Mission
Providing hope, community, support, and resources for people with Parkinson’s and their loved ones.

Vision
A Parkinson’s community inspired to live life with—and beyond—Parkinson disease.
A note from our leadership

The 2018-2019 fiscal year was an active year for WPA, thanks to you – our donors, advisors, partners, volunteers and supporters. Thank you for all you do to help us as we continue to help those impacted by Parkinson disease!

As you read through this annual report, I would like to point out a few of our exciting endeavors from this past year:

- We created a new position in 2017, Director of Group Engagement. This position has connected to so many current support groups and exercise groups across the state, and worked to create new groups where there is a need! Most of these groups are run by volunteers who have passion, and give their time and energy to serve the community.

- Through partnerships with healthcare providers, we held educational programs in new locations throughout our service area, educating and raising awareness.

- Our Medical Advisory Committee continued to provide medical oversight for WPA. Made up of 8 doctors from around Wisconsin, they advise our board and staff on the content of our programs, and on topics related to clinical care of people with Parkinson disease.

- Our impact on the greater community has grown through media outreach efforts - including several TV features and a podcast. WPA is the place for information on programs, and support and exercise, and other news from the PD community.

We are proud of these accomplishments and with your help, we are energized to increase these efforts even more in the coming year. Thank you for your support!

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Mission in Action:
Hope, Community, Support, Resources

We are actively meeting our mission providing hope, community, support, and resources for people with Parkinson’s and their loved ones.

Hope & Community

Whenever we begin to feel as if we can no longer go on, hope whispers in our ear to remind us that we are strong.”
~Robert M. Hensel

SUPPORT GROUPS: We work with over 190 support and exercise groups for people with PD and their caregivers across Wisconsin. Groups provide much needed peer-to-peer support, and may include fitness sessions and classes, discussion groups, educational speakers, updates on medical research, and strategies from experts for living healthier, fuller lives.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT: Caregivers often put the needs of the person they’re caring for ahead of their own. WPA has resources for caregivers and is actively creating new opportunities for support.

LEARN & PARTICIPATE: Be involved at wiparkinson.org. Find information on support group meetings in your area, educational programs, our monthly enewsletter, and Wisconsin Parkinson Magazine, our quarterly magazine.
“Individually we are one drop. But together, we are an ocean.”
~Ryunosuke Satoro

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION: We work to educate people with PD and the public through community-based programs and health fairs. These workshops include half-day events around the state, as well as our annual full day symposium. We also have a role in advocacy through our involvement with the Unified Parkinson’s Advocacy Council.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: WPA supplies important information about PD and provides referrals to health professionals of all kinds, assisted living communities, support groups and more.

MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Consisting of doctors from various healthcare locations around Wisconsin, this committee provides medical oversight and advises on topics related to clinical care of people with PD.

VOLUNTEER: Individuals, family members and medical professionals all make great volunteers. We need people who can facilitate support groups, share their knowledge at conferences, workshops and support groups, coordinate fundraising events, and provide support and guidance for those who are newly diagnosed.
The financial information on this page is derived from Wisconsin Parkinson Association’s audited August 31, 2019 financial statements, which contain an unqualified audit opinion by an independent accounting firm.

The complete, audited financial statements can be obtained online at wiparkinson.org.
2019 - By the Numbers

350
Referrals in person and over the phone with information on home healthcare, doctors, insurance, medical equipment and more

600
People reached through events held by community members as fund-raisers for WPA.

2,830
Support group attendees where WPA staff shared resources available

8
Neurologists on the Medical Advisory Committee from around Wisconsin

4,600
People who read Wisconsin Parkinson Magazine each quarter

190
Exercise and support groups met over 5,000 times and reached over 1,200 individuals monthly

485
Participants at the Annual PD Symposium who learned about safety issues, caregiving, exercises for people with PD, emerging treatments and more

1,033
Participants at WPA educational programs

975
Individuals at health fairs and conferences where WPA presented, sponsored or exhibited

800
Connections in the senior care industry, through networking and industry groups

10,000+
Connections with people living with PD, their friends and family, and the community.
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