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YEAR IN REVIEW



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MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY



OTTAWA NETWORK FOR EDUCATION IS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

The Ottawa Network for Education (ONFE) works with education, business, government and community partners to develop programs that enrich public education in Ottawa. ONFE has launched over 40 innovative programs since its inception in 1985. Our programs harness the resources of the Ottawa community to help students succeed in a rapidly changing world.

We are proud to deliver programs in over 300 schools across all four Ottawa School Boards, supporting students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Our staff, volunteers and mentors are in Ottawa classrooms, working side-by-side with teachers to meet the diverse needs of children throughout our city. Our programs help students to overcome barriers to learning, and develop skills that better prepare them for life and work once they leave school.

Thanks to the generous contributions of our donors, volunteers and community partners, more than 120,000 Ottawa students have access to ONFE programs each year. We look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve personal success and contribute to the social and economic success of our community.





SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Through no fault of their own, many children in Ottawa arrive at school hungry each day. Research shows that children who eat a nutritious breakfast are more engaged in daily learning, perform better in school and have better self-esteem. The Ottawa School Breakfast Program strives to ensure that all children in our community have access to a healthy breakfast in a safe environment and are given an equal opportunity to succeed at school.

The 2014-2015 school year was another of tremendous growth for the Ottawa School Breakfast Program, thanks in no small part to our generous donors, volunteers and other supporters in the community. Nine new schools were added to the program this year, enabling students in 175 local schools to get the nourishment they need to make the most of their school day. Over 13,500 students rely on the program every morning and the support of our community helps us meet the growing need.

32,000
students and
youth in Ottawa
live in poverty



COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



"A young boy and girl, siblings who had arrived in Canada just several weeks prior, began using the breakfast program at my school on a regular basis. I noticed that when they thought no one was looking, they were taking extra food and putting it in their pockets or backpacks. After several days of the same activity I finally approached them and asked why they were doing this. They explained that they were worried they would show up one day and the program would no longer be there. Having experienced life in a war-torn country, they knew the feeling of not knowing where their next meal would come from. I will never forget how thankful they were when I explained the program would be there for them, every single day."

SBP breakfast monitor

"The Volunteers in Education program makes a huge difference in the lives of individual students and to the everyday working of a classroom that supports all students.... The volunteers play a vital role in giving my students the individual attention they need to build their skills and confidence so they can someday take their place in our very complex, literate society."

OCDSB Teacher -
Central Orientation Class

OTTAWA VOLUNTEERS IN EDUCATION



The Ottawa Volunteers in Education (OVIE) program brings volunteers from the community into the classroom to help educators ensure academic success for their students. Volunteers provide much-needed one-on-one support to students struggling to succeed, or may offer general classroom support in a variety of subjects. From math mentoring to music making, our talented OVIE volunteers do it all! Volunteers may also choose to help students through the OttawaReads early literacy program, inspiring a love of reading in high needs Kindergarten to Grade 3 classrooms, or through the Assistive Technology Support Initiative, a program that utilizes learning tools to facilitate the development of students' essential skills.

In the 2014-2015 school year, 1,480 volunteers supported 47,375 students in 149 schools in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board through OVIE programs alone. In total volunteers donated 142,080 hours with an estimated value of \$2.8 million!

This year, OVIE focused on creating a volunteer support program for English language learners with limited prior schooling or in some cases, no schooling at all. While their individual circumstances are unique, these students have all had limited opportunities to develop age-appropriate language and literacy skills even in their first language. They need a tremendous amount of support to overcome these learning gaps. In 2016, OVIE will strive to place trained volunteers in every English Language Development classroom.

OVIE VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



17%
of young people
in Ontario don't
complete
high school



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Junior Achievement (JA), powered by ONFE, recruits volunteers from the business community to deliver programs that provide real world learning experiences for students in Grades 5-12. With few opportunities for students to learn entrepreneurship, financial literacy and career preparation skills within the current curriculum, JA inspires youth to make smarter financial decisions, start up a business, and create a career plan.

During the 2014-2015 school year, JA reached 5,957 students in 244 classrooms, an increase of 14% and 27% respectively over the previous year. Our JA Company program experienced the greatest growth, with 300% more companies created this year!

JA Ottawa was supported by 261 community volunteers from the corporate sector, local small business, government and post-secondary business faculties. These volunteers contributed a total of 41,134 hours of student instruction; that's the equivalent of 1,713 full days or 4.7 years!

We also launched the "SMART" (Seniors Mentoring At-Risk Teens) initiative this year. This pilot project engages seniors as JA volunteers to deliver financial literacy programs to teen mothers at the Youville Centre and young men in the justice system at the William E. Hay Centre. Both students and volunteers agree the program was a great success!

We're excited to expand our network of businesses to and work together to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs.



JA VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



JA
participants are
50%
more likely to open
their own business and
25% less likely to be
unemployed

"When I hear from a parent that their child came home excited about what they did, I know I made a difference with that child. When I see the difference in how a student pays attention from the morning where it's so-so, to the afternoon where it's focused, I know I've reached that student. One of the nicest things said to me was when one grade 5 student asked if I was coming back the next day to do more."

JA Ottawa Volunteer



70%
of new jobs will
require STEM
preparation



The TechU.me program continues to inspire students in local schools to pursue careers in technology. The cornerstone of TechU.me is the Mentor Program, in which high school technology students are paired with Grade 3 students to create apps for their smartphones or computers. With the younger students working as the designers and the older students making their creative dreams a reality, the results are quite unique!

Mentor program grads had the opportunity to showcase their work and compete against other students for great prizes at TechU.me's signature event, AppJam. This year, the competition received over 60 entries and included participants in two streams, Mentor Program Graduates and Independent Projects. During the event, \$6500 in prizes and three \$2500 scholarships to the University of Ottawa were awarded. We would like to extend a big thank you to our program partners, NSERC and IBM, and to our AppJam industry judges, Shopify, Adobe, IBM, NSERC, CIRA, and Askari Solutions.

APPJAM WINNER SPOTLIGHT



"We had university and college students who had taken the exact same program path as us...and industry professionals showing us what the real workplace was like compared to our class... we're a lot more interested in pursuing something like this as a career now."

Grade 11 student



SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND YOUTH IN SCHOOL COALITION

Through the Substance Abuse and Youth in School (SAYS) Coalition, ONFE brings together a variety of partners to improve access to substance abuse education, prevention and treatment for youth in our community.

Prior to the establishment of the SAYS Coalition, there was no funding stream dedicated to school-based support for students struggling with substance abuse issues. Through the efforts of many community partners, new resources were committed in 2008 for the expansion of substance abuse education, prevention and treatment for youth. Funding partners include the Province of Ontario, the City of Ottawa, the four local school boards, and the United Way/Centraide Ottawa's Project s.t.e.p.

This year, an evaluation of the program showed very positive outcomes: over 1300 students across all four school boards received school-based counselling; counsellors reached out to more than 480 of their parents; and more than 15,000 intermediate and secondary students participated in prevention and education sessions. School-based counsellors also delivered training and education sessions to hundreds of teachers and parents through various school and community events.

Regrettably, resources to support this program are still insufficient to reach every student in need of help. ONFE, together with United Way Ottawa, is co-leading the formation of a community structure to enhance support for the school-based program. In 2015-2016, we'll be looking to expand our funding partnerships to ensure all youth have access to the program.

BECAUSE OF THE SCHOOL-BASED COUNSELLING PROGRAM:

- 3 out of every 4 students in the sample group reduced consumption or stopped using one or more drugs during the evaluation period (less than one school year)
- Average cannabis use decreased by 46% (based on frequency and quantity consumed). Overall alcohol consumption decreased by 28%.
- Over 60% of the clients who previously used cocaine reported that they achieved abstinence from this drug and an additional 20% demonstrated marked reductions in use.

1 in 6
students in Ontario
(Grades 9-12) has a
drug problem.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done and in particular all the LIVES you have saved."

High school
guidance counselor



Over
380
nominations were
received for the 2015
Capital Educators'
Awards!



EduGala 2015 was our largest celebration of teaching excellence to date! Ottawa is the only community in Canada that celebrates the contributions of its educators across the whole spectrum of education from elementary to post-secondary. Every year at this unique community event, educators share their moving stories, accomplishments, sense of mission and their genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of Ottawa's students.

This year, 493 guests attended EduGala, including 62 award finalists, 17 event sponsors and representatives from the 10 public education institutions in Ottawa. Every year, a select group of educators receive the Capital Educators' Award in recognition of their achievements. This year, we received over 380 nominations for the 18 awards handed out at the celebration.

In addition to raising funds to support ONFE's work in the community, EduGala allows us an opportunity to thank all our educators who work so hard to provide an engaging learning experience for Ottawa's students.



"This kind of recognition helps not only the teachers who are nominated, but the profile of teaching more generally. I think it also cultivates a feeling of solidarity across many different levels of teaching since it involves all ages and stages."

CAPITAL EDUCATOR
AWARD FINALIST





ONFE AT A GLANCE



SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

over **2.5** MILLION
nutritious breakfasts served

TECHU.ME

2,850

youth engaged in the digital world



OTTAWA VOLUNTEERS IN EDUCATION

142,080

volunteer hours donated



SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND YOUTH IN SCHOOL COALITION



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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT



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students now making better
financial decisions

EDUGALA

over **380**

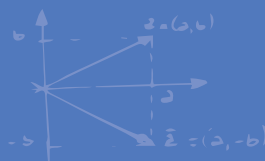
educators nominated



The Ottawa Network for Education is proud to have invested over \$2.5 million in programs that provide an additional layer of support for the students and schools most in need.

Through government, foundation, corporate and community support, we delivered a broad range of programs to address the ever-changing needs of the community. The Province of Ontario remains the single largest funder, contributing 46% of the total revenue.

ONFE's overall administration expenses are lower than industry standard. We were diligent in our efforts to maximize funds raised and leverage our partnerships, which allowed for 81% of our total revenue to be allocated to programs.



Did you know?

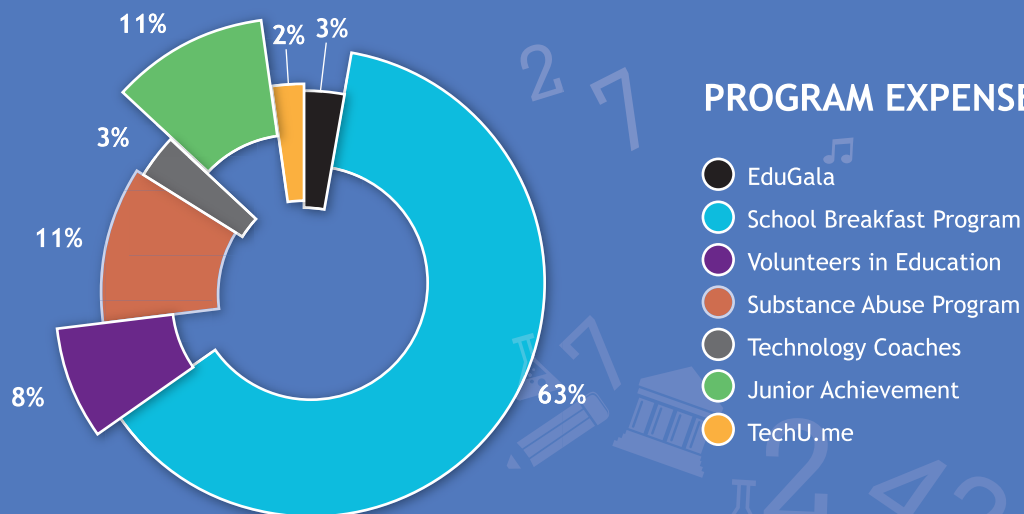
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ONFE AT A GLANCE

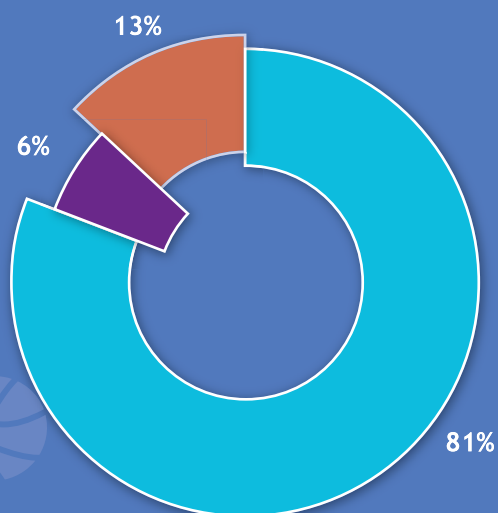
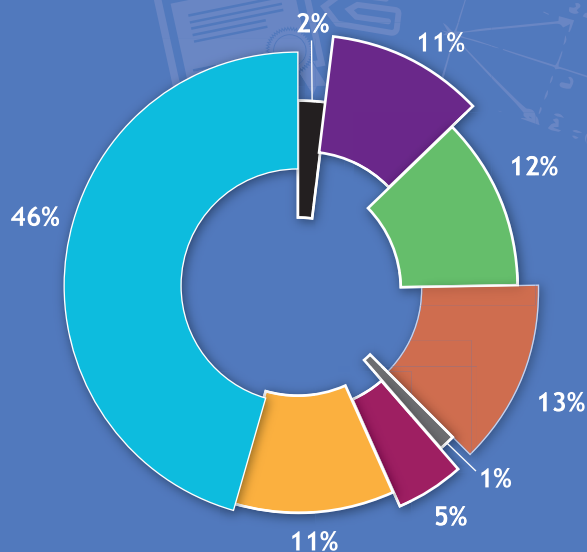


PROGRAM EXPENSES



REVENUE BY SOURCE

- Federal Government
- Municipal Government
- Educational Institutions
- Foundations and Charities
- Clubs and Associations
- Individuals
- Corporations
- Provincial Government



OVERALL ALLOCATION

- Programs
- Cost of Fundraising
- Administration



THANK YOU

Thank you to our education, corporate, government and community partners, as well as our generous individual donors, who supported ONFE programs in 2014-2015.

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qu'on puisse vous donner*



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BREAKFAST FOR
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Whole Foods Market - Landsdowne Park
Zak's Diner



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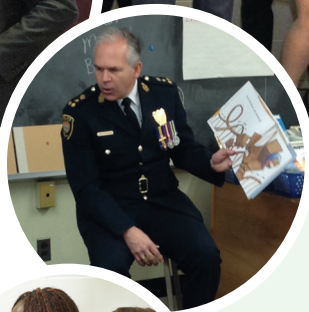
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