

# ANNUAL REPORT



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# 01.

## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*We are extremely proud to present our very first annual report—one of many exciting firsts for our organization!*

*The Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation is fortunate to be supported by many individuals across the country and beyond who give their time, energy, and goodwill to advance our mission. We would like to acknowledge and celebrate them, as they are truly the pillars of our Foundation! We also wish to recognize the members of our Boards and committees who have worked tirelessly over the past two years to strengthen our Foundation. Our thanks also go to our Ambassadors, who serve as our eyes and ears in their respective regions. We take this opportunity as well to express our gratitude to the volunteers who helped put this report together.*

*Over the past few years, we have faced many challenges due to staff departures and the restructuring of Optimist International. Like many organizations, our Boards met remotely throughout this period. It is thanks to their dedication and commitment that we were able to hold productive and meaningful meetings and oversee the recruitment of our new Executive Director in July 2022. We are grateful to André Michelet-Figueroa, who has led the transformation of our operations and helped usher in the next phase of our Foundation's growth. As you will see in this report, our incredible team of staff and volunteers—both at headquarters and in the field—has worked hard to strengthen and solidify our organization so we can continue investing in our youth.*

*We also wish to sincerely thank all our donors who, like us, believe in our mission and the positive impact we have on Canadian youth!*



Dianne Josling  
Présidente 2021-2022



Ann Richer Doyle  
Présidente 2022-2023



Tim Bell  
Président 2023-2024



André Michelet-Figueroa  
Directeur exécutif





# 02.

## INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW



## Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

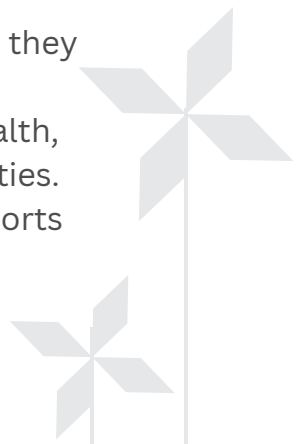
The Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation (CCOF) is a registered non-profit organization headquartered in Montreal, Canada. With a network of more than 500 clubs and over 10,000 members across the country. CCOF is dedicated to supporting various initiatives that serve Canadian youth, shaping our common future. The foundation actively promotes programs such as scholarship contests, Junior Optimist International Clubs, and the Outsourcing Program. Through these efforts, CCOF empowers young minds, fosters community well-being, and embodies the spirit of optimism.

## Mission

**The mission of Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation is to invest today for the future of our youth by seeking and managing funds through collaboration with Canadian Optimist Clubs and their communities, by supporting Clubs to create opportunities that will enhance quality of life, improve health and wellness and inspire our youth.**

## Collaboration with Optimist Clubs & Supporting Activities

- CCOF collaborates closely with Optimist Clubs across Canada. Together, they work to create opportunities that enhance the quality of life for youth.
- These collaborative efforts extend to promoting mental and physical health, raising awareness about healthy lifestyles, and inspiring entire communities.
- Through various programs, scholarships, and grants, CCOF actively supports initiatives that serve Canadian youth.





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## PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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## PROGRAM'S IMPACT

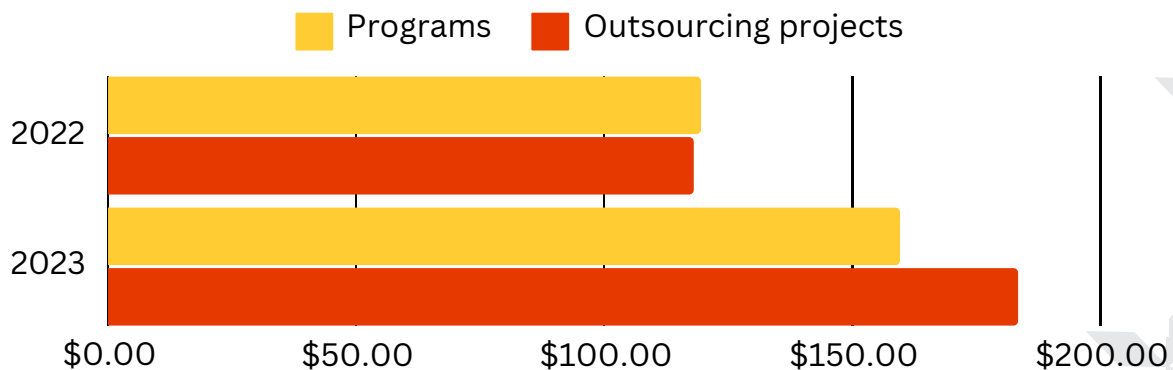
At CCOF, we sponsor various programs and initiatives aimed at supporting Canadian youth. All monies raised remain in Canada and are distributed for purposes of funding, including OI Scholarships, Youth Club (JOI), OI Programs and Activities.

In terms of the programs and initiatives paid during fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the outsourcing programs (which are restricted donations) and scholarships stand out as the most prominent aspects of our operation. The following information provides a depiction of our impact and effectiveness, illustrating the transformative power of the donations.

Programs	2022	2023
Scholarships	\$105,500.00	\$122,196.00
Spread Relief	\$8,500.00	\$12,100.00
Club Grant -President Incentive	\$5,500.00	\$5,800.00
JOI Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$19,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$119,500.00</b>	<b>\$159,596.00</b>

<b>Outsourcing Projects</b>	<b>\$ 118,004.00</b>	<b>\$ 183,369.00</b>
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\*The scholarship values are based on fiscal years, covering the period from October 1st to September 30th





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## Scholarships

Education is key to societal transformation, which is why the foundation is committed to its scholarship programs, enabling young people to access excellent opportunities for personal development and a brighter future.



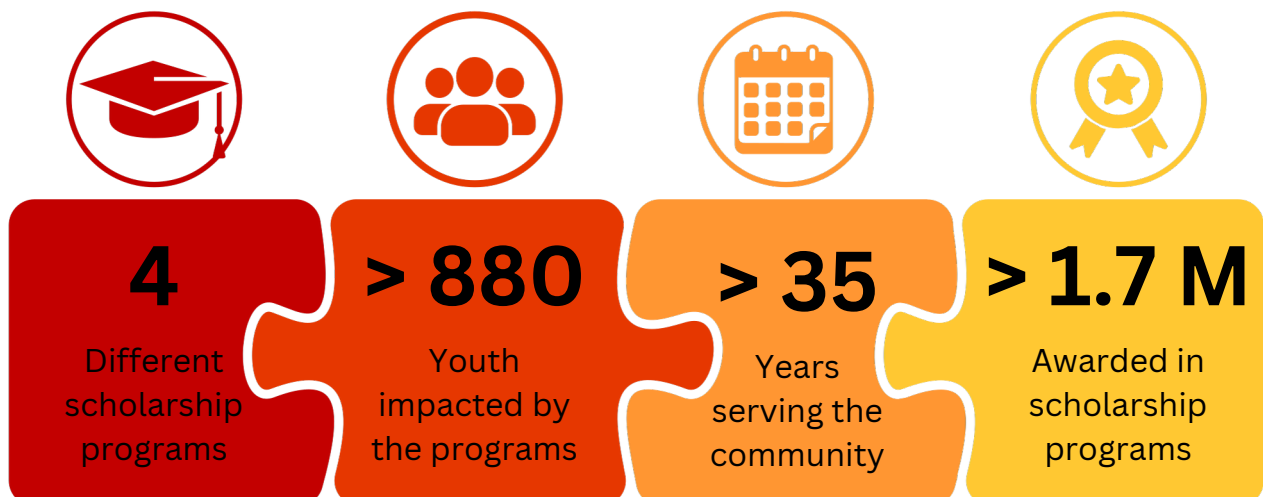
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## SCHOLARSHIPS

At CCOF, we fund three Optimist International scholarship contests – the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), the Essay Contest, and the Oratorical Contest. Oratorical contests are conducted at the following levels:

- Club
- District
- Regional
- World Championship

Your contributions enable us to empower students from diverse backgrounds to pursue their educational aspirations, creating a brighter future for themselves and their communities. In addition to these contests, the Foundation offers a scholarship program called the Donald MacDonald Optimist Bursary Award, in which students from Oakville are awarded a 2000\$ scholarship.



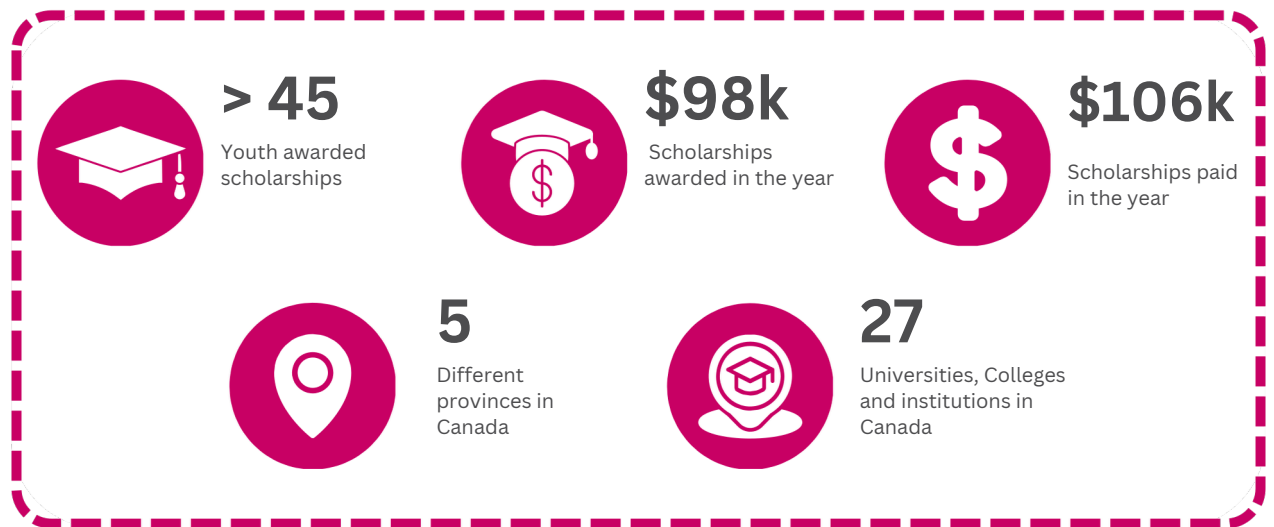
Since 1989, the foundation has awarded over \$1.7 million across its various scholarship programs, benefiting nearly 880 youth in Canada. This highlights our commitment to shaping the country's future leaders and promoting accessibility to higher education as part of our community engagement in Canada.



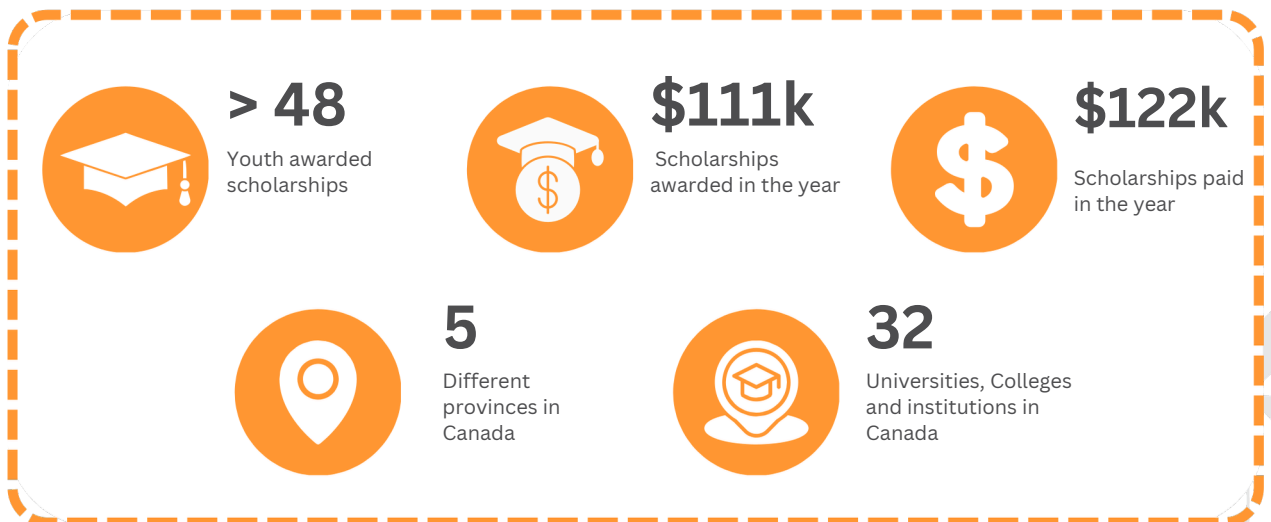
## Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

Between years 2022 and 2023, the foundation saw a 14% increase in incentives awarded by young people, rising from around \$97,500 CAD to \$111,000 CAD, which reflects the foundation's unwavering commitment and effective management in the recent years.

2022



2023



The previous information summarizes the impact of our scholarship programs and our intention to continue empowering Canadian youth through education and opportunity.

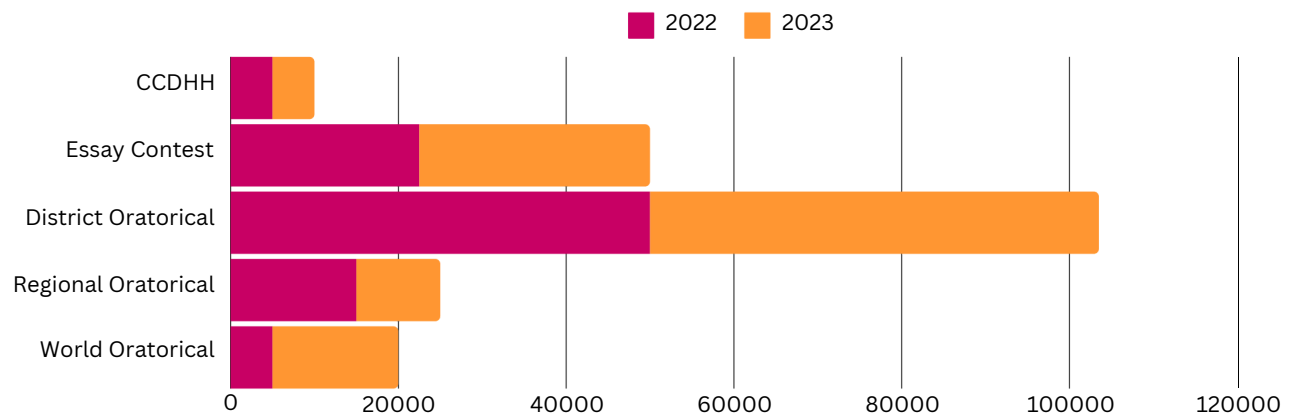




## Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

Regarding the total amount of scholarships awarded through the contest programs, the following are the variations that occurred between the years 2022 and 2023.

Contest	2022	2023
Communication Contest Hearing (CCDHH)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Essay Contest Oratorical Contest	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 27,500.00
Regional Oratorical Contest World	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 53,500.00
Oratorical Contest Grand Total	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 111,000.00



In total, during the years 2022 and 2023, \$208,500 CAD were awarded in scholarships through the CCDHH, Essay Contest, and Oratorical Contest across their levels (District, Regional, and World). Among the most notable variations is a 7% increase in the total amounts won at the district level, a 200% increase at the global level, and 22% regarding the Essay Contest, contrasting with a 33% reduction at the regional level.



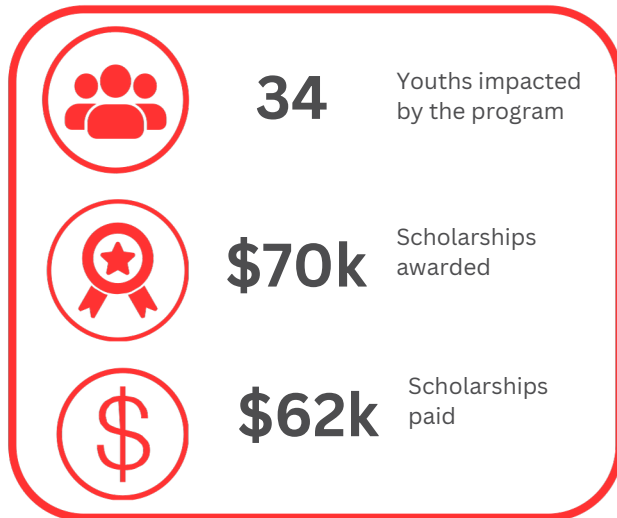
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## Oratorical Contest

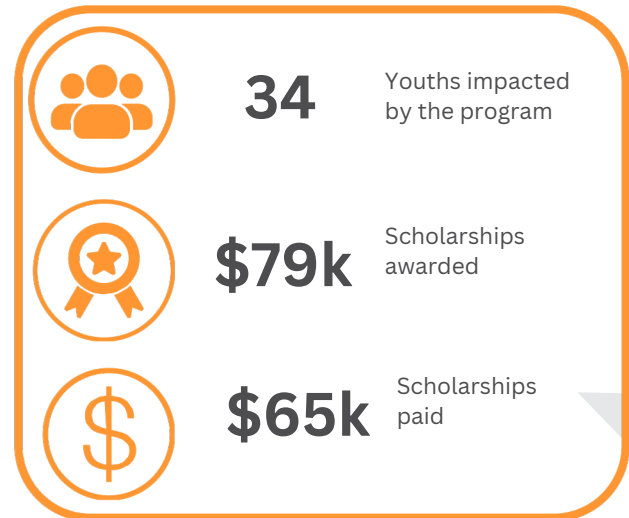


The contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship. We give youngsters the chance to speak to the world. The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent, including CEGEP students in Québec, Canada. There is no minimum age. Each winner of the District level contest will receive a scholarship for use at a college, university or trade school only. There will be three winners awarded scholarships of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively for first, second and third place. District winners qualify to compete for the regional contests, and the World Oratorical Championship.

### 2022



### 2023

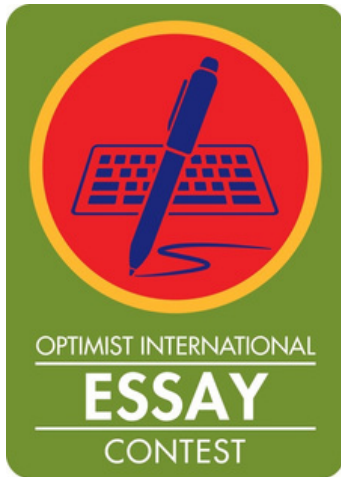


From 2022 to 2023, the scholarships awarded under the Oratorical Contest program at its various levels saw a 12% increase. On the other hand, in terms of the scholarships disbursed, there was a 4% increase between fiscal year 2022 and 2023, reflecting our foundation's commitment to enhancing our management and continuing to impact many youths in the country.



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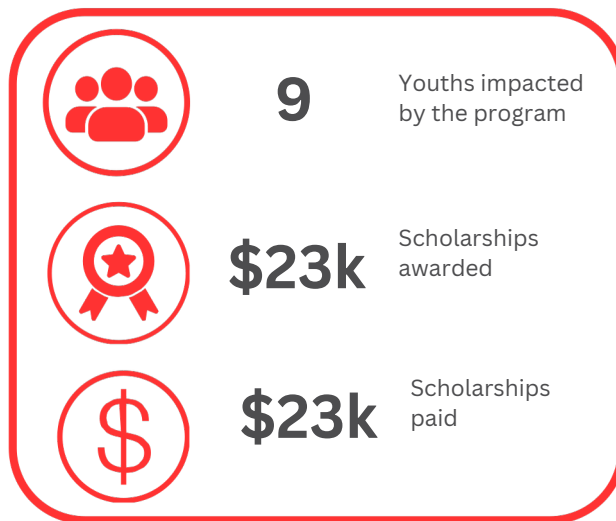
## Essay Contest



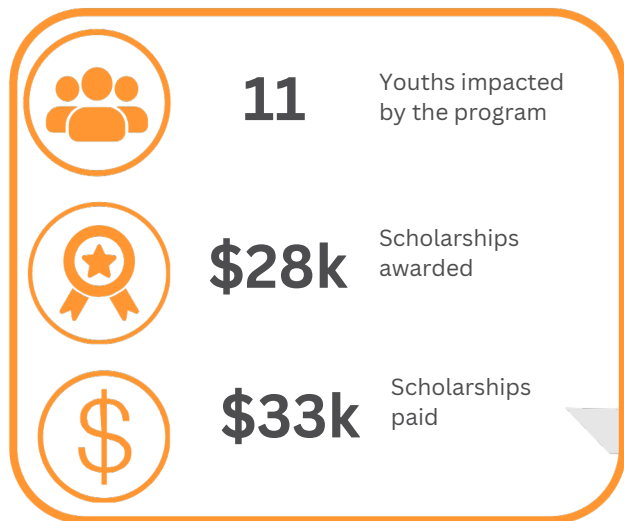
Through this Contest, we offer young people a platform to express their perspectives on global issues. Thanks to your contributions, participants have the chance to secure post-secondary scholarships. Annually, we award up to twelve scholarships of \$2,500 each to deserving Canadian students.

Your contributions not only fund these scholarships but also enable us to empower young individuals, providing them with the resources they need to make meaningful contributions. We appreciate all donors' support and invite new partners to cultivate the growth and success of the next generation through our scholarship initiatives.

### 2022



### 2023



From 2022 to 2023, the scholarships awarded under the Essay Contest program saw a 22% increase. On the other hand, in terms of the scholarships disbursed, there was a 48% increase between fiscal year 2022 and 2023, reflecting our interest to empower young individuals and make them achieve their goals.



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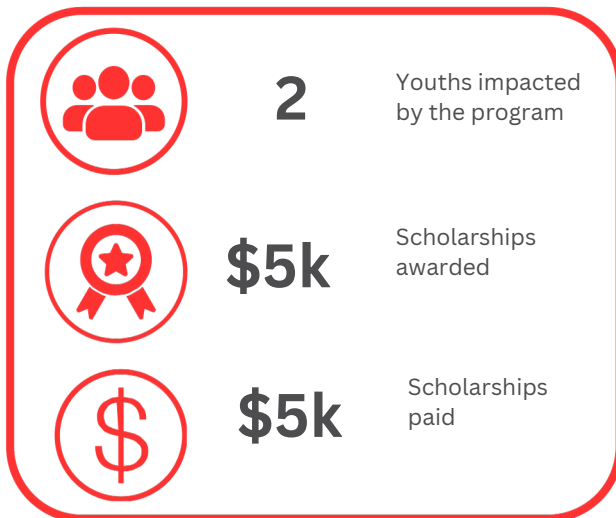
## Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)



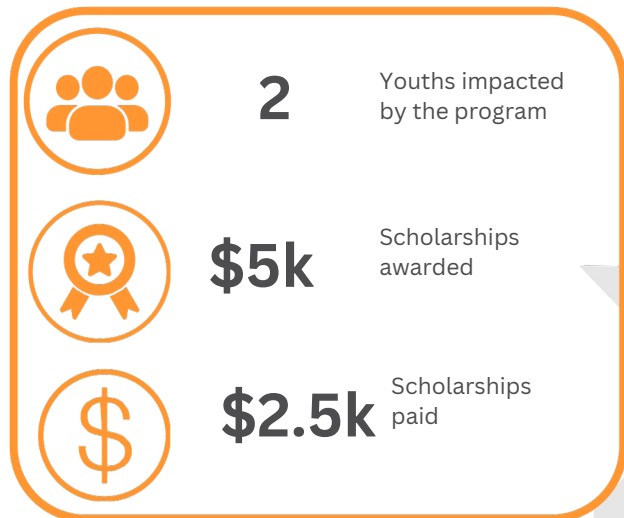
As the CCOF, we are proud to offer a platform for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to express their thoughts within their communities. Each district winner of this contest receives a \$2,500 scholarship, empowering hearing-impaired youth to pursue their educational dreams.

Through these scholarship programs, we not only provide financial support but also empower young people to pursue higher education, develop critical thinking skills, and become leaders in their communities. We are committed to investing in the future of our youth.

### 2022



### 2023



# Donald MacDonald Bursary Award

Oakville Donald MacDonald scholarships are awarded annually to Oakville students who are Oakville residents going on to post-secondary education in the next school year with a major in academics, theatre, arts, sports or trades.

The program offers ten scholarships to students who have demonstrated their commitment by volunteering within their community and school, while at the same time striving to achieve their best academically. Each student received a \$2,000 bursary for their post-secondary education and a certificate.

## 2022



**10**

Youths impacted by the program



**\$20k**

Scholarships awarded



**\$16k**

Scholarships paid

## 2023



**10**

Youths impacted by the program



**\$20k**

Scholarships awarded



**\$22k**

Scholarships paid



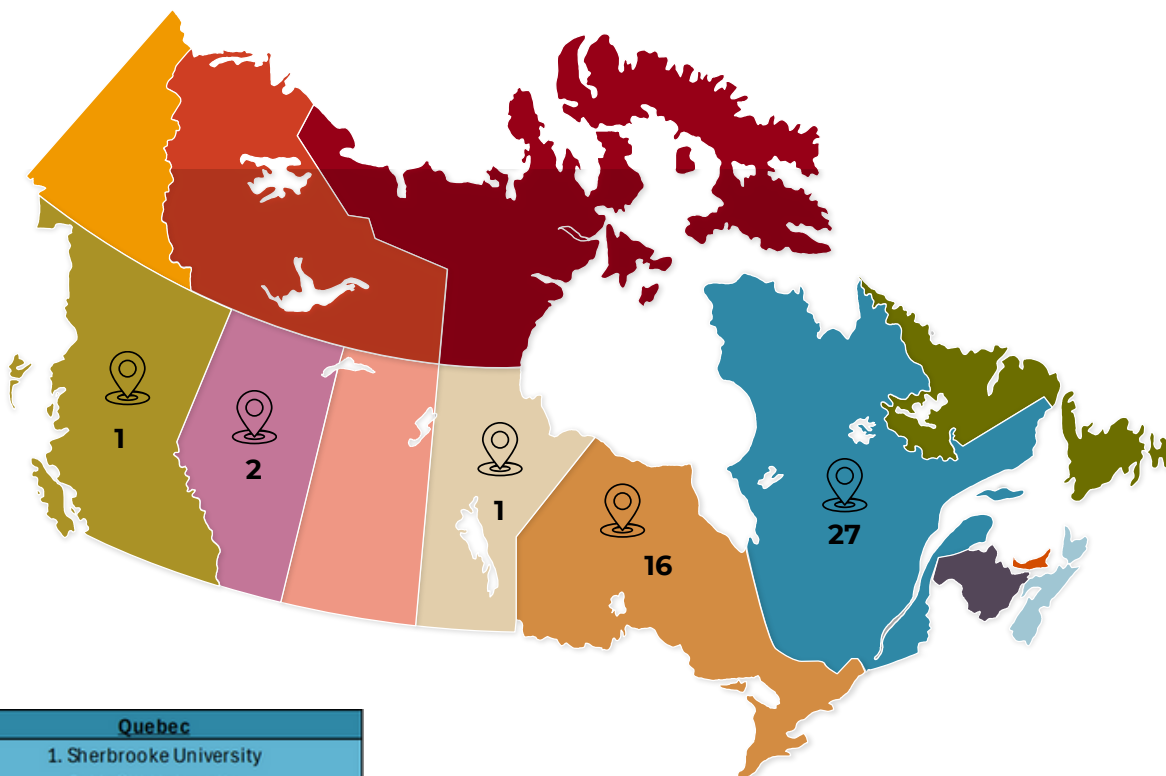
We are proud to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of the youth in Oakville and their impact on the community as leaders and agents of change.

To the left are some images of the participants and winners of the scholarship in its 2021-2022 edition.



## Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

The following is the list of colleges, institutes, and universities across Canada for which scholarships were provided thanks to the contributions of our donors from 2022 to 2023.



Quebec
1. Sherbrooke University
2. McGill University
3. Montréal University
4. University of Quebec in Montreal
5. Concordia University
6. Laval University
7. Polytechnique Montréal
8. Conservatoire d'art dramatique de Québec
9. CEGEP Garneau
10. CEGEP Beauce-Appalaches
11. CEGEP de Trois Rivières
12. CEGEP Limoilou
13. CEGEP Jonquière
14. CEGEP de Granby
15. Marianopolis College
16. CEGEP Champlain St-Lawrence
17. King's University College
18. Collège Lasalle
19. Collège d'Alma
21. CEGEP de l'outaouais
22. CEGEP de Rimouski
23. CEGEP de Sainte Foy
24. CEGEP Valleyfield
25. CEGEP Matane
26. Champlain-Lennoxville College
27. Ahunistic College

Ontario
1. McMaster University
2. University of Waterloo
3. York University
4. Queen's University
5. Redeemer University
6. McMaster University
7. Brock University
8. Tyndale University
9. University of Toronto
10. Carleton University
11. Western University
12. Ottawa University
13. Guelph University
14. Wilfrid Laurier University
15. Stanford Int. Col. of Business & Tech.
16. La Cité College



Manitoba
1. University of Manitoba

British Columbia
1. University of British Columbia
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Alberta
1. University of Calgary
2. Northern Alberta Institute of Technology





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## Programs

Sarah-Claude Simard is the winner of the World Oratorical Championship 2024, one of the many programs Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation (CCOF) offers to achieve its mission.





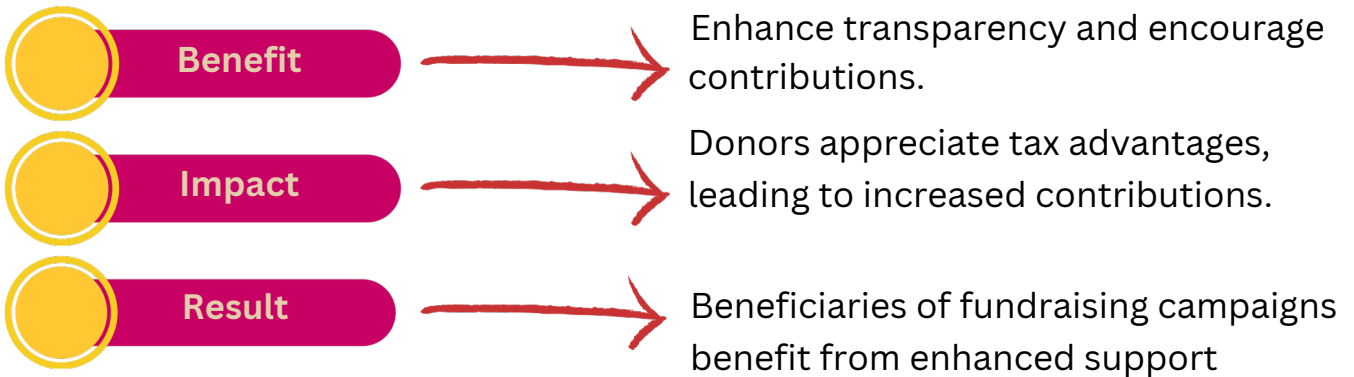


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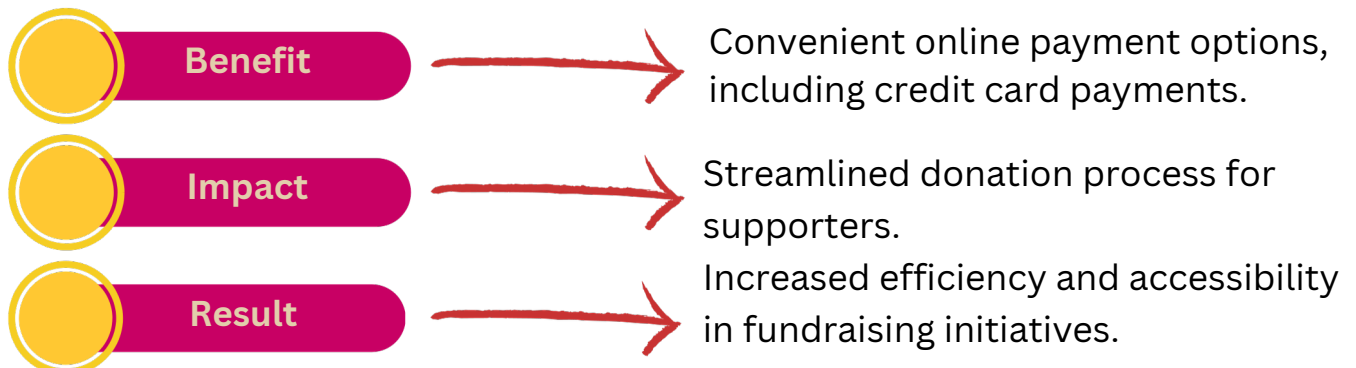
## OUTSOURCING PROGRAM

The Outsourcing Program is to help Canadian Optimist Clubs optimize their fundraising efforts of their charitable activities by providing charitable tax receipts to your donors and by using CCOF resources.

### Objective 1: Charitable Tax Receipts



### Objective 2: Streamlined Payment Methods



# Our Current Outsourcing Projects



**CCOF GIFT FUNDS CANADA** Support to the Bridgen Public School will aim to assist with the addition of a play area in the school yard for the younger children and to provide some sports equipment for the older children.

**CCOF 173-32180 CCDHH Provincial Contest – Burnaby**  
Fund two scholarships for the winners of the CCDHH contests valued \$1250 each.

**CCOF 190 CENON Scholarships**



**CCOF 201-45013 Tillsonburg Splash Pad**  
Build a splash pad within the town of Tillsonburg.

**CCOF 229-55629 Réalise ton rêve** Pay registrations fees to sports, cultural or personal growth activities for kids from 4-16, from low-income families and who couldn't attend these activities they dream to attend.



**CCOF 237-45178 Riverside OC**



# Our Current Outsourcing Projects



## **CCOF 258-45005 Aylmer Catfish Derby**

Annual event that brings together parents and children under the age of 16 to enjoy the sport of fishing.

## **CCOF 259-45005 Aylmer - Aylmer Optimist Christmas Toys 2024**

Collect, sort, pack and distribute Christmas toys for children of limited means families.

## **CCOF 260-46161 Petersburg - Park Improvement / Playground**

Playground improvement and permanent benches for people to watch their children.



## **CCOF 263-13024 Dinner O.C. Calgary - Brave Education for trafficking prevention**

Ensure that every child in Canada has access to empowering and age-appropriate sex trafficking prevention education.

## **CCOF 266-46023 Brussels O.C. - Bike Rodeo and Safety**

Promoting and encouraging the educational development and growth of our local youth through the dissemination of proper bike safety techniques, training seminars and observance of bicycle specific laws.



## **CCOF 267-46262 Westvale-Waterloo O.C. - Creation of JOI Club of Waterloo**

To provide the 1st year registration fees, charter fee, dues, banners, t-shirts and to cover any other fees associated with the chartering of this new JOI club.

# Our Current Outsourcing Projects



M.I.friends

## **CCOF 268-47046 OC Collingwood High School Bursary Program**

Teach and inspire the community that inspire academic excellence with one recipient from each of our three area high schools to assist students with tuition costs to their ongoing education.

## **CCOF 271-49616 OC Carlsbad Springs - Project Malik**

The goal of the project is to support young Malik Bissonnette in his Duchesne disease (derived from multiple sclerosis) as his condition deteriorates and requires changes in his environment.

## **CCOF 272-49909 C.O. Vanier - CHEO Programmes de soutien en santé mentale**

Raise funds from members to help develop and involve programs to support children adolescents, oncology patients, who are affected by mental health problems at CHEO

## **CCOF 273-45009 Kids Mental Health Optimist Club of Canada -KMHOCC Annual Fund**

The proceeds are donated to groups that are running programs benefiting elementary school children struggling with mental health challenges and raise awareness of kids' mental health issues within the community.

## **CCOF 274-45009 MI Friends**

The goal is to distribute 950 MI Friends programs across Southwestern Ontario.

# Outsourcing Projects 2022

- CCOF 98/45021 GIFT FUNDS CANADA
- CCOF 173-32180 CCDHH Provincial Contest - Burnaby
- CCOF 189 Oakville Scholarships
- CCOF 190 CENON Scholarships
- CCOF 192-45000 Generation XX Renovation & Expansion
- CCOF 201-45013 Tillsonburg Splash Pad
- CCOF 221-52654 Camp récompenses
- CCOF 229-55629 Réalise ton rêve
- CCOF 237-45178 Riverside OC
- CCOF 245-45009 KMHOC - Development of mental health resources to help families at home
- CCOF 246-45005 Aylmer - Oliver's Ride
- CCOF 247-45005 Aylmer - Aylmer Optimist Christmas Toys 2021
- CCOF 248-45190 St-Thomas - Upgrades at Optimist Park
- CCOF 249-13069 High Noon Regina - Annual Variety Show
- CCOF 250-45027 Rainbow Club - Creating safer spaces for LGBT2Q + rural youth (Designated)
- CCOF 251-13024 Dinner O.C. Calgary-BRAVE Education for trafficking prevention
- CCOF 252-49909 Vanier - CHEO Programmes de soutien en santé mentale (patients en oncologie)
- CCOF 254-45009 Kids Mental Health Optimist Club of Canada - KMHOC Annual Fund
- CCOF 256-45027 Rainbow Club - Elgin County Pride
- CCOF 257-45027 Rainbow Club - Creating safer spaces for LGBT2Q+ Rural Youth
- CCOF 260-46161 Petersburg - Park Improvement/Playground
- CCOF 261-45027 Rainbow Club - Movie night
- CCOF 262-46006 Bryanston - Birr Ukrainian Family





# Outsourcing Projects 2023

- CCOF 98/45021 GIFT FUNDS CANADA
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- CCOF 268-47046 OC Collingwood High School Bursary Program
- CCOF 269-47046 OC Collingwood Therapeutic Riding Program
- CCOF 270-45027 Rainbow Club -Elgin County Pride 2023
- CCOF 271-49616 OC Carlsbad Springs - Project Malik



# CLUB GRANTS - PRESIDENT INCENTIVE

The CCOF Club Grant Program provides financial support to Optimist Clubs across Canada for their community-driven initiatives.

Program Details		
Grant amount	Objective	Focus areas
Up to \$1,000	Support community projects benefiting Canadian children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education</li><li>• Social well-being</li><li>• Artistic development</li><li>• Relief of poverty</li></ul>

Impact	
Benefit to youth	Fostering education, social skills, artistic talents, and physical fitness among Canadian children.
Addressing Challenges	Tackling socio-economic challenges faced by Canadian youth.
Contribution to society	Enhancing the overall welfare of society by investing in the future generation.

## 2022

Four clubs collectively received \$5,500 in funding.

## 2023

Four clubs have received a total of \$5,800 in funding.

The CCOF Club Grant Program and President Incentive Program play a crucial role in empowering Optimist Clubs to make a positive impact on the lives of Canadian children and contribute to the betterment of society as a whole.



# SPREAD RELIEF



The Spread Relief Program provides vital support to community-based projects across Canada, benefiting Canadian children facing health issues and emotional struggles.

Program Details		
Grant amount	Objective	Focus areas
Up to \$3,000	Assist children dealing with medical treatments, managing effects, and coping with grief.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health Challenges</li><li>• Emotional Struggles</li><li>• Grief Support</li></ul>
Impact		
<b>Benefit to Children</b>	Providing essential support during health challenges and emotional struggles.	
<b>Assistance to Families</b>	Alleviating financial burdens and offering resources for coping and healing.	
<b>Community Support</b>	Strengthening community resilience and fostering empathy and compassion.	

## 2022

Three projects received a combined total funding of \$8,500.

## 2023

Five projects collectively secured \$12,100 in funding.

The Spread Relief Program plays a critical role in supporting Canadian children and families during challenging times, promoting well-being, and building stronger communities.



# 04.

## ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPROVEMENTS



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## Achievements

At CCOF, we are immensely proud of our financial sustainability model, which allows us to fully cover our administrative expenses using the annual interest income generated by the foundation's investments. This strategic approach ensures that every dollar donated to our cause goes directly towards supporting young Canadians. By responsibly managing our resources, we uphold our commitment to financial transparency and efficiency, thereby maximizing the impact of our philanthropic efforts. This dedication not only reflects our social responsibility but also underscores our unwavering commitment to nurturing the intellectual and personal growth of future generations.

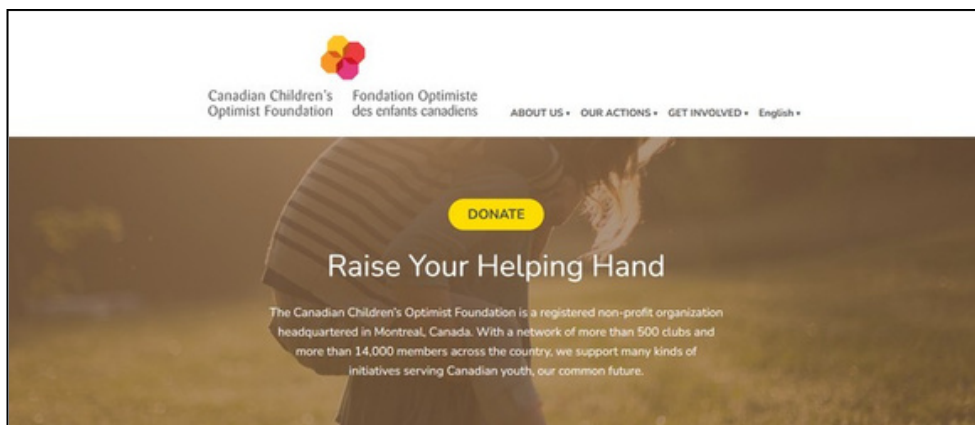
## Operational improvements



### A NEW BILINGUAL WEBSITE :

**[optimistfoundation.ca](https://optimistfoundation.ca) & [fondationoptimiste.ca](https://fondationoptimiste.ca)**

Since July 2022 the former website of CCOF ([ccof-foec.org](https://ccof-foec.org)) progressively migrated to [optimistfoundation.ca](https://optimistfoundation.ca). All of these domain names lead to our final website here after. This website has many new features:





### Project-Specific Donation Sites

Integrated classification and promotion of donations.



### Directory

Connect with board members and District Foundation Representatives.



### Dedicated donations webpages

In order to answer the needs of all Optimist members and outsourcing project contributors, a donation webpage exist for each District, and for each project. Otherwise, just donate through the homepage!



### Automatic online tax receipt

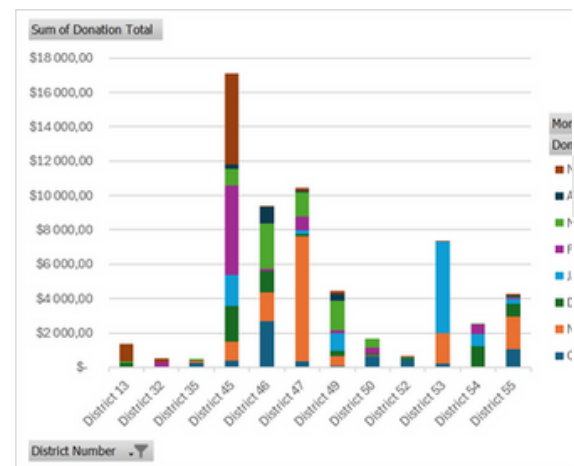
When you make online donations using a credit card, an automatic tax receipt is promptly issued and sent to your email. Additionally, if you prefer to donate by sending a cheque, that option is also available. Keep in mind that when made by cheque or cash, it may take several weeks for the receipt to be processed and sent out.



## NEW MONTHLY REPORTS

While CCOF used to publish and share monthly reports to its District Foundation Representatives before 2020, this good habit came back in 2022 and 2023.

Those reports are adapted to the law 25. Currently sent to DFRs, they will eventually be disclosed in a periodic newsletter to all Optimist members maintaining transparency with its stakeholders.





## NEWSLETTERS TO KEEP UPDATED

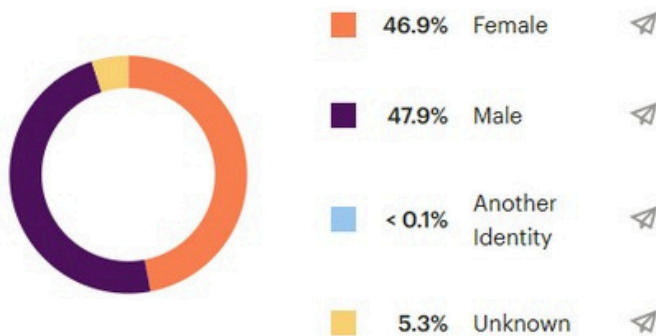
CCOF is now able to publish its own newsletter for its members by migrating its historical database and integrating it to the website through MailChimp.

This enhancement allows CCOF to efficiently communicate with its community, share updates, and foster engagement.

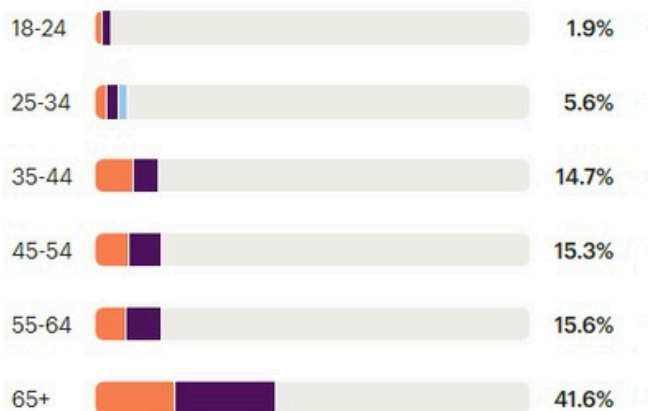
## CCOF donors' profile

CCOF cumulate contributions from over 10,000 distinct donors. Among these, 7,432 have provided their email addresses. The demographic profile of these donors, categorized by age and gender, would offer valuable insights into the donor community, aiding in tailored communication and fundraising strategies.

Gender



Age Range



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### A message from your DFR

District Foundation Representatives are all CCOF's volunteers

#### Dear Optimist member,

*My Name is Denise Nacev. I officially became an Optimist in 1988 when I was a charter member of the Octagon Club of Moore. Unofficially, I have been an Optimist since I was 8 when my father joined his local Optimist Club. I am currently a member of the Optimist Club of Burlington, the AWE-SUN/1 Optimist Club and and International Centennial Optimist Club. I am a past Distinguished Governor (2015-2019).*

#### Denise Nacev

CCOF's Board Member  
Past Distinguished Governor, Central Ontario Optimist District  
Past President, Optimist Club of Burlington  
President, International Centennial Optimist Club  
Special Olympics Burlington Coach and Council Member

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Don't forget to apply for the  
Spread Relief Program (up to  
3000\$) while you can!

[SPREAD RELIEF PROGRAM](#)

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The Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation is a vital supporter of our Optimist Clubs. We provide the scholarship money for the Oratorical, Essay and CCOF-H contests. We support Junior Optimist International and all clubs with our grant programs. This year my emphasis is on the Dime a Day Program. A special pin has been created to celebrate 35 years since the Canadian Foundation officially became an independent entity from the Optimist International Foundation. All money raised stays in Canada! I hope you will purchase one of these pins for \$36.50. You can do this online or directly to me.

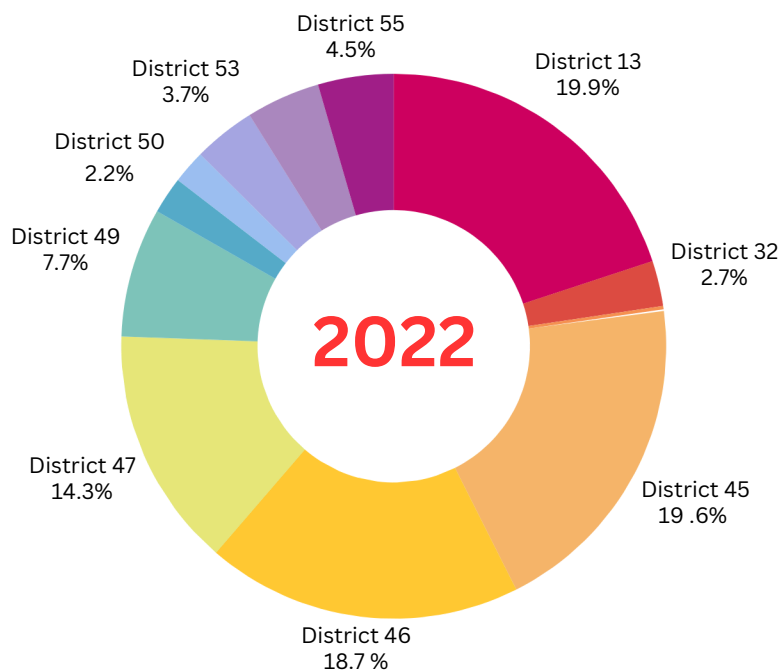


# Donations By District

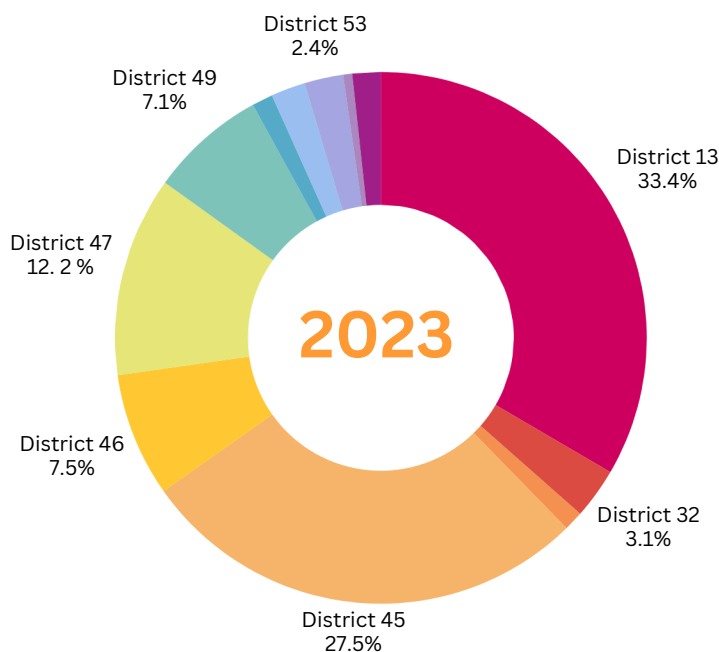
In 2023, several districts demonstrated remarkable growth in donations:

- District 13 surged from 20% to an impressive 34%.
- District 45 maintained a strong 20% contribution, showcasing consistent support.

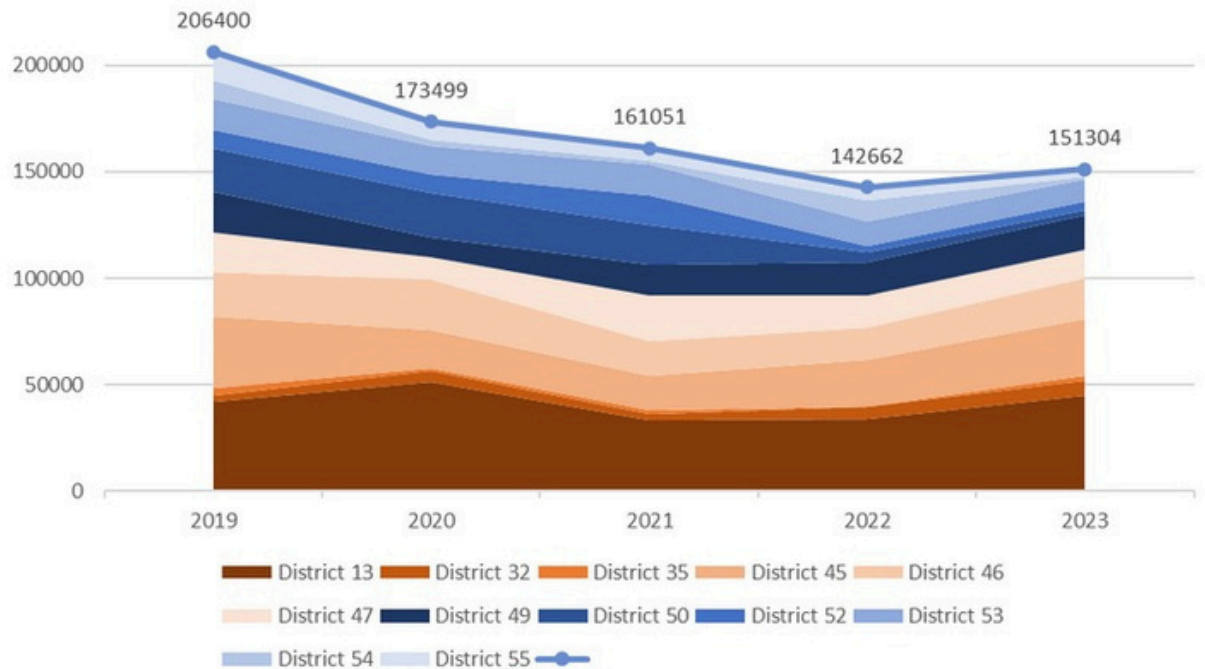
These upward trends reflect the community's commitment to our cause. Kudos to all donors and volunteers!



	2023	2022
District 13	34%	20%
District 32	3%	3%
District 35	1%	0%
District 45	20%	20%
District 46	8%	19%
District 47	13%	14%
District 49	8%	8%
District 50	1%	2%
District 52	2%	2%
District 53	3%	4%
District 54	1%	4%
District 55	2%	4%



## 5 years trend



Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
District 13	42162	51405	33332	34009	45001
District 32	2906	4825	2654	5352	6923
District 35	3426	1206	1856	554	2463
District 45	33334	18310	16060	21660	26437
District 46	21028	23472	16594	15104	19015
District 47	18343	10889	21598	15230	13783
District 49	19165	9079	14115	15451	15735
District 50	20337	21040	18712	4783	2653
District 52	8742	8695	14164,5	2922	4159
District 53	14621	13059	14099	11898	10254
District 54	8701	2771	2142,6	9383	1063
District 55	13635	8748	5725	6316	3818





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## Financial Performances



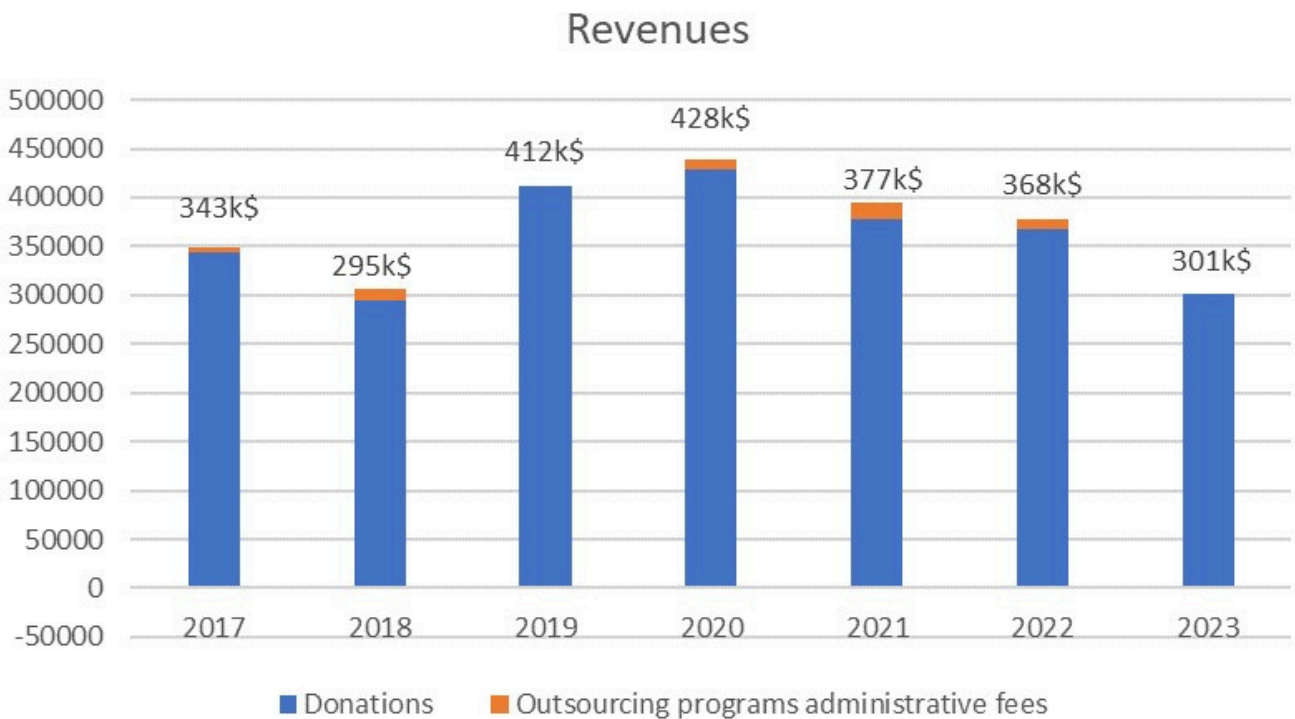


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## A good financial position

CCOF benefits from a strong financial situation. Over the past decade, the foundation cumulated capital earning, and manage a total amount of close to two million dollars.

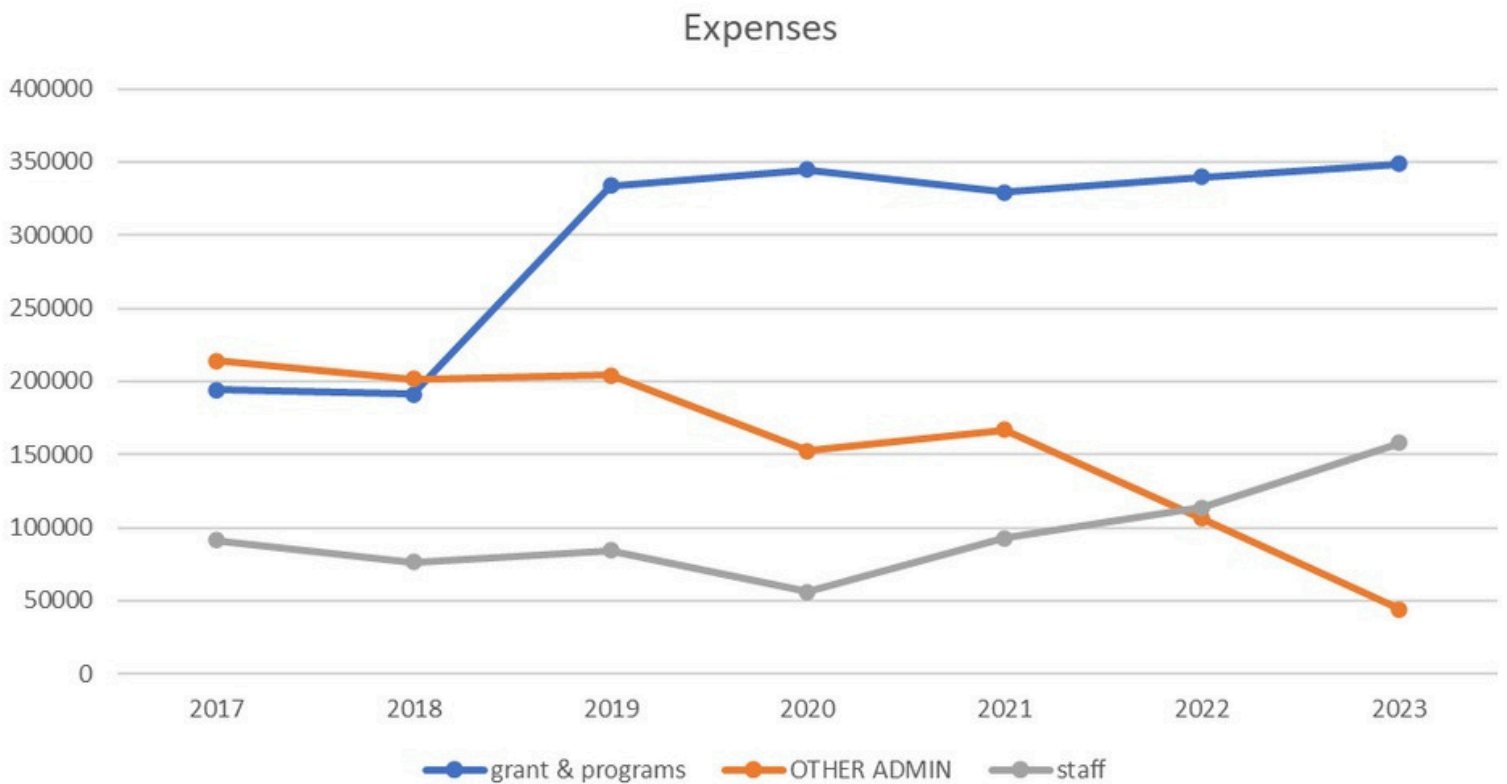
However, overall donations are decreasing, mainly due to the progressive reduction of Optimist members. Even if the financial position inherited from the past is solid, many decisions were taken to both, reduce administrative cost, and build the means to carry out fundraising campaigns. We are aware that in order to change this tendency, we need to work together with Optimist International (OI) and Optimistes Francophones Canadiens (OFC).



# Improved cost efficiency

In order to enable fundraising efforts and issue online donation tax receipts, the Foundation had to reclaim control over several previously outsourced activities (such as website management, accounting, and database administration).

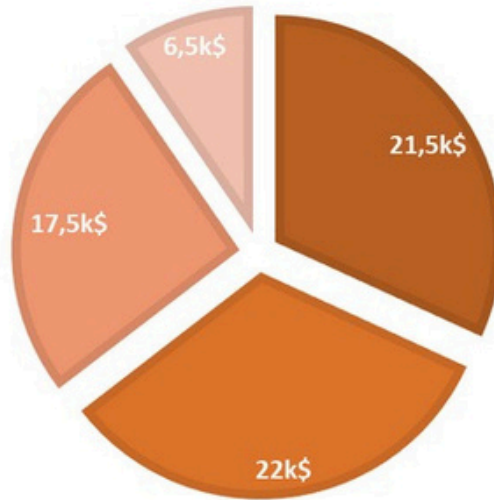
As a result, our annual expenses were reduced by nearly \$70,000. Conversely, administrative costs increased, albeit to a lesser extent.



# Monitoring expenses

SAVINGS ON ORDINARY EXPENSES

■ Bookkeeping ■ Quickbooks & concialtion ■ audit ■ Database management



## 76% SAVINGS ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

For the year 2023, as part of its achievements for the period, CCOF reduction of approximately 76% in professional services, including accounting fees and legal fees, going from around \$70,000 to \$17,000. The change of the auditing firm, as well as the restructuring of the accounting profiles supporting the company, contributed to this significant savings, which also reaffirms the foundation's commitment to operational efficiency while maintaining quality.



## INSOURCING

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## RECOGNITION AND PARTNERSHIPS





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## To Our Generous Supporters

As we compile this annual report, we are filled with immense gratitude for the invaluable contributions of donors like you. Your steadfast support has been instrumental in advancing our mission and making a meaningful difference in the lives of children across our community.

Your generosity has enabled us to continue our vital work in empowering youth through education, health initiatives, social programs, artistic development, and physical activities. Through your donations, we have been able to implement impactful projects that directly benefit children from diverse backgrounds, providing them with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

We extend our sincerest thanks for your unwavering commitment to our cause. Your support has been a beacon of hope for countless children, helping them realize their potential and build brighter futures.

As we reflect on the past year's achievements and look forward to the opportunities ahead, we invite you to continue partnering with us in our efforts to create positive change in the lives of children. Your continued contributions are vital to our mission and will enable us to expand our reach and make an even greater impact in the years to come.

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and dedication to improving the lives of children in our community and beyond. Together, we can continue to inspire hope, foster growth, and empower the next generation.





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## Optimist Clubs

There is always an Optimist Club near you. Here you can find the list of all Optimist Clubs in Canada.



# OPTIMIST CLUBS

## 13

13003 - ARCOLA, SK  
13005 - EDMONTON-BEVERLY, AB  
13024 - CALGARY-DINNER, AB  
13025 - CALGARY, AB  
13035 - REGINA-DOWNTOWNERS, SK  
13036 - DUVAL, SK  
13040 - EDMONTON-DINNER, AB  
13053 - GOVAN, SK  
13069 - REGINA-HIGH NOON, SK  
13074 - SASKATOON-HUB CITY, SK  
13090 - MEDICINE HAT, AB  
13105 - FRIENDLY CITY-MOOSE JAW, SK  
13110 - PRINCE ALBERT, SK  
13113 - RED DEER-PIPER CREEK, AB  
13115 - RED DEER, AB  
13120 - REGINA, SK  
13128 - ST. ALBERT, AB  
13130 - SASKATOON, SK  
13144 - REGINA-SUNDOWN, SK  
13180 - LEDUC-BLACK GOLD, AB  
13810 - AIRDRIE, AB  
13816 - BRAILSTONE COLLEGE-EDMONTON, AB  
13819 - ALL NATIONS MEDICINE HAT, AB  
13821 - BLACKFALDS, AB  
13870 - PENHOLD AND DISTRICT, AB  
13874 - SAFESTART-EDMONTON, AB  
13878 - OKOTOKS, AB

## 32

32009 - JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CURLING CLUB, BC  
32012 - SFU, BC  
32031 - CHILLIWACK, BC  
32034 - NORTH OKANAGAN, BC  
32070 - EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB OF VICTORIA, BC  
32092 - MISSION, BC  
32190 - VICTORIA, BC

## 35

35126 - WINNIPEG-RIVER EAST, MB  
35135 - WINNIPEG-ST JAMES, MB  
35143 - SEVEN OAKS WINNIPEG, MB  
35153 - SOUTH WINNIPEG, MB  
35163 - TRANSCONA, MB

## 45

45000 - GENERATION XX, PEI  
45005 - AYLMER, ON  
45008 - CARADOC, ON  
45009 - KIDS MENTAL HEALTH-CANADA, ON  
45010 - DOJO-STRATHROY, ON  
45011 - BLENHEIM, ON  
45013 - TILLSONBURG AND AREA, ON  
45018 - ALVINSTON DISTRICTS-ALVINSTON, ON  
45021 - BRIGDEN, ON  
45022 - BRYERSWOOD YOUTH CAMP, ON  
45024 - BOTHWELL-BOTHWELL DISTRICT, ON  
45026 - SUNSHINE-ST. THOMAS, ON  
45027 - RAINBOW-SOUTHWESTERN, ON  
45028 - BRIGHT'S GROVE, ON  
45044 - CHATHAM, ON  
45046 - CREDITON AND DISTRICT, ON  
45048 - MOORE, ON  
45052 - WESTERN ONTARIO-HOBY, ON  
45054 - DAT OPTIMIST CLUB OF WINDSOR  
45055 - SIDESTREET, DRESDEN, ON  
45067 - EAST WILLIAMS, ON  
45073 - ESSEX, ON  
45078 - FINGAL-SHEDDEN AND DISTRICT, ON  
45079 - FOREST GLADE  
45084 - FOREST, ON  
45090 - ILBERTON, ON  
45100 - HARMONY - SARNIA, ON  
45108 - KERWOOD-ADELAIDE-METCALFE, ON  
45117 - KOMOKA-KILWORTH, ON  
45122 - LAMBTON CENTRAL-PETROLIA, ON  
45139 - DORCHESTER-NORTH, ON  
45154 - OIL SPRINGS, ON  
45162 - POINT EDWARD, ON  
45164 - PARKHILL, ON  
45165 - PLYMPTON TOWNSHIP, ON  
45170 - AUSABLE-PORT FRANKS, ON  
45175 - WINDSOR YOUTH BAND, ON  
45178 - RIVERSIDE, ON  
45182 - PORT STANLEY, ON  
45189 - ST. CLAIR BEACH, ON  
45190 - ST. THOMAS, ON  
45204 - SOUTH DORCHESTER, ON  
45205 - BLENHEIM YOUTH CENTRE, ON  
45213 - SOUTH WINDSOR, ON  
45224 - STRATHROY-CARADOC DISTRICT, ON, INC.  
45228 - TALBOTVILLE, ON  
45230 - SARNIA-LAKESHORE, ON  
45235 - UNION-SOUTH YARMOUTH, ON  
45250 - WATFORD, ON  
45251 - WALLACETOWN, ON  
45257 - WEST LORNE,  
45260 - ST. THOMAS-TALBOT TRAIL, ON

# Optimist Clubs

## 45

45262 - WHEATLEY-DISTRICT, ON  
45272 - MOUNT BRYDGES AND AREA, ON  
45908 - SOMBRA TOWNSHIP, ON  
45914 - KINGSVILLE, ON  
45917 - GRAND BEND & DISTRICT, ON  
45919 - TRI COUNTY OF CHATHAM, ON  
45926 - ESSEX YOUTH CENTRE, ON  
45927 - ESSEX RECREATIONAL SOCCER, ON  
45932 - THE KITCHENER-WEST, ON  
45936 - REACHING FOR THE STARS - WINDSOR AND  
ESSEX COUNTY

## 46

46001 - ALMA, ON 46003 - ARTHUR, ON  
46006 - BRYANSTON-BIRR, ON 46010 -  
BAYFIELD, ON 46015 - SOUTH WOOLWICH,  
ON 46023 - BRUSSELS, ON 46032 - BURFORD  
DISTRICT, ON 46035 - BYRON, ON 46041 -  
LONDON-CARLING HEIGHTS, ON 46045 -  
CLINTON, ON 46048 - CONESTOGO-  
WINTERBOURNE, ON 46051 - DOWNIE, ON  
46069 - ELLICE, ON 46083 - SOUTH HURON,  
ON 46085 - STRATFORD-FESTIVAL CITY, ON  
46095 - GUELPH, ON 46099 - HESPELER-  
CAMBRIDGE, ON 46100 - EGREMONT  
TOWNSHIP, ON 46101 - HOWICK, ON 46106 -  
WIARTON DISTRICT, ON 46111 - KINTORE, ON  
46113 - KIRKTON-WOODHAM, ON 46115 -  
KITCHENER-STANLEY PARK, ON 46121 -  
WATERLOO-LAKESHORE VILLAGE, ON 46127 -  
LUCAN, ON 46129 - MOOREFIELD, ON 46130  
- MANNHEIM, ON 46132 - NEW DUNDEE, ON  
46133 - NEW HAMBURG, ON 46136 -  
MITCHELL, ON 46139 - NORWICH, ON 46140  
- LONDON-NORTH, ON 46145 -  
MORNINGTON, ON 46150 - LONDON-  
OAKRIDGE ACRES, ON 46153 - OTTERVILLE,  
ON 46155 - TOWN OF MINTO, ON 46160 -  
PARIS, ON 46161 - PETERSBURG, ON 46165 -  
ST. JACOBS, ON

## 46

46199 - SCOTLAND & DISTRICT, ON  
46203 - SHAKESPEARE, ON  
46209 - KITCHENER-SOUTHWEST, ON  
46210 - LONDON-SOUTHWEST, ON  
46226 - THORNDALE, ON  
46229 - TAVISTOCK, ON  
46231 - TWIN CITIES-WATERLOO REGION, ON  
46232 - SIMCOE AND DISTRICT, ON  
46249 - WATERLOO-NORTH, ON  
46250 - CENTRE WELLINGTON-FERGUS, ON  
46260 - LONDON-WESTMINSTER PARK, ON  
46262 - WATERLOO-WESTVALE, ON  
46265 - WILMOT, ON  
46907 - KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ON  
46909 - MT PLEASANT, ON  
46911 - MILD MAY-CARRICK, ON  
46923 - SEAFORTH & DISTRICT, ON  
46925 - NORMANBY TOWNSHIP, ON  
46926 - ARVA AND DISTRICT, ON  
46930 - WALKERTON & DISTRICT, ON  
46933 - SYDENHAM & DISTRICT, ON  
46959 - WINDHAM AND DISTRICT, ON

## 47

47000 - ANCASTER TOWNSHIP, ON  
47002 - ARNPRIOR, ON 47005 - AURORA,  
ON 47005 - AURORA, ON 47010 - BARRIE,  
ON 47025 - BROOKLIN, ON 47030 -  
BURLINGTON, ON 47038 - NEPEAN, ON  
47040 - CARLISLE, ON 47040 - CARLISLE,  
ON 47041 - CALEDON, ON 47047 -  
CORNWALL, ON 47060 - DUNNVILLE, ON  
47065 - HAMILTON-EAST, ON 47068 -  
ERIN, ON 47074 - ENNISMORE, ON 47080  
- HALTON HILLS, ON 47085 -  
GRANTHAM-ST. CATHARINES, ON 47093  
- GREENSVILLE, ON 47100 - HAMILTON,  
ON 47110 - KESWICK, ON 47123 -  
LINDSAY, ON 47127 - MILTON, ON 47130 -  
NEWMARKET, ON 47135 - NIAGARA  
FALLS, ON 47145 - TORONTO-  
ETOBICOKE, ON 47149 - ORANGEVILLE,  
ON 47155 - OAKVILLE, ON

# Optimist Clubs

## 47

47157 - OSHAWA, ON 47170 - PORT COLBORNE-EVENING, ON 47181 - PUSLINCH, ON 47182 - RICHMOND HILL, ON 47185 - ST. CATHARINES, ON 47213 - SPENCERVILLE AND DISTRICT, ON 47215 - STONEY CREEK, ON 47217 - BATTLEFIELD-STONEY CREEK, ON 47220 - STRABANE, ON 47242 - UXBRIDGE, ON 47255 - WELLAND, ON 47265 - MAIN PLACE-ERIN, ON 47410 - FORT ERIE, ON 47560 - FOREST PARK, ON 47569 - LANCASTER, ON 47838 - BOLTON, ON 47841 - HALDIMAND, ON 47842 - THE GEORGINA PRIDE OPTIMIST CLUB 47843 - D.A.T. AT UTSC, ON 47844 - ARNPRIOR OPTIMIST- IC WOMEN'S, ON 47849 - SEAWAY OPTIMIST CLUB

## 49

49002 - RÉGION DE LIMOGES, ON 49004 - RÉGION DE RUSSELL, ON 49006 - ST-ISIDORE # 2017, ON 49503 - ALEXANDRIA, ON 49505 - GLOUCESTER-BEACON HILL, ON 49512 - BLACKBURN HAMLET, ON 49616 - CARLSBAD SPRINGS, ON 49630 - ROCKLAND, ON 49640 - LA REGION DE CORNWALL, ON 49658 - CLARENCE CREEK, ON 49700 - ST-ALBERT, ON 49713 - ST-EUGÈNE, ON 49738 - EMBRUN, ON 49760 - ST-JOSEPH D'ORLEANS, ON 49770 - KINGSTON, ON 49776 - FRANCOPHONE DE DURHAM, ON 49784 - HAMMOND, ON 49785 - HAWKESBURY, ON 49850 - MOOSE CREEK, ON 49854 - OTTAWA SUD, ON 49855 - ST-PASCAL BAYLON, ON 49900 - ALFRED, ON 49902 - BOURGET, ON 49903 - CASSELMAN, ON 49909 - VANIER, ON 49914 - KANATA 2007, ON 49950 - VARS, ON 49988 - WENDOVER, ON

## 50

50030 - MONTRÉAL-AHUNTSIC INC., QC 50048 - BEAUHARNOIS-MAPLE GROVE, QC 50055 - BELOEIL, QC 50126 - CHAMPLAIN-BROSSARD, QC 50147 - LES CÈDRES, QC 50162 - MONTRÉAL-COLOMBO, QC 50164 - CONTRECOEUR, QC 50208 - REPENTIGNY, QC 50226 - DUVERNAY ST-VINCENT DE PAUL, QC 50230 - FATIMA-LONGUEUIL, QC 50305 - HUNTINGDON, QC 50307 - ILE BIZARD, QC 50341 - LACHINE, QC 50360 - LAFLÈCHE, QC 50376 - LA PRAIRIE, QC 50381 - LASALLE, QC 50400 - LÉRY, QC 50429 - L'ÉPIPHANIE, QC 50431 - LONGUEUIL, QC 50463 - MCMASTERVILLE, QC 50475 - MONTRÉAL-MAISONNEUVE, QC 50556 - DES RAPIDES, LASALLE INC., QC 50614 - RIGAUD, QC 50621 - LEONARDO-DA-VINCI, ST-LÉONARD, QC 50630 - ROXBORO, QC 50642 - ROSEMONT- MONTRÉAL, QC 50647 - RAWDON, QC 50660 - ST-ANICET, QC 50670 - STE-BÉATRIX, QC 50680 - ST-CHARLES DE LONGUEUIL, QC 50687 - STE-CLOTILDE, QC 50731 - ST-EUGÈNE DE ST-JEAN SUR RICHELIEU, QC 50732 - ST-FRANÇOIS DE LAVAL, QC 50745 - ST-HUBERT, QC 50760 - MONTRÉAL, ST-JACQUES, QC 50789 - STE-JULIE, QC 50811 - ST-MICHEL DE NAPIERVILLE, QC 50838 - ST-PAUL DE JOLIETTE, QC 50843 - ST-PAUL-MONTRÉAL INC., QC 50846 - ST-PAUL L'ÎLE AUX NOIX, QC 50847 - ST-RÉMI, QC 50866 - ST-TIMOTHÉE, QC 50877 - ST- ZÉNON, QC 50878 - SALABERRY DE VALLEYFIELD, QC 50912 - MONTRÉAL-TÉTREAULTVILLE, QC 50940 - VAUDREUIL-DORION INC., QC 50946 - ST-LAZARE 2005, QC 50948 - MONTRÉAL/LES VOLTIGEURS, QC 50963 - LE GARDEUR, QC 50970 - UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL, QC 50982 - VILLE D'ANJOU, QC 50995 - STE-ÉMÉLIE DE L'ÉNERGIE, QC 50998 - MONTRÉAL EST ET P.A.T., QC



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## 52

52001 - MARIEVILLE 2017, QC  
52002 - BROMPTONVILLE INC, QC  
52003 - BROME-MISSISQUOI, QC  
52008 - ACTON VALE, QC  
52027 - ASBESTOS, QC  
52036 - BAIE DU FEBVRE, QC  
52063 - BLACK LAKE, QC  
52220 - ST-HYACINTHE-DOUVILLE, QC  
52222 - DRUMMONDVILLE, QC  
52242 - FARNHAM, QC  
52261 - GRANBY, QC  
52308 - INVERNESS, QC  
52334 - LAC BROME, QC  
52347 - LAC MEGANTIC, QC  
52465 - MAGOG ORFORD, QC  
52485 - MANSONVILLE, QC  
52528 - MONT ST-GRÉGOIRE, QC  
52552 - NICOLET, QC  
52613 - DE RICHELIEU INC., QC  
52631 - ROCK FOREST, QC  
52654 - SHERBROOKE-CENTRE ESTRIE, QC  
52660 - STE-AGATHE DE LOTBINIÈRE, QC  
52688 - ST-CHARLES SUR RICHELIEU, QC  
52693 - STE-CLOTHILDE DE HORTON, QC  
52696 - ST-CYRILLE, QC  
52706 - ST-EDOUARD DE LOTBINIÈRE, QC  
52780 - ST-JOACHIM DE COURVAL, QC  
52804 - ST-LUDGER-BEAUCE-SUD, QC  
52829 - ROUVILLE-ST-MATHIAS, QC  
52833 - ST-NAZAIRE DE BAGOT, QC  
52834 - ST-NICOLAS, QC  
52837 - ST-PIERRE BAPTISTE, QC  
52851 - STE-ROSALIE, QC  
52898 - SHERBROOKE, QC  
52905 - VALCOURT 2007, QC  
52923 - SOREL-TRACY, QC  
52985 - WINDSOR (1989) INC., QC  
52991 - WOTTON, QC  
52994 - YAMASKA VALLEY, QC

## 53

53001 - DÉLÉAGE 2015, QC  
53005 - LES DAMES DE COEUR, QC  
53028 - AMOS, QC  
53033 - GOLF JUNIOR RÉGION ST-LAURENT, QC  
53094 - ST-ANTOINE, QC  
53149 - CHERTSEY, QC  
53209 - BUCKINGHAM, QC  
53250 - GRENVILLE, QC  
53255 - GATINEAU, QC  
53300 - HULL, QC  
53351 - LAC MASSON, QC  
53361 - LAFONTAINE, QC  
53378 - LA REINE, QC  
53388 - LA SARRE, QC  
53423 - VAL-BARRETTE, QC  
53476 - MALARTIC, QC  
53480 - MANIWAKI, QC  
53481 - ST-JANVIER, MIRABEL, QC  
53499 - MASCOUCHE, QC  
53500 - LE PLATEAU, MASCOUCHE, QC  
53592 - POINTE-GATINEAU, QC  
53598 - PRÉVOST-2003, QC  
53645 - STE-ANNE DES LACS, QC  
53648 - ROUYN-NORANDA, QC  
53649 - ST-ANDRÉ AVELLIN, QC  
53664 - STE-ANNE DES PLAINES, QC  
53688 - SAINT-CALIXTE (2003), QC  
53689 - ST-COLOMBAN, QC  
53700 - ST-ESPRIT DE MONTCALM, QC  
53710 - ST-EUSTACHE-EST, QC  
53741 - ST-HIPPOLYTE, QC  
53775 - ST-JÉRÔME, QC  
53781 - MONT-TREMBLANT, QC  
53790 - STE-JULIENNE, QC  
53822 - STE-MARTHE SUR LE LAC, QC  
53845 - ST-PIERRE, ST-JÉRÔME, QUÉBEC  
53856 - LA VALLÉE DE ST-SAUVEUR, QC  
53857 - STE-THÉRÈSE, QC  
53859 - SAINTE-SOPHIE 2017, QC  
53881 - SENNETERRE, QC  
53904 - TEMPLETON, QC  
53907 - TERREBONNE, QC  
53918 - THURSO, QC  
53922 - TOURAINE, QC  
53936 - VAL DAVID-VAL MORIN, QC  
53937 - VAL D'OR, QC  
53940 - ST-CANUT, QC  
53958 - BARRAUTE, QC  
53961 - POINTE-CALUMET, QC

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## 54

54003 - POINTE-DU-LAC 2016 INC., QC  
54035 - BAIE ST-PAUL, QC  
54112 - CAP SANTÉ, QC  
54114 - CAP-ROUGE-ST-AUGUSTIN, QC  
54134 - CHARLESBOURG, QC  
54160 - CHARLEVOIX-EST INC., QC  
54217 - DUBERGER-LES SAULES, QC  
54218 - FALARDEAU, QC  
54219 - LES ESCOUMINS, QC  
54223 - FERMONT, QC  
54267 - GRAND-MÈRE, QC  
54285 - HAVRE ST-PIERRE, QC  
54323 - JONQUIÈRE, QC  
54400 - LATERRIÈRE, QC  
54448 - LORETTEVILLE, QC  
54450 - LOUISEVILLE, QC  
54460 - MASKINONGÉ, QC  
54465 - LE STÉPHANOIS, QC  
54490 - MASHTEUJATSH/POINTE-BLEUE, QC  
54514 - MISTASSINI, QC  
54538 - NEUFCHATEL, QC  
54558 - NORMANDIN, QC  
54666 - STE-ANNE DE LA PÉRADE, QC  
54667 - SAGUENAY-ST-AMBROISE, QC  
54670 - ST-BONIFACE, QC  
54677 - ST-BRUNO-LAC ST-JEAN, QC  
54695 - ST-DIDACE, QC  
54708 - SAINT-EMILE 1995, INC, QC  
54725 - STE-FOY, QC  
54732 - ST-HONORÉ-MARTEL, QC  
54737 - ST-GEORGES DE CHAMPLAIN, QC  
54767 - ST-JEAN DES PILES, QC  
54792 - ST-JUSTIN, QC  
54810 - CÔTE-DE-BEAUPRÉ 2006 INC., QUEBEC  
54816 - ST-LOUIS DE FRANCE, QC  
54821 - STE-MARTHE DU CAP, QC  
54844 - ILE D'ORLÉANS, QC  
54850 - ST-RAYMOND DE PORTNEUF, QC  
54873 - STE-URSULE, QC  
54882 - SEPT-ÎLES, QC  
54885 - SHAWINIGAN, QC  
54892 - SHAWINIGAN-SUD, QC  
54950 - VAL BÉLAIR, QC  
54959 - VILLE DE LA BAIE, QC  
54968 - LAC ST-CHARLES, QC  
54993 - YAMACHICHE, QC  
54995 - HÉBERTVILLE, QC

## 55

55030 - AMQUI, QC  
55034 - ST-ANTONIN, QC  
55042 - BEAUCEVILLE, QC  
55107 - CAP-CHAT, QC  
55109 - CAP AUX MEULES, QC  
55110 - CAP-ST-IGNACE, QC  
55240 - ST-ROMUALD, QC  
55244 - GASCONS, QC  
55263 - GRANDE RIVIÈRE, QC  
55283 - HÂVRE-AUX-MAISONS, QC  
55486 - MARIA, QC  
55501 - MATANE, QC  
55519 - MONCTON-DIEPPE, NB  
55526 - MONT-JOLI, QC  
55527 - MONTMAGNY, QC  
55565 - RIVIÈRE 3 PIST/N.D.-NEIGES, QC  
55577 - PABOS-MILLS, QC  
55579 - POINTE-AU-PÈRE, QC  
55615 - RIMOUSKI, QC  
55627 - RIVIÈRE BLEUE, QC  
55629 - RIVIÈRE-DU-LOUP, QC  
55631 - CÉGEP DE RIVIÈRE-DU-LOUP, QC  
55659 - STE-ANNE DES MONTS, QC  
55706 - ST-ÉPIPHANE, QC  
55715 - ST-FABIEN, QC  
55734 - ST-GODEFROI, QC  
55812 - ST-MODESTE, QC  
55815 - ST-MICHEL-BELLECHASSE, QC  
55830 - ST-MOÏSE, QC  
55840 - ST-PASCAL, QC  
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55958 - VILLE DÉGELIS, QC  
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## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE







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# Foundation Volunteers



## **Areli Hernández Rodríguez**

**TEAM COORDINATOR** As a volunteer, I served as a team coordinator, ensuring smooth communication and efficient management. Additionally, I played a crucial role in collecting and analyzing data. Our focus was on accuracy and completeness, contributing to the success of the foundation.

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## **Carolina Restrepo Hernández**

**INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS COORDINATOR** In my role I play a crucial role in collecting and analyzing data. Emphasizing accuracy and comprehensiveness, I contributed to the foundation's achievements by providing valuable insights through data analysis and reporting generation.

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## **Jorge Reyes Mendoza**

### **Graphic Designer**

As part of the team I led the implementation of the foundation's graphic identity, overseeing its consistent application across materials such as the annual report and planned giving initiatives. Through meticulous attention to detail, I ensured brand integrity across all deliverables

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## **Juan David Leyva**

### **DATA ANALYST AND INFOGRAPHIC DESIGNER**

In my role, I assisted in gathering, transcribing, and analyzing information comprehensively. Additionally, I contributed to designing sections of the reports, utilizing infographics to represent data in a visually appealing and accessible manner. My responsibilities included transforming complex data into understandable visual elements, thereby facilitating comprehension for the reader.

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## **Vivian López Sánchez**

### **PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM DESIGNER**

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# 08.

## APPENDICES

# Balance Sheet

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation				
Balance Sheet				
As at September 30, 2023				
		2023	2022	2021
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and equivalents		\$ 155,172	\$ 118,998	\$ 94,449
Accounts receivables		\$ 822	-	-
Accrued dividends receivable		-	\$ 3,860	\$ 3,392
Accrued interest receivable		-	\$ 1,971	\$ 980
Sales taxes receivables		\$ 26,256	\$ 17,872	\$ 3,495
	Total	\$ 182,250	\$ 142,701	\$ 102,316
PORTAFOLIO INVESTMENTS				
		\$ 1,700,733	\$ 1,844,646	\$ 2,081,467
DEFERRED COSTS-SCHOLARSHIPS				
		\$ 327,470	\$ 338,234	\$ 330,571
INTANGIBLE ASSETS				
		\$ 18,708	\$ 18,708	\$ 18,708
	Total	\$ 2,229,161	\$ 2,344,289	\$ 2,533,062
LIABILITIES				
Current liability				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 31,350	\$ 7,886	\$ 39,381
Due to optimist international		-	-	\$ 1,746
	Subtotal	\$ 31,350	\$ 7,886	\$ 41,127
SCHOLARSHIP PAYABLE				
		\$ 404,808	\$ 354,764	\$ 347,101
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS				
		\$ 190,884	\$ 188,614	\$ 195,296
	Total	\$ 627,042	\$ 551,264	\$ 583,524
NET ASSETS				
EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED FOR ENDOWMENT				
		-	-	\$ 953,840
PURPOSES-SCHOLARSHIPS				
		\$ 429,739	\$ 324,406	\$ 345,192
UNRESTRICTED				
		\$ 1,172,380	\$ 1,468,619	\$ 650,506
	Total	\$ 1,602,119	\$ 1,793,025	\$ 1,949,538

# Statement of Operations

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation				
Statement of operations				
As at September 30,2023				
		2023	2022	2021
REVENUE				
Contribution from individuals		\$ 301,273	\$ 365,360	\$ 377,087
Administration fee		\$ 11,502	\$ 9,600	\$ 17,408
Investment income		\$ 70,278	-\$ 20,620	\$ 257,211
Writeoff expired Outsourcing programs		-	-	\$ 11,638
	Total	\$ 383,053	\$ 354,340	\$ 663,344
GRANTS AND PROGRAMS				
Oratorical scholarships		\$ 56,500	\$ 40,500	\$ 35,000
Essay scholarships		\$ 12,500	\$ 42,500	\$ 20,000
C.C.D.H.H. Scholarships		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
JOI scholarships		\$ 16,877	-	\$ 1,280
Program costs		\$ 34,524	\$ 34,039	\$ 56,660
Childhood cancer grant-spread relief program		\$ 12,100	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,000
Outsourcing programs		\$ 183,369	\$ 118,004	\$ 202,269
	Total	\$ 320,870	\$ 248,543	\$ 329,209
Excess of revenue over grants and programs		\$ 62,183	\$ 105,797	\$ 334,135
EXPENSES				
Donor award and recognition (Schedule A)		\$ 3,797	\$ 28,853	\$ 25,804
Volunteer activities (Schedule B)		-	\$ 22,150	\$ 17,302
Fundraising (Schedule C)		\$ 16,512	\$ 30,538	\$ 30,769
Administrative expenditures (Schedule D)		\$ 232,780	\$ 180,769	\$ 92,962
	Total	\$ 253,089	\$ 262,310	\$ 166,837
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES		-\$ 190,906	-\$ 156,513	\$ 167,298



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A donation for helping Optimists help Canadian kids.

Please send this form with your donation.  
All donations are tax deductible. Only contributions of 20\$ or more will receive a tax receipt  
The Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation is a Canadian charity recognized by the  
Canada Revenue Agency. Charitable Number 874718950RR0001

**DFR's information**

DFR Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1.- COMPLETE THE DONOR'S INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Org/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(FOR CLUB, ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS DONATIONS)

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member/Club Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

(MANDATORY IF APPLICABLE)

**2.- CHOOSE A TYPE OF GIFT**

**UNRESTRICTED GIFT**

☐ \$ 36.50 Dime-a-Day  
☐ \$ 250 Presidents Club  
☐ \$ 500 Friend of the foundation  
☐ \$ 1 000 Christian D. Larson Partners  
☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other amount

☐ New ☐ Renewal

**RESTRICTED GIFT**

**Outsourcing Project**

Project number: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS DONATION IS** ☐ **IN MEMORIAM** ☐ **IN HONOR**

I need a ☐ NAME PATCH | *minimum of \$100 donation for a name appliqué*  
☐ CCOF BANNER PATCH | *please check if you need the CCOF In Memoriam or in Honor appliqué*

**Deceased / Honored person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person to notify:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Person who will receive the patch:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**3.- CHOOSE A PAYMENT METHOD**

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD Card number:                 CVV:

Expiry Date:   /    
(MM / YY)

☐ Enclosed is a check payable to the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

Please, send the check to this address:

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**Thank you for your donation!**

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