



Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer

*2009  
ANNUAL  
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 meets four times a year: In person in May and September in Toronto and by teleconference in February and November.

OPACC has advocated on behalf of our children/teens and our families with appropriate regional, provincial and national bodies such as POGO (Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario), Childhood Cancer Foundation – Candlelighters Canada (CCF) and the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) Ontario Division.

We have supported, collaborated and had input into initiatives such as:

- Pediatric Oncology Working group report for the Ministry of Health (1994)
- Development of Satellite Oncology program as well as long-term follow-up clinics in the province
- Financial Assistance program for families of children/teens with cancer through POGO and CCS
- CCS pediatric handbook and children's cancer brochure
- POGO handbook on provincial resources for families of children with cancer in the province
- CCF National Conference (2000)
- Steering Committee/cluster groups for POGO 5-year plan for Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (2005)
- Past representation on POGO Psycho-social committee, CCS Pediatric Advisory committee and the Childhood Cancer Foundation Candlelighters Canada board.

## *Mission and Goals*

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

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 2009*

Over the last year OPACC has been working very hard behind the scenes to move our organization forward as a charitable concern.

Through 2008/09 we have continued to work with the Ontario Trillium Foundation with regard to their Grant process. OPACC's plan is submit a grant proposal to them in the near future.

Along with all the work that was put into our original OTF grant application we have updated our business plan. Not only does this strengthen ourselves as an organization, but prepares us for applying for other grants. One such organization is the Coast to Coast Foundation Against Cancer.

We are continuing to work with the Hospital for Sick Children and have had numerous meetings with them. Some of the initiatives we are discussing are the establishment of a parent support group, opening lines of communication, participation and inclusion of parents on hospital committees, coffee mornings and other parent support initiatives like a parent liaison. We will be able to distribute our information sheet to the inpatient families and those visiting the clinic. We will have OPACC membership forms available for those families to fill out which will help us grow our membership making us stronger and giving our kids a stronger voice.

We will continue to work to ensure OPACC becomes recognized as the voice of parents and families of children with cancer in Ontario.

Funding is ever so important to OPACC and as such we will continue to work towards securing funding that will allow us to build our infrastructure. Building a strong infrastructure is an important step in establishing our Parent Liaison program and helping our families in the Here and Now, our primary objective.

We welcome your input, your ideas and your time.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,  
Hannah's Dad  
David Munro  
President/Chair  
Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer

# *Treasurer's Report - Fiscal 2008/2009*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL 2008/2009**(Un-audited)

**Year End May 31/09**

**Report prepared by Deirdra Redden (Treasurer)**

2009 was a good year for donations towards OPACC. We received donations from ScotiaBank as well as Telus which allowed us to repay Candlelighters Simcoe the start-up grant that they provided us. We now have no debt and are forging ahead on developing OPACC programs.

### **STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES Fiscal 2008/2009 (June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009) Year End May 31, 2008**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>May 31st 2007</b>	<b>May 31st 2008</b>	<b>May 31st 2009</b>
Grants	-	-	-
Donations	1,314.32	534.56	1607.66
GST Rebate		72.27	0.00
Bank Interest	0.41	0.37	0.70
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,314.73</b>	<b>607.20</b>	<b>1678.36</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Bank Services Charges	28.43	0.00	0.00
GST Paid	3.60	0.00	0.00
PST Paid	4.80	0.00	0.00
Administration	1,609.84	0.00	421.31
Postage	0	31.04	0.00
Directed Donations			184.30
Loan Payments	-	-	500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,646.67</b>	<b>31.04</b>	<b>1105.61</b>
<b>EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(331.94)</b>	<b>576.16</b>	<b>572.75</b>

### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT May 31st 2009**

#### **Assets**

Cash \$1316.66

Total Assets \$1316.66

#### **Liabilities**

Retained Earnings/Equity \$1316.66

Total Liabilities \$0.00

# *Board of Directors*

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