



Board Report • November 12 - 30, 2012

FUNDING APPLICATION APPROVED

Community Foundations of Ontario

O-YA's September 25 application for funding to Community Foundations of Ontario for a project called 'Gallery b' has been approved!

O-YA's Gallery b. project will teach youth (ages 11 - 18) how to create jewellery, take photographs, paint using 2 different mediums and organize a Gallery b. Opening Event to display their art for ongoing show and sale at O-YA. The instructional aspect of Gallery b. will take place between February - May 2013 as part of O-YA's regularly scheduled Drop In programming. The Gallery Opening will be in June of 2013. The resulting art show and sale will be ongoing at O-YA (to be enjoyed by our Teen Drop In program participants, After School Homework Club, b.side youth cafe patrons and external rentals such as Girl Guides, Live n' Learn playgroup, City of Ottawa, fitness class participants and more). 1/3 of proceeds from the art sale will be given to the selling artist(s), 1/3 will go back to O-YA and 1/3 will be donated to the Me To We non-profit youth foundation. The funding amount approved is \$9,300, and will be sent to O-YA by cheque before December 25, 2012.

FUNDING APPLICATION DECLINED

Telus Community Fund

O-YA's October 5, O-YA application for funding to Telus for their Community Donation program has been declined. The application was for an extension of last year's Cross Country Ski Program, and would have been called "Cross Country Ski & Apres Ski Lodge Program". O-YA's Ski & Lodge program had 3 components. First, youth would benefit from a Ski Prep and Nutrition Workshop aimed at teaching exercise and healthy foods to fuel participants' minds and bodies for skiing. Second, youth would enjoy 8 weeks of Cross Country Ski excursions (supervised by instructors teaching proper technique and form) on Osgoode's Multi use Pathway with skis, poles, boots and bindings provided. Ski equipment would remain at O-YA for participants and other youth to borrow throughout the ski season (and in future years) when lessons aren't taking place. Third, after skiing, the O-YA space will be transformed into an 'Apres Ski Lodge' atmosphere with cozy seating, and electric fireplace, blankets and throw pillow, books and magazines, warm drinks and healthy lunches to enjoy (hot cocoa, chili, herbal tea, soup, stew, etc.). O-YA's request was for \$12,200.

The decline letter stated that Telus is approached by thousands of organizations each year with funding requests, and after reviewing our request, have determined that they are unable to provide support to our organization at this time. They did not give any specific reason, or contact information for more details.

As a follow up, Sam and I are in discussion about how we can continue a Cross Country Ski program at O-YA this winter even without this funding. We are looking at a Saturday Drop In with the opportunity to rent Ski equipment and go out on the trail with a volunteer guide / teacher. Elliot Blaney has very generously offered his services as a guide / teacher.

NEW PROGRAM

Guitar Clinic at b.side cafe

We have received some inquiries about starting Guitar Lessons again at O-YA, but I don't think there would be enough participants to support a formal class. So, we are going to try out a happy medium in the form of a Guitar Clinic. The Clinic would take place during b.side cafe on Thursday nights. Jenna and Grant both work Thursdays (and are our resident guitar experts) and participants would be encouraged (free of charge) to drop in, and take advantage of Jenna and Grant's talents to teach them a new skill, practice what they are currently learning or just jam. I think this will really revitalize b.side too!



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TEACHER STRIKE CARE AT O-YA

In response to an O-YA Board request, I have figured out a way to provide a Day Camp at O-YA in the event of an Elementary Teacher's Strike. Sam and I are going to staff the camp (which will run on teacher strike days from 8 am - 4:20 pm) for \$30 per participant with After Care available for an additional \$10 until 5:30 pm. The Live n' Learn Playgroup (run by Natalie Curry) and I have decided to work together to share the O-YA space (thanks Todd for that suggestion) if the 2 events occur on the same day. Natalie and I agree that 'big kids' will have fun helping the 'little kids' with crafts and play, etc.

GINGERBREAD FUNDRAISING EVENT

A couple of updates about our upcoming winter fundraising event:

1. I have gotten word from MPP Lisa MacLeod that she will be attending our event.
2. Tammy Wyatt has agreed to be a sponsor of the event for \$200 (which will help to cover materials costs)
3. Barrhaven Bulk Barn has agreed to donate some icing and candy decorations, and will also give O-YA 15% off anything else we want to buy there for the event.
4. I asked Manotick's Gingerbread Man if he would be our 'Celebrity Judge', but he is too busy at that time of year to commit. He was flattered to be asked though.
5. I have a 'mostly there' commitment from Scotiabank for their volunteer matching program. They have one staff confirmed, and are waiting on a second to totally commit.
5. I am going to approach Louise Aube to see if she would like to be our Judge. Louise owns Louise's Cakes and Sweet Treats and bakes the desserts for The Black Dog. I like that she's local too!
6. As we only have 4 couples officially registered so far, I would REALLY appreciate some help with outreach. Posting on Facebook, putting posters up, talking to your friends and getting people to actually buy tickets is what I need most right now!

As we discussed at the last Board Meeting, I am asking ALL Board Members if they can please donate 1 item for a raffle table at the event (about a \$20 - \$30 value - probably something with 'kid appeal'). You can either get someone to donate your item, or purchase something and donate it yourself. Leah is going to make a stocking, I am going to ask Tracey Nesrallah for a homemade pie, Lisa Racine is going to donate something from Pampered Chef and Nikki is going to purchase something to donate.

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.

EXPECTED DATES FOR RESULTS OF SUBMITTED FUNDING PROPOSALS

October 12, 2012	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)
November 30, 2012	The Ottawa Citizen Literacy Foundation Grant
January 10, 2013	Ontario Trillium Grant



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2013 TEAMCOOK-OFF

I am currently considering whether or not O-YA will hold a 3rd Annual TEAMCOOK-OFF as part of Osgoode's Winter Carnival in February, 2013. The decision will mainly hinge on whether Cyril Cook is willing to be title sponsor again or not. If he is not, I will be looking to the Board to help find a replacement Title Sponsor. Also, I am looking for suggestions on a cooking theme for next year's event. Some suggestions I received last year were: meatballs, pasta sauce and chocolates. Thoughts and suggestions are welcome!

NICOLE'S 2012 HOLIDAYS

1. 2 Days: Monday, January 30 & Tuesday, January 31, 2012 (*completed*)
2. 5 Days; Tuesday, March 13 - Wednesday, March 21, 2012 (*completed*)
3. 9 Days: Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 10, 2012 (*completed*)
4. 1 Day (plus lieu time); Wednesday, September 26 - Friday, September 28, 2012 (*completed*)
5. 3 Days: Monday, December 24, Thursday, December 27 & Friday, December 28, 2012

NICOLE'S 2013 HOLIDAYS

Coming soon.