



Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer

*2022
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REPORT*

About Us

Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer (OPACC) was established in 1995 with a mission to support parents and families of children diagnosed with cancer in Ontario. OPACC's members are parents, guardians, and close relatives of children diagnosed with cancer, as well as childhood cancer survivors. We have been a Registered Charity since 2006 under charity number 846324168RR0001.

OPACC supports families through free programs and services, including peer-to-peer, psychosocial support offered both in-hospital and virtually through our Parent Liaison program (the only one of its kind in Ontario); community-based parent support groups throughout Ontario; financial support offered through our Hospital Parking Program and Gift Card Program; and with important advocacy efforts at the local, Provincial, and national level. Learn more at www.opacc.org

Mission and Goals

Vision Statement:
OPACC will be the leading voice and expert resource for families and organizations navigating the childhood cancer journey

Our overall mission is to be the parent voice for families with children diagnosed with cancer across Ontario. Other core goals include:

- To establish the Parent Liaison role where deemed appropriate in collaboration with local stakeholders;
- Strengthen existing parent support groups and support the establishment of new parent support groups;
- Establish a collaborative process for sharing and collecting information with parents through mentoring and educational activities;
- Establish financial sustainability

Chair's Report 2022

Welcome and thank you for joining our 2022 OPACC Annual General Meeting!

My name is Emily Hammond and I am OPACC's Board Chair. I was inspired to join OPACC after seeing the amazing work they were doing in our cancer community. My own son Griffin was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma in 2011 when he was 22 months old. Since then, I have worked hard to raise awareness and support for Childhood Cancer in Ontario. I am honoured to serve and give back to this organization who helped us so much.

This year marks 27 years of OPACC supporting childhood cancer families in Ontario. We were founded in 1995 on the principle of parents supporting parents, and we remain committed to supporting and empowering families. The past two years have been tough. COVID has forced cancer families into further isolation. Many have fought with depression, financial troubles and stress. Depending on where you are in your journey, it could bring up some negative memories or feelings.

OPACC continues to provide support to families through our unique Parent Liaison program which offers peer-to-peer, psychosocial support and information navigation so that parents know they are never alone on this overwhelming journey. Our Parent Liaisons continue offering virtual support to both existing and new families who find OPACC. Since our last AGM in June 2021, 68 new families have been supported through OPACC. This is in addition to the currently 950 existing member families that we continue to support.

In this past year, we have also been able to provide families with support including:

- Hospital parking, grocery & gas gift card programs;
- Local community support including sewing events for Comfy Cases pillowcases and Courage Capes, sponsoring dinners at Ronald McDonald House Hamilton, distributing care kits and donated items to local families;
- Monthly educational speaker series on a variety of topics of interest to childhood cancer families, including bullying, survivorship, mental health, research...and much more!

For the year ahead, we are looking forward to our Parent Liaisons returning to in-person service at the hospitals, new and returning fundraising events, presenting new speakers for our families, continuing to raise awareness, and more.

OPACC is not funded by the government nor by the hospitals. We continue to seek further sources of funding to ensure OPACC's sustainability this year and beyond, including from foundation grants, third-party fundraisers, and donations from generous individuals and businesses in the community.

I would like to personally commend the staff and volunteers of OPACC, as well as the OPACC families themselves, for encouraging and supporting each other in so many ways through this pandemic.

Thank you,

Emily Hammond
Board Chair, OPACC

Treasurer's Report - Fiscal 2021/2022

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL 2021/2022 (Un-audited)
Year End May 31/22

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal 2021/2022 (June 1/21 – May 31/22)

Year End May 31, 2022

REVENUES	May 31st 2021	May 31st 2022
Grants	68,800.01	15,000.00
Donations	109,424.33	88,994.01
Sales	4,360.45	10,036.17
GST/HST Rebate	4,544.00	2,210.79
Payroll Recoveries	17,725.18	2,119.26
Total Income	204,853.97	118,360.23
EXPENSES		
Salaries	60,236.77	59,029.08
Bank Services Charges	202.48	150.00
GST/HST Paid	3,172.22	3,345.29
Travel/Transportation	158.89	209.71
Program Expense	63,830.14	25,179.37
Total Expenses	127,390.02	87,913.45
EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	77,455.95	30,446.78

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

May 31, 2022

Assets

Cash	\$187,921.26
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Total Assets	\$187,921.26
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Liabilities

Internally Restricted (MDS & Comfy Cases)	\$42,817.31
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Retained Earnings/Equity	\$145,103.95
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Current Liabilities	\$0.00
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Total Liabilities	\$187,921.26
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Thanks to our Major Funders in Fiscal 2021-2022



F. K. Morrow Foundation



Board of Directors

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Staff (non-voting)

Susan Kuczynski, Lead Parent Liaison
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