



Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer

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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 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 2010

September 2010 and our third Annual General Meeting, how time has both flown by and stood still, flown by as it seems like only yesterday we were filling out the application for our charitable status and stood still as things have taken so long for anything to happen at Sick Kids. And it's finally started happening!

It's so nice to finally have a presence at Sick Kids. Making inroads and connecting with as many parents as we can will only help to make OPACC stronger. Susan is such a good ambassador for OPACC and has the experience from past volunteer activities as a Parent Advocate to serve our families. Having a Parent as an integral part of the team is so important to treating not only the child's disease but in treating the family as well.

It is somewhat encouraging to hear there's a second Parent Advocate position in British Columbia; encouraging as the medical community is beginning to see the need for Parent Advocacy yet discouraging as it has taken OPACC quite some time to get our foot in the door. Again, encouraging because things are happening!

The scheduled meeting after the AGM will be facilitated. I look forward to this process as OPACC must look forward by looking back to see what we've done well and realize our shortcomings. We'll examine our needs and prioritize them developing Action plans for each with set timelines. I'm sure when we look at the organization we'll realize our biggest need is to build capacity. I believe, because of Susan's work for our families at Sick Kids, more families will want to start becoming involved, our growth can only come from within, Parents helping Parents.

I look forward to this meeting and look forward to the year ahead and making positive progress at Sick Kids.

Always
Hannah's Dad
Dave Munro

Treasurer's Report - Fiscal 2009/2010

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL 2009/2010 (Un-audited)

Year End May 31/10

Report prepared by James Thomson (Treasurer)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal 2009/2010 (June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010)

Year End May 31, 2010

REVENUES	May 31st 2009	May 31st 2010
Grants	-	10,159.00
Donations	1,607.66	1,524.77
GST Rebate	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	0.70	0.43
Total Income	1,678.36	11,684.20
 EXPENSES		
Bank Services Charges	0.00	0.00
GST Paid	0.00	0.00
PST Paid	0.00	0.00
Administration	421.31	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00
Directed Donations	184.30	0.00
Loan Payments	500.00	0.00
Program Expense	0.00	1268.49
Total Expenses	1,105.61	1,268.49

**EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER
EXPENDITURES**

572.75

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

May 31st 2010

Assets

Cash \$11,732.37

Total Assets \$11,732.37

Liabilities

Retained Earnings/Equity \$11,732.37

Total Liabilities \$0.00

Board of Directors

David Munro, President and Chair
James Thomson, Treasurer
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