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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF OTTAWA - GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED

On October 1, 2014, O-YA submitted an application for funding from the Community Foundation of Ottawa. O-YA's application is for a project called, 'World Village.' The purpose of World Village is for rural youth (Grades 7 - 12) to be exposed to, learn about and celebrate 12 diverse cultures. Volunteers (from 12 different cultures; such as Greek, Turkish, Italian, Japanese, African) will each host a different World Village Workshop at the Osgoode Youth Association over the course of a full year (one Workshop per month). During each Workshop, hosts will talk about their culture of origin (sharing fun trivia, history, photos, videos, memorabilia ... a unique and personal glimpse into their culture) and prepare a meal of foods representative of their culture with our youth participants. The group will then sit, family style, to enjoy the meal together. O-YA's Grant request was for \$10,300. We should hear results in mid-November.

CITY OF OTTAWA CIVIC EVENTS FUNDING - APPLICATION IN PROGRESS

In 2013, O-YA was the recipient of City of Ottawa Civic Events Funding. With this funding, O-YA partnered with Manotick's ROSSS to host the very successful Generations Event on Family Day weekend in February 2014.

O-YA will again partner with ROSSS to submit a 2014 application for Civic Events Funding. I have a meeting with ROSSS's new Program Coordinator, Courtney, on October 22 to discuss our event and application strategy. The application is due on November 13, 2014.

CANADA POST'S COMMUNITY FUNDING - APPLICATION ON TRACK

O-YA is on track to submit an application for Canada Post's Community Funding in March of 2015.

CITY OF OTTAWA FUNDING UPDATE

1. The earlier mentioned possibility of whether a portion of my (Executive Director) salary can be paid by the City of Ottawa, under Pat Dealy's portfolio in Metcalfe is not an option. Not only does Pat not have any extra staffing money in his budget; he has had to make significant recent cuts.
2. Councillor Thompson and I have a meeting in November with Serge Arpin (Mayor's Chief of Staff) re: moving forward with O-YA's Budget Pressures increase request.
3. On Tuesday, October 21, I have a meeting with Councillor Thompson to set dates for the two of us to appeal to several Osgoode Ward business contacts to make corporate donations to O-YA to help keep us up and running. These include: Ian Drew, Jim Beverage, Tim DeDecker, Tomlinson, OrgaWorld and Agri-Drain. Councillor Thompson has personal relationships with many of these contacts. He is willing to make initial introductions for O-YA, and to be part of the first 'ask' meeting.
4. Councilor Thompson did not move forward with his idea of a 'Rural Youth Wellness' levy.
5. In November, Retired Councillor Thomspson and I will meet with the newly elected Osgoode Ward Councillor to get them up to speed on O-YA's ongoing budget pressures request with the City.



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RURAL COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT - COOKING 101

The first few weeks of O-YA's Cooking 101 program went very well! We are full with a total of 10 participants, and the program is meeting with rave reviews. Already under our belt are:

October 1, 2014: Tracey Nesrallah: Clean Mexican Meal

October 8, 2014: Joann Kerr: Cranberry Salsa, Chicken Dumplings, Apple Crisp & Cinnamon Buns

This week is Ric McKerracher's: One Dish Three Ways

COUNCILLOR THOMPSON'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY

O-YA is extremely fortunate to have dedicated volunteer support that we enjoy on a daily basis. Saturday, October 18 marks Councillor Thompson's final Volunteer Awards Ceremony. To mark the occasion, O-YA nominated a grand total of 14 volunteers; 8 community volunteers and 6 youth volunteers. All are looking forward to Saturday's event!

FALL PUMPKIN EVENT

On Sunday, October 19 from 9 am - 12 pm, O-YA will host our first Fall Pumpkin Event. Lynne Whitehead has arranged for Miller's Farm to sell us pumpkins at the reduced rate of \$3 / pumpkin. Log Cabin Apple Orchard is also selling us apples and cider at a reduced rate. Both will be re-sold to make a bit of a profit.

The main goal of Sunday's Pumpkin Event is to raise awareness of what O-YA does in the community, and to solicit donations from community members who stop by to purchase a pumpkin, apples, cider or mini Mason Jar apple crisps. All Board members, Nicole and Carley are participating.

OCTOBER PA DAY CAMP

O-YA's first PA Day Camp of the 2014/15 school year was a success. We had 8 participants register, at a cost of \$40 (a \$5 per day increase over last year's rates) per participant. We grossed \$320. Youth Worker costs for the day were approx. \$209, supplies costs for the day were \$30, making our net gain approx. \$80.

O-YA & CHEO'S YOUTH NET PARTNERSHIP

CHEO's Youth Net Mental Health program for youth just finished a 3 week 'Teen Talk' at O-YA. Although not as well attended as last fall's Girl Talk, it was still well received by the youth participants.

On Saturday, October 18, Youth Net is hosting a 20th Anniversary Celebration; A showcase of positive strategies for coping with stress and maintaining good mental health. Youth Net is arranging for a bus to come to O-YA on Saturday, and pick up any youth participants interested in attending the event.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

O-YA's second annual Thanksgiving Dinner (with all the trimmings!) was a HUGE success. Our Youth Workers cooked a full turkey dinner for 11 youth in Grades 7 - 12 on Friday, October 10. Their Daily Activity Report comment on the evening was, 'too much awesomeness to be contained in this small space.'



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HALLOWEEN FIELD TRIP TO SAUNDERS FARM

On Halloween Night, Friday, October 31, 2014, O-YA is taking a group of youth in Grades 7 - 12 on a field trip to enjoy Saunder's Farm's Fright Night festivities. So far, we have 10 youth signed up to participate.

GROWING UP GREAT NOMINATION

This month, O-YA nominated our own Carley Scharf for a Growing Up Great 'Learning and Discovering' Award. The Ottawa Child and Youth Initiative hosts these annual awards, and this year's Luncheon will take place on Monday, November 24, 2014.

STAFF TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

O-YA staff have been given the amazing opportunity to take Collaborative Problem Solving training. The Ottawa Child and Youth Initiative is providing the funding for this training - including non-salaried Youth Worker pay for the training days. The training takes place over 3 full days in November. Myself, Carley & Kyla will take the course.



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