



Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer

*2020  
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 or teen diagnosed with cancer. We have been a Registered Charity since 2006 under charity number 846324168RR0001.

OPACC supports families through our in-hospital Parent Liaison Program currently running at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga; through the establishment of community-based parent support groups throughout Ontario; and through important advocacy efforts at the local, Provincial, and national level. Learn more at [www.opacc.org](http://www.opacc.org)

## *Mission and Goals*

OPACC's Mission Statement:  
*OPACC will be the leading voice and expert resource for families and organizations navigating the childhood cancer journey*

Our 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

# *Chair's Report 2020*

Welcome and thank you for joining our 2020 OPACC Annual General Meeting!

This year marks 25 years of OPACC supporting childhood cancer families in Ontario. We were founded in 1995 on the principle of parents supporting parents, and that has not changed. Our unique Parent Liaison program is still the only one of its kind in Ontario, offering dedicated, in-hospital, peer-to-peer support to parents of children diagnosed with cancer in this Province. We remain committed to supporting and empowering families.

This year, OPACC along with the entire world has encountered many challenges due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. We have faced reduced donations and had to cut staff hours. Our major fundraising event of the year, the OPACC Hearts of Gala, has had to be postponed until next year. This, on top of an already difficult financial position due to greatly reduced anticipated funding levels from a major granting partner.

While the road ahead is certainly daunting, we are prepared to rise up to the challenge. Already, we have secured some funding from generous organizations, companies, and groups that have allowed us to stay afloat. We started a Matching Campaign thanks to the generosity of Lainie's Angels. We are planning a virtual Gala this year instead of the traditional in-person event. We have partnered with community groups and organizations like Barrie's Live Music Show to raise much-needed funds and awareness. We continue to seek further sources of funding to ensure OPACC's sustainability this year and beyond, as well as to reach our goal of expanding our Parent Liaison program to other hospitals.

Childhood cancer does not stop because of the pandemic, and neither has our work supporting families. Our Parent Liaisons, while not currently able to be physically present at the hospitals, are still providing virtual support. We are still reimbursing for hospital parking costs and distributing gift cards to families in need. Through our parent support groups, we are able to support local families in their respective communities.

There are still many unknowns at this time as our whole world is in a state of flux. However, one thing that has not changed is that we remain as committed as ever to supporting our families, and we look forward to working alongside our Board, staff, and funding partners to drive our important work forward.

Thank you,

Lisa Skinner  
Interim Board Chair  
OPACC

# *Treasurer's Report - Fiscal 2019/2020*

**TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL 2019/2020 (Un-audited)**  
**Year End May 31/20**

**Report prepared by Sarai Porretta (Administrator)**

## **STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

**Fiscal 2019/2020 (June 1/19 – May 31/20)**

**Year End May 31, 2020**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019</b>	<b>May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020</b>
Grants	125,000.00	27,599.75
Donations	73,490.55	48,885.34
GST Rebate	4,969.62	4,991.69
Payroll Recoveries	0.00	5,262.03
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>203,460.17</b>	<b>86,738.81</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries	110,806.97	96,929.77
Bank Services Charges	0.00	65.50
GST/HST Paid	7,162.46	6,518.91
Travel/Transportation	2,921.87	1,552.01
Program Expense	40,009.46	30,942.82
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>160,900.76</b>	<b>139,009.01</b>
<b>EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>42,559.41</b>	<b>(52,270.20)</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT**

**May 31, 2020**

**Assets**

Cash	\$78,543.14
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Total Assets	\$78,543.14
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**Liabilities**

Retained Earnings/Equity	\$33,787.39
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Internally Restricted (MDS)	\$44,755.75
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Current Liabilities	\$0.00
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Total Liabilities	\$78,543.14
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# *Board of Directors*

Helen Robertson, Interim Chair

Stathi Afendoulis, Secretary

Denitha Breau, Treasurer

Lisa Skinner, Director

Anna Lopes, Director

Sunny Hayer, Director

Zeshan Khan, Director

Dr. Nicholas Blanchette, Director

Dr. Anne Klassen, Director

Michaela McLean, Director

Korin Visca, Director

Emily Hammond, Director

## *Staff (non-voting)*

Susan Kuczynski, Lead Parent Liaison

Michelle Da Costa, Parent Liaison

Karen Szukalo, Parent Liaison

Sarai Porretta, Administrator

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