



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, Gift Card Hospital Meal Vouchers, and Scholarship programs; 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 2026

Hello, My name is Emily Hammond, and I am honoured to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for OPACC.

I am here today not just as Chair, but as a cancer mom. When my son Griffin was diagnosed at just 22 months old, our world changed forever. Like so many families, we entered a journey filled with fear, uncertainty and sorrow but also one where we found something powerful: support, compassion, and community.

That is what OPACC represents.

Across Ontario, OPACC is making a real difference in the lives of families facing childhood cancer. Through programs like Courage Capes, we give children strength and a sense of bravery. Through flag raisings, we raise awareness and honour their journeys. Through hospital parking programs and meal vouchers, we ease the burden on families during incredibly difficult times.

Our parent support groups and speaker sessions create spaces where families can connect and be reminded they are not alone, which is a motto of mine and something that means so much to me as a facilitator in Niagara and Hamilton.

And one initiative that is especially close to my heart is the OPACC Scholarship Program. It represents hope beyond treatment. This program supports fighters, survivors and also parents as they move forward, pursue their goals, and build their futures above and beyond cancer.

Because the truth is, the journey doesn't end when treatment does. And neither should the support...

To our staff and volunteers, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you do.

To our families, thank you for trusting us, for sharing your stories, and for allowing us to walk alongside you, wherever you are on your journey.

You are not alone.

Together, we will continue to support, uplift, and make a difference.
Thank you.

Emily Hammond
Board Chair, OPACC

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Balance Sheet Comparison

As of May 31, 2026

	Total		
	As of May 31, 2026	As of May 31, 2025 (PY)	\$ Change (PY)
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalent			
BMO General Bank Account	407,852.71	338,364.49	69,488.22
Community Gaming Bank Account	-4,984.99	35,859.98	-40,844.97
Total for Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$402,867.72	\$374,224.47	\$28,643.25
Advance_Deposit - Jackie Sultana MDS	75,000.00	75,000.00	\$0.00
Advance Deposit - Nicole Raso	\$0.00	500.00	-500.00
GIC Investment - BMO	130,000.00	130,000.00	\$0.00
Petty Cash - OPACC	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$0.00
Petty Cash - Sick Kids Parent Liaison	100.00	100.00	\$0.00
Public Service HST Rebate	\$9,117.17	\$8,415.41	\$701.76
Total for Current Assets	\$618,084.89	\$589,239.88	\$28,845.01
Total for Assets	\$618,084.89	\$589,239.88	\$28,845.01
Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	\$96.30	\$0.00	\$96.30
Total for Liabilities	\$96.30	\$0.00	\$96.30
Equity	\$617,988.59	\$589,239.88	\$28,748.71
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$618,084.89	\$589,239.88	\$28,845.01

Unaudited Statements prepared by Lynn Middleton-Vanderveen

Director & Treasurer Board of Director

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Profit and Loss Comparison

June 1, 2025-May 31, 2026

	Total		
	Jun. 1 2025 - May 31 2026	Jun. 1 2024 - May 31 2025 (PY)	\$ Change (PY)
Income			
Charitable Gaming Income	61,866.62	94,607.04	-32,740.42
Donations from Clubs and other Charities	27,469.65	26,625.20	844.45
Foundation Income	2,185.42		2,185.42
Fundraising Income	0.00	\$9,054.05	-\$9,054.05
Grant Income	96.69	25,093.38	-24,996.69
In-kind donations - receiptable		8,849.13	-8,849.13
Receiptable donations	\$114,250.67	\$146,125.00	-\$31,874.33
Sales of Product Income	5,014.00	4,179.44	834.56
Third Party Donations	\$31,008.98	\$40,642.54	-\$9,633.56
Unreceipted Donations	\$19,957.06	\$6,815.00	\$13,142.06
Total for Income	\$261,849.09	\$361,990.78	-\$100,141.69
Gross Profit	\$261,849.09	\$361,990.78	-\$100,141.69
Expenses			
Bank Charge & Other Fees	\$1,181.70	\$1,810.96	-\$629.26
Event/AGM Costs	\$307.77	\$0.00	\$307.77
Fundraiser & Event Expenses	\$2,975.94	\$581.51	\$2,394.43
In Kind Gifts	\$0.00	\$8,849.13	-\$8,849.13
Insurance	\$2,091.69	\$1,992.28	\$99.41
Legal and professional fees		837.76	-837.76
Meals and entertainment		12.71	-12.71
Office expenses	\$3,287.36	\$4,545.03	-\$1,257.67
Over/short		-35.48	35.48
Payroll	\$157,450.74	\$138,095.13	\$19,355.61
Postage, shipping and delivery expense	\$803.37	\$488.19	\$315.18
Program Costs	\$29,435.40	\$42,834.13	-\$13,398.73
Program Supports	\$26,281.90	\$17,668.24	\$8,613.66
Promotional	\$4,208.46	\$3,552.76	\$655.70
Total for Expenses	\$228,024.33	\$221,232.35	\$6,791.98
Other Income	\$15,536.91	\$21,681.61	-\$6,144.70
Other Expenses	\$20,612.96	\$0.00	\$20,612.96
Profit	\$28,748.71	\$162,440.04	-\$133,691.33

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