

OPACC HOSPITAL PARKING PROGRAM

ABOUT OPACC



Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer (OPACC) is a charity originally founded "by parents, for parents" in 1995. We support the families of children with cancer throughout Ontario by providing in-hospital support at SickKids, community-based support, and leadership in advocacy issues of importance to childhood cancer families. To learn more about OPACC, please visit our website at www.opacc.org

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF CHILDHOOD CANCER



- About 1/4 of families of children being treated for cancer lost more than 40 percent of their total household income, while 1/3 experienced housing, energy or food insecurity within 6 months of diagnosis.
- Families of children with cancer incur an average of more than \$28,000 in costs in the first 3 months following a child's diagnosis.
- Over 80% of families' total cost of illness was associated with family members (especially mothers) forgoing their employment and other unpaid activities to provide care; over 50% of mothers reported relinquishing their employment.

HOSPITAL PARKING



- OPACC has been advocating for reduced hospital parking rates for years. We understand the impact that the high cost of hospital parking has on families of children with cancer.
- The OPACC Hospital Parking Program seeks to relieve some of that financial burden by reimbursing families the cost of a 5-use H-Pass (or equivalent) at any pediatric oncology treatment centre or satellite in Ontario.
- These passes offer a reduced parking rate for parents.

CHALLENGES

Due to our current limited budget for this program, we have to set the following limitations:

- Limited to newly diagnosed families or those with children currently in treatment
- Limited to one pass per year (vs. as often as needed)
- Limited to 5-use passes only (vs. 10 or 30 use passes, or monthly passes)

Having more funds available would allow us to reach more families in need!

SOLUTIONS

Become an OPACC Hospital Parking Program sponsor! Here are some examples of how different donation levels can help (based on 5-Use/Day passes):

- \$500 = 10 families
- \$1,000 = 20 families
- \$2,000 = 40 families
- \$5,000 = 100 families
- \$10,000 = 200 families

Donor Recognition: OPACC represents families from across the Province and therefore we have a broad reach. We would recognize major funding partnerships through a variety of channels.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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