many businesses and individuals who help to make this possible. Once again, Marcie and Ocean deserve our gratitude for the work they do for YANA, keeping our families supported and our donors appreciated and acknowledged. Being President is a much easier role thanks to the jobs that they take so seriously and do so well.

Our YANA-run fundraisers continue to surpass our expectations and make a positive impact in the community. The efforts of hundreds of volunteers are required for these events. We are fortunate to have these volunteers working with us to make them happen so successfully. The efforts of individuals and businesses that run their own events with proceeds to YANA have continued to help us do the work we do and to ensure that the community is aware of that work.

We have been able to continue with our mandate as originally established by Sandra Williams in 1986 and to enhance our services to the benefit of our clients and their families. I thank the Board for making these changes a reality. More on this in Marcie's report.

Working with this Board has been a very rewarding experience for me. You have all put so much into this work and the results have been evident. You have loved what you do and I appreciate that you did it while I sat as your President. We have improved YANA for our clients, our staff and the community at large.

As I step away from this role that I have held for 8 years I feel very honoured and proud of what we have accomplished and I leave knowing that it is time for me to go. Thank you to all of you for the support and encouragement you have given me. I wish you and YANA all the best in the years to come.

Judy Cryer | YANA President