



Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer

*2025
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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 2025

As Board Chair of OPACC, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you all to our Annual General Meeting. Thank you for being here—your presence reminds us of the incredible community we've built together over the years.

This past year has been a truly meaningful one for OPACC, and I want to take a few moments to celebrate some of the milestones we've achieved—milestones that wouldn't be possible without the heart and effort of our partners, volunteers, staff, and families.

We continue to be so fortunate to work alongside amazing organizations and programs that help bring comfort and joy to our families. OPACC programs like Comfy Cases, Courage Capes, Tears Mean Love, and Million Dollar Smiles go above and beyond, and we're so grateful for their generosity, creativity, and dedication. Whether it's a cozy pillowcase, a superhero cape, or a backyard makeover, these thoughtful gestures remind families that they're not alone—and that makes all the difference.

Another exciting development this year is the expansion of our reach. We are actively working on adding more hospitals to our network—because we believe every family facing childhood cancer should have access to the support, resources, and community that OPACC offers. We're not there yet, but we're well on our way, and we're energized by the possibilities ahead.

And now, perhaps one of the most exciting pieces of news: this year marks the launch of our OPACC Scholarship Program. This has been a long-standing dream, and we're thrilled to see it come to life. What makes this program so special is that it's not just for survivors—it's also open to siblings and even parents. We know that when a child is diagnosed with cancer, the whole family is affected. Often, parents are forced to leave their jobs or completely change careers to care for their child. This scholarship program is our way of helping families rebuild—by supporting education, retraining, and new opportunities. It's more than financial assistance—it's a statement that their resilience matters, their futures matter, and that OPACC is here for them every step of the way.

As always, none of this would be possible without our supporters, our donors, our volunteers, and our incredible staff. Thank you for standing with us—for believing in our mission and for helping us grow.

Here's to another year of compassion, connection, and community. Together, we are stronger—and together, we continue to bring hope to families who need it most.

Thank you,

Emily Hammond
Board Chair, OPACC

Profit & Loss Statement
OPACC-Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer
Year ending May 31, 2025



	Current Year Jun 2024- May 2025	Previous Year Jun 2023- May 2024
Income		
Charitable Gaming Income	\$94,607.04	\$118,680.26
Donations from Clubs and other Charities	\$26,625.20	
Fundraising Income	\$9,054.05	
Grant Income	\$25,093.38	\$2,500.00
In-kind donations - receiptable	\$8,849.13	
Receiptable donations	\$146,125.00	\$124,793.58
Sales of Product Income	\$4,179.44	\$3,907.34
Third Party Donations	\$40,598.52	
Unreceipted Donations	\$6,815.00	
Other Income		
10% administrative income	13,956.78	
Interest income from investments	6,000.81	
Public Service Bodies' rebate (GST/HST)	7,084.70	2,684.03
Total Other Income	\$27,042.29	\$2,684.03
TOTAL INCOME	\$388,989.05	249,881.18
Expenses		
Bank & Credit Card Charges Expenses	\$1,766.94	\$320.95
Fundraiser & Event Expenses	\$581.51	
In Kind Gifts		
Planners - In Kind	4,249.15	
Sewing Supplies - In kind	4,599.98	
Total In Kind Gifts	\$8,849.13	\$0.00
Insurance	\$1,992.28	
Legal and professional fees	\$837.76	\$10,234.90
Meals and entertainment	\$12.71	
Office expenses	\$4,545.03	\$974.67
Over/short	-\$35.48	
Payroll	\$138,095.13	\$142,816.00
Postage, shipping and delivery expense	\$488.19	
Program Costs	\$41,110.11	\$91,196.38
Program Supports	\$17,668.24	
Promotional	\$3,552.76	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$219,464.31	\$245,542.90
PROFIT (-LOSS)	\$169,524.74	\$4,338.28

Unaudited Statements prepared by Lynn Middleton-Vanderveen
Director & Treasurer Board of Directors

Balance Sheet

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Year ending May 31, 2025



	Current Year May 31, 2025	Previous Year May 31, 2024
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalent		
BMO General Bank Account	338,364.49	246,418.60
Community Gaming Bank Account	35,859.98	35,296.54
Total for Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$374,224.47	\$281,715.14
Advance_Deposit - Jackie Sultana MDS	75,000.00	
Advance Deposit - Nicole Raso	500.00	
GIC Investment - BMO	130,000.00	138,000.00
Petty Cash - OPACC	1,000.00	
Petty Cash - Sick Kids Parent Liaison	100.00	
Public Service HST Rebate	0.00	7,084.70
GST Receivable	2,579.04	
PST Receivable	12,921.07	
Total for Public Service HST Rebate	\$15,500.11	\$7,084.70
Total for Current Assets	\$596,324.58	\$426,799.84
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable (A/P)		
Credit Card		
Total for Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Equity		
Retained Earnings	-5,210.42	0.00
Profit for the year	169,524.74	4,338.28
Opening Balance Equity	432,010.26	422,461.56
Total for Equity	\$596,324.58	\$426,799.84
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$596,324.58	\$426,799.84

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