



Board Report • March 15 - April 15, 2013

FUNDING APPLICATION SUCCESS! ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION

On March 15, O-YA received written notice of approval for Ontario Trillium Foundation funding! This is a VERY big deal for O-YA as only a few organizations throughout the entire province receive this funding, and the competition is very stiff. O-YA was approved for a total of \$34,000 over a 24 month period for the following project:

O-YA will hire a part-time Youth Outreach & Event Coordinator (OEC). The OEC will perform 2 key roles:

1. Play a key outreach role in the Osgoode Ward youth community, engaging and encouraging both new and returning participants to experience O-YA's programming; providing increased opportunities for local youth to actively participate in activities and programs in the osgoode community. O-YA's OEC would also engage in volunteer recruitment and coordination and program planning. The OEC will act as a liaison between community youth and O-YA's Program Coordinator to ensure all programming and events are on point, interesting and relevant to our rural community's unique needs and challenges.

2. Coordinate, manage and expand potential revenue generating Social Enterprise programs and events for O-YA (including the b.side youth cafe, day camps, party / event rental, Sunday Cafe and Date Night Saturdays) with the goal of building the capacity of our charitable and not-for-profit organization, increasing participation, encouraging economic activity, creating condition o increase community engagement and enhancing quality of life in the Osgoode Ward community.

Additionally, O-YA will be able to purchase new furniture which will help improve access to the new Social Enterprises and other programs and services at O-YA.

FUNDING APPLICATION SUCCESS! UNITED WAY YOUTH ACTION GRANT

In November of 2012, an O-YA youth participant committee worked together with Program Coordinator Sam McCaffery-Roots to submit a Youth Action Grant proposal to The United Way. On April 2, the youth were notified of their approval for this project!

The team's 8 week program is focused on rural mental health issues. Programming will include information, education and life skills workshops (including cooking, kick boxing, yoga, nutrition and music). Local service providers will also be coming to O-YA to give talks about additional resources and programs available. One of the highlights of this program will be two presentations (for youth and adults) by James Thomas from 'High Five for Life'.

SUMMER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION SUBMITTED

On March 22, O-YA put in an application to the Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration / Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport for 2013 Summer Experience Program (SEP) funding. O-YA received funding for this program in 2012 for the first time. The SEP would enable O-YA to hire a Youth Summer Experiences Coordinator (YSEP) whose duties would be to lead, mentor, supervise, engage, manage and coordinate activities for youth ages 7 - 18, play a key outreach role in the osgoode Ward youth community to engage and encourage both new and returning participants to experience O-YA's summer programming and coordinate summer program volunteers. O-YA's YSEP will also work on program, workshop and event planning and act as a liaison between youth participants and O-YA's Program Coordinator to ensure that all programming is on point, interesting and relevant to community youth needs. The YSEP will work closely together with the Program Coordinator and Executive Director on the planning, management and execution of 3 key summer events: Osgoode Community BBQ, Live Music Showcase and Youth Art Cafe and be responsible for the organization and management of O-YA's Youth Advisory Committee.

O-YA applied for a total of \$2,689 and funding results are expected in May. Our Case # is: 2013-03-1-10846354.



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ONT. SPORT & RECREATION COMMUNITIES FUND APPLICATION SUBMITTED

On April 15, O-YA put in an application to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport for the 2013-14 Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF). The project O-YA applied for is called Osgoode Sunday Bike Day. Osgoode Sunday Bike Days would take place every Sunday from Victoria Day Weekend to Labour Day on the section of Osgoode Main Street from Nixon Drive to River Road. This 2km stretch will be closed to cars and open to cyclists, in-line skaters, runners and walkers. Osgoode Sunday Bike Day will also feature an Opening Weekend BBQ Event and opportunities to increase physical literacy, safety and skill development (with Bike Safety Rodeos, run clinics, walking groups, cycling clinics and in-line skating courses). Results of funding decisions are expected in early June of 2013. The amount of funding requested was \$11,300 in year one and \$10,200 in year two.

2013 'GOODE RUN UPDATE

O-YA just added a new feature to the 'Goode Run. Participants can now accept pledges for their run / walk. 100% of donations will come back to O-YA and those who donate over \$25 will be given a tax receipt. Participants interested in collecting pledges have to call or email O-YA and will then be given numbered pledge forms (for fraud prevention).

2013/2014 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FUNDING UPDATE

Great news! In a Phone Conference on April 2 with Daphne Darfour (O-YA's representative from The Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport), I was notified that the Ministry had just been approved to make 3 year agreements with the After School programs that if funds - instead of approving funding on a year-to-year basis. Every year, O-YA's Ministry rep will touch base with O-YA regarding financials and participation numbers. As long as everything is in line, we will be a go for the next year. This 3 year deal is, of course, pending any big changes in government over the next 3 years, or government funds not being available. O-YA will submit an application for funding in May of 2013 for this 3 year deal, but we have been pre-approved at 22 participants for a total of \$12,408 for the 2013-14 school year.

2013/2014 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATE

O-YA's 2013-14 After School Club is full! We currently have a waiting list of 4.

GALLERY b. UPDATE

O-YA's Gallery b. project is into the second phase: Painting I Workshops. The first Workshop took place on Tuesday, April 9 at Osgoode Art With Bonnie studio. This week the students are back at O-YA to work on their paintings, and Bonnie has volunteered to come and work with them here. Everyone is very much enjoying this project!

TRILLIUM PROJECT UPDATE

1. Youth Worker Carley Scharf has been hired as O-YA's new Youth Outreach & Event Coordinator. Carley will start in this position on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.
2. An interactive diagram of new furniture ideas has been created. This diagram is being shown during the next 2 weeks to all of O-YA's stakeholder groups (including the Live n' Learn Playgroup, O-YA Staff, O-YA Board of Directors, Girl Guides, Drop In and After School Homework Club) to get their feedback on the plan. Once feedback



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has been collected we will go ahead with the purchase of the new furniture taking everyone's suggestions into consideration.

NEW DROP IN PROGRAMS

O-YA Youth Worker Jenna Spagnoli has created 2 brand new spring programs for O-YA's Drop In. A Girl's Night will take place on Thursday, April 18 and an 8 week Book Club will start on Thursday, April 25. The Girl's Night includes a Healthy Eating Workshop by Sarah Green.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Another successful Red Cross Babysitting Course took place at O-YA on Saturday, April 13. We had 11 participants registered for the course, and were given a \$100 donation from the course instructor for the rental.

DROP IN INCIDENT / SUSPENSION

On Friday, April 5, 2013, there was an incident at The Osgoode Youth Association (O-YA) involving 3 Drop In participants (Scott Smith, Cam Busby & Dereck Maloney).

During Teen Drop In, the boys found a stack of pamphlets in an enclosed section of O-YA's Information Cabinet about how to use condoms. The pamphlets contained graphic images. The boys were asked to put the flyers back, but they did not. They took the flyers and threw them around the interior of O-YA. The Youth Workers explained to the boys that there was a Birthday Party rental taking place the next day for a 9 year old, and that it would not be appropriate to have these pamphlets out in the open at the centre during that time.

After this explanation, the boys put the pamphlets back in the Information Cabinet and, when asked, stated that they had returned all of the pamphlets. The boys went outside to play, and were then found putting the pamphlets on the cars in O-YA's parking lot and hiding them around the outdoor spaces at O-YA. The boys were disrespectful in their communications with the Youth Workers throughout this incident. All three boys were then asked to leave O-YA for the duration of the evening's Drop In program.

As a result of this incident (the fact that they were disrespectful to the Youth Workers and showed disregard for O-YA's rules), I am suspending them from O-YA for a 2 week period beginning Friday, April 5. The boys will be welcome to come back to O-YA's Drop In program starting Friday, April 19.

Two conditions of the boys coming back to O-YA are having a meeting with Nicole to talk about this incident and bringing a signed copy of a letter describing the incident and suspensions back to O-YA from their parent(s) or guardian(s).

DROP IN PARTICIPANT NOTE

We have a new participant at O-YA's Drop In program; Sabrina Humphries. Sabrina is being assessed and treated at CHEO for Borderline Personality Disorder. After many conversations with Sabrina's father about her participation here, I had a long talk with the Youth Workers during our April Staff Meeting. All of the staff are aware of Sabrina's condition and have her parents and grandparent phone numbers to call if they have any issues with Sabrina.



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POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

A draft version of O-YA's Policy & Procedure Manual is currently with Theresa Williams. Theresa is reviewing the P&P Manual and suggesting changes. Once the edited Manual comes back to O-YA, I will make the changes and forward it to the Board for approval.

UPCOMING FUNDING PROPOSAL DUE DATES

Safer Communities Grant	May 8, 2013
Canada Post Community Foundation	May 12, 2013
Telus Community Funding	June 7, 2013

EXPECTED DATES FOR RESULTS OF SUBMITTED FUNDING PROPOSALS

Unknown	TD Bank Community Giving Program (TD responded to my inquiry email saying that they would look into the status of our application - I'm waiting for that response)
May 15, 2013	Summer Experiences Program Grant
May 15, 2013	Canada Summer Jobs (HRSDC)
June 1, 2013	Ontario Sport & Recreation Communities Fund

NICOLE'S 2013 HOLIDAYS

1. 4 Days: Wednesday, February 13 - Wednesday, February 20, 2013; 1 day was Family Day (*completed*)
2. 10 Days: Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 9, 2013
3. 6 Days TBD