



Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer

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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 2023

Welcome and thank you for joining our 2023 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 **28 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.

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 offer both in-person and virtual support to Ontario childhood cancer families. Since our last AGM in June 2022, **130 new families** have been supported through OPACC. This is in addition to the currently **1,119 existing** member families that we continue to support.

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

- Resuming in-person, in-hospital Parent Liaison services at SickKids & Credit Valley Hospital;
- Hospital parking (with expanded frequency of reimbursements), grocery & gas gift cards, and **new** hospital meal voucher programs;
- Local community support including community-based parent support groups both in-person and online;
- Event ticket opportunities through our partnership with Kids Up Front;
- Monthly educational speaker series on a variety of topics of interest to childhood cancer families, including bereavement, sibling support, AYA support, parenting...and much more!

For the year ahead, we are looking forward to reaching more families to support, doing social events for families, presenting new speakers, continuing to raise awareness in September (Childhood Cancer Awareness Month) and beyond, and more.

We would also like to thank the funding received through our charitable gaming events at the Kennedy Road Charitable Gaming Association in Scarborough, which supports our key Parent Liaison Program. 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 the pandemic and beyond.

Thank you,

Emily Hammond
Board Chair, OPACC

Treasurer's Report - Fiscal 2022/2023

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL 2022/2023 (Un-audited)
Year End May 31/23

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal 2022/2023 (June 1/22 – May 31/23)

Year End May 31, 2023

REVENUES	May 31st 2022	May 31st 2023
Grants	15,000.00	5,000.00
Donations	88,994.01	296,711.39
Sales	10,036.17	6,729.11
GST/HST Rebate	2,210.79	2,331.41
Charitable gaming	0.00	65,749.85
Total Income	118,360.23	310,771.91
EXPENSES		
Salaries	59,029.08	97,560.21
Bank Services Charges	150.00	4,474.00
GST/HST Paid	3,345.29	8,271.92
Travel/Transportation	209.71	859.21
Program Expense	25,179.37	48,266.24
Total Expenses	87,913.45	159,431.58
EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	30,446.78	151,340.33

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

May 31, 2023

Assets

Cash \$424,021.99

Total Assets \$424,021.99

Liabilities

Internally Restricted \$119,608.68

Retained Earnings/Equity \$304,413.31

Current Liabilities \$0.00

Total Liabilities \$424,021.99

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