



Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer

*2015
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REPORT*

About Us

OPACC was established in 1995 and is comprised of representatives from parent groups, parent contacts, and other family members from across the province. Our members are parents, guardians, survivors, or close relatives of a child/teen diagnosed with childhood cancer. We have been a Registered Charity since 2006 under charity number 846324168RR0001.

OPACC's Board of Directors meets four times a year: In person in May and

September in Toronto and by teleconference in February and November.

OPACC Educates, Advocates, Supports and Enables (EASEs) families of children with cancer.

Mission and Goals

OPACC's overall goal is to be the voice for families with children diagnosed with cancer across the Province of Ontario. Other core goals include:

- To establish the Parent Liaison role where deemed appropriate in collaboration with local stakeholders

- Strengthen existing parent support groups
- 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

President's Report 2015

June 2015

President's Report

Welcome to all Members of OPACC and guests!

This past year has been another banner year for OPACC. From our humble beginnings twenty years ago, OPACC has grown to be a respected voice for parents and families of children with cancer in Ontario and our membership continues to grow.

The Inside Ride continues to be a great avenue of funding for OPACC and we are grateful the Coast to Coast Foundation Against Cancer Foundation continues to support our cause. Last year's Ride in October raised close to \$29,000. We've been working with Coast to Coast and the organizers of The Inside Ride on this year's event on October 4th at Playdium in Mississauga. In a very short time the Website will be up so that teams and individuals can sign up to either ride or volunteer. Keep your eyes open for news on this fun family event! Challenge family, friends and co-workers to come out and have a barrel full of fun, all the while raising money for OPACC.

Last Fall, the largest annual international paediatric oncology conference, SIOP, happened in Toronto, only the second time it took place in North America. OPACC was represented and one of our Parent Liaisons, Susan, presented the Parent Liaison role OPACC established at the Hospital for Sick Children five years ago and how it is helping our families. Susan's presentation was very well received. Thank You Susan for being our beacon and doing an excellent job.

So many of our children are surviving but with that survival comes so many unknown health effects. To that end, representatives of OPACC met with Cancer Care Ontario to air our concerns as they prepared their new plan for cancer care across Ontario. Although they were aware of the challenges our kids may face as they transition into the adult health care system, they welcomed us and listened to our concerns and have continued to have dialogues with us about our kids' futures. Well done to Tracey and Jim and a big Thank you for being our collective voice with them!

OPACC continues to offer from time to time a Parent Facilitator training program to help those Parents interested in starting community based Parent Support Groups or complimenting existing ones. These have been very well received by all participants. We will continue to offer these workshops. Thanks to Barb, Helen, Susan and Jim for your excellent work on these!

Our Board of Directors have also welcomed some new Directors but we will always welcome more, and are especially looking for people with certain backgrounds such as marketing, finance, IT, law, and healthcare. Welcome to OPACC's Board Asaph, Hayley, Michele and Sunny! I look forward to working with you all in moving OPACC forward.

The OPACC Board and Staff are currently working on our next Plan to determine exactly where we should focus our energies. We've set up some Working Groups that will help us prioritize our path. These groups include the Advocacy/Engagement/Awareness group, Capacity Building group and the Family Support Services and Resources group. These three areas were found to be the most important to all participants in our larger discussions and planning meetings.

OPACC looks forward to serving our families as best we can and value all members' input and suggestions. If you are interesting in joining one of these groups as we move forward please let us know. We would have a hard time moving forward without your input and support!

Thank You,
David Munro
President and Chair

Treasurer's Report - Fiscal 2014/2015

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL 2014/2015 (Un-audited)
Year End May 31/15

Report prepared by James Thomson (Treasurer)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal 2014/2015 (June 1/14 – May 31/15)

Year End May 31, 2015

REVENUES	May 31st 2014	May 31st 2015
Grants	94,956.51	60,679.00
Donations	34,355.71	47,723.34
GST Rebate	4,757.27	4,432.00
Bank Interest	5.65	0.00
Total Income	134,075.14	112,834.34
EXPENSES		
Salaries	103,625.14	105,546.79
Bank Services Charges	0.00	0.00
GST/HST Paid	6,356.61	5,591.05
Travel/Transportation	6,887.73	5,600.78
Program Expense	36,517.66	15,010.79
Total Expenses	153,387.14	131,749.41
EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(19,312.00)	(18,915.07)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

May 31st 2015

Assets

Cash \$54,510.69

Total Assets \$54,510.69

Liabilities

Retained Earnings/Equity \$39,120.69

Current Liabilities \$ 0.00

Total Liabilities \$54,510.69

Board of Directors

David Munro, President and Chair
Tracey Keighley-Clarke, Vice Chair
Diane Belsey, Treasurer
Stathi Afendoulis, Director
Helen Robertson, Director
Lisa Skinner, Director
Tina Smith, Director
Anna Lopes, Director
Diana Birrell, Director
Sunny Hayer, Director
Michele Hunter, Director
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Hayley Chapman, Director

Staff (non-voting)

Susan Kuczynski, Parent Liaison
John Pasternak, Parent Liaison
James Thomson, Resource Development and Community
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