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GRATITUDE REPORT

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A year of reflection and growth



As we reflect on the past year, I am once again filled with immense gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication demonstrated by each member of ONFE's community.

With an easing of pandemic restrictions, this past school year saw the return of our in-class Volunteers in Education program and JA Ottawa Programs, sizeable demand in students accessing the School Breakfast Program; our Classroom Gardens Program restarting towers; and the return of our in-person Spark Soirée at the Infinity Convention Centre.

Thank you to our donors and community partners for your unwavering commitment and financial support through the pandemic and beyond. Your support has enabled us to expand our reach and operate in a hybrid in-person and virtual environment.

To our volunteers, you are the backbone of our organization, selflessly investing your time and expertise to igniting a love of learning in the hearts and minds of students.

To our parents and educators, you are invaluable partners on this journey. Your collaboration and trust have strengthened our ability to uplift Ottawa's children and youth.

Thank you to our staff and Board of Directors for working to build a thriving ecosystem for local students. From JA mentorship initiatives that foster personal financial, entrepreneurship and career readiness to OttawaReads volunteers that unlock a world of imagination through the power of reading, to the over 16,000 meals served every school day through the School Breakfast Program, every ONFE endeavour is driven by a shared vision of a brighter future for the next generation.

As we embark on another school year, let us renew our commitment to make even more of an impact. Together, we fuel kids and ignite learning — empowering Ottawa students to reach new heights, dream without limits, and build a successful future.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Norris".

Heather Norris
President and CEO
Ottawa Network for Education

Community Impact



School Breakfast Program

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Regrettably, many families in our community struggle to provide breakfast for their children before school. An empty stomach can hinder a student's ability to learn and concentrate. School breakfast programs offer a nutritious way to start the day and help York Street Public School students focus and succeed... the positive impact is evident and long-lasting for every student.

- Jonathan Coupland, Principal,
York Street Public School



16,700 meals
and snacks
served every
school day

in 200
Ottawa
schools



Classroom Gardens

3550
students
taught

in 106
Ottawa
schools

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The Classroom Garden program is amazing and so crucial to help students develop learning around food security and healthy eating. The Tower Gardens are such an amazing teaching tool. Students love working with them...

- April Dickson, OCDSB





JA Ottawa

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“JA was truly the catalyst for all the 10 jobs I have had since then. I’ll always be grateful to my mentors for believing in me and my skills, as well as taking me so seriously even though I was 16 years old. Professional confidence was my biggest take away from JA.”

– Serena Kam, JA Company student



13,890 students equipped with financial literacy, entrepreneurial, and career readiness skills

in 63 Ottawa schools

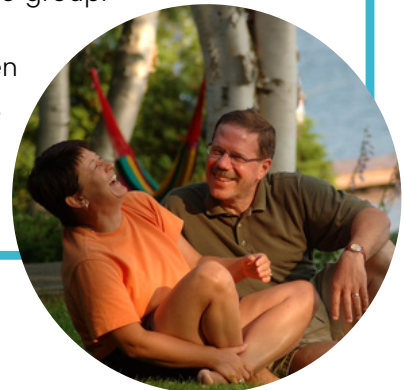


Volunteers In Education

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Neil comes to my class twice a week to read with students. He brings wonderful books along with him and easily and capably interacts with students; allowing them to choose books they are interested in, answering their questions and encouraging those who are shy to join the group.

– Pam Kendall, Kindergarten teacher at W.O. Mitchell PS, about VIE Volunteer, Neil Lillico



5247 students provided with learning support

in 95 Ottawa schools

OttawaReads introduced 70 students in K-3 in one school to the magic of reading.



STEP for Youth in Schools and Community Coalition

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“My sessions helped to say out loud what I was bottling up inside. They helped give me a sort of courage to face what I had to face and to accept certain realities... In short, my counselling made a big difference for me.”

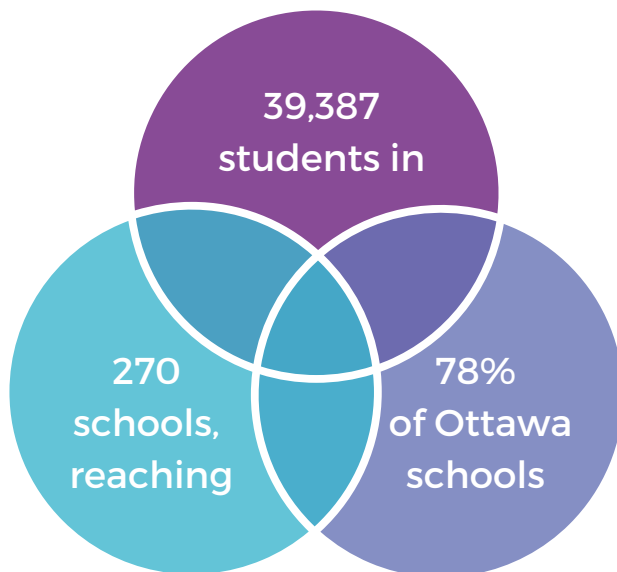
- step youth in a mainstream high school
(source: project-step.ca)



Counselling Support
for problematic
substance and
technology use to
students and
parents/caregivers

in 56
Ottawa high
schools

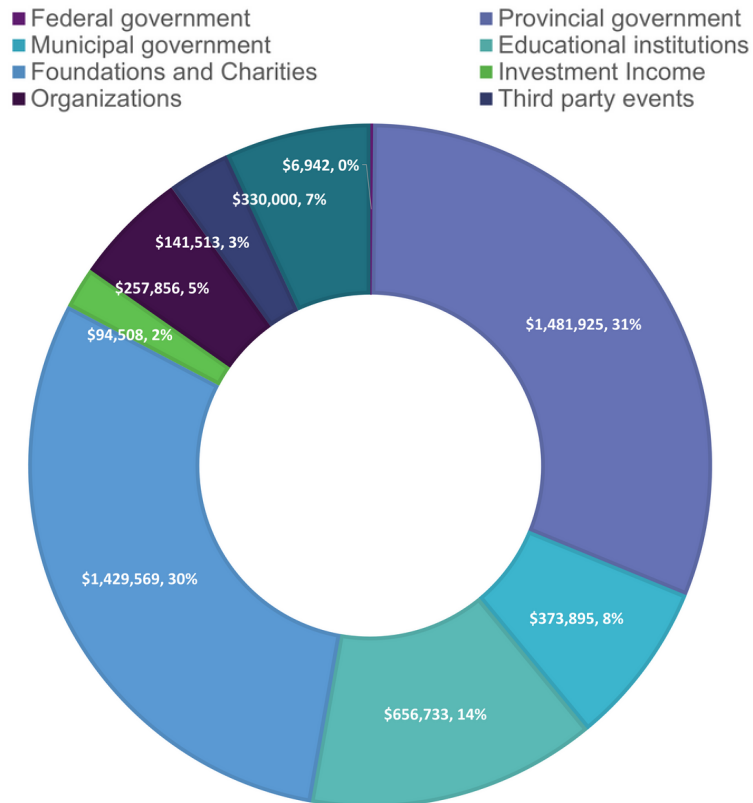
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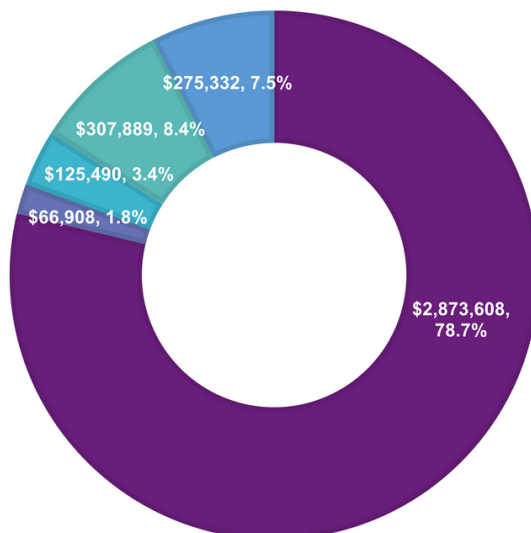
All funds we receive from our generous community, partners and donors are accounted for and put towards furthering our mission to help Ottawa's children and youth succeed.

REVENUE BY FUNDING 2022-23 TOTAL REVENUE \$4,772,942



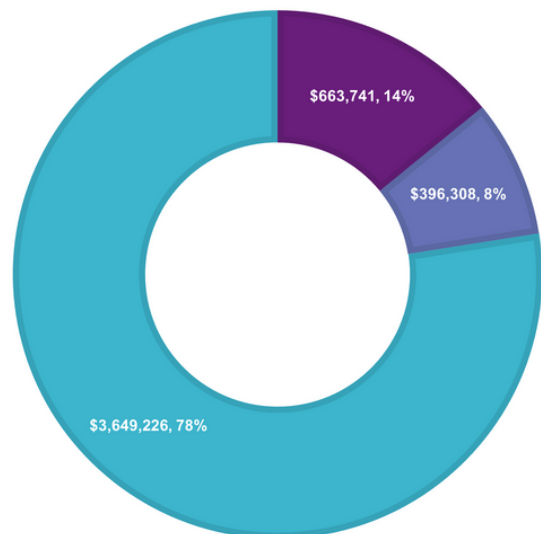
EXPENSES BY PROGRAM 2022-23

School Breakfast Program Classroom Gardens
JA Ottawa Volunteers In Education STEP



OPERATING EXPENSES 2022-23

Core Fundraising Programs



TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,709,275

[View our detailed 2022-23 financial statements.](#)

Thank you, ONFE Volunteers



Your commitment to the children and youth of Ottawa has not gone unnoticed. It is through the thoughtful efforts of individuals like you that ONFE can make a meaningful difference in the lives of thousands of students each year. Your willingness to give your time, energy and expertise to support our initiatives is truly inspiring.

The impact of your volunteer work extends far beyond the hours you spend with local children and youth. Your dedication serves as a shining example to others, motivating them to contribute and create a positive change. Whether you are involved in preparing and serving breakfasts and snacks, mentoring, reading to young children, or any other endeavor, your presence, support, and encouragement provide a sense of belonging and the confidence these students need to navigate their educational journey and beyond.

Thank you, ONFE Donors & Partners



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our community of donors and partners for their exceptional generosity and unwavering support of ONFE. Your financial contributions are a driving force behind our mission to inspire and support every child's learning journey in reaching their full potential by connecting community resources to help K-12 students succeed.

You have empowered us to extend our reach, innovate our programs, and provide students with the tools they need to succeed. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for the young minds of Ottawa, and your dedication is a cornerstone of this success. Thank you.

We look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead and the continued partnerships that will help shape the future of student success in Ottawa.

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Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to fuel kids and ignite learning every school day.

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