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Brant Family and Children's
Services Foundation

Message from the Foundation Board President – Kevin Hodge

It is my privilege to have been the President of the Brant Family and Children's Services Foundation for the past year. It brings me great pleasure to see our youth succeed and get the funding necessary whether it be for school or for programming.

Brant Family and Children's Services Foundation was created to strengthen families and ensure our children are able to enjoy as many opportunities as possible. In accordance with the Agency's mission and vision, funds may be allocated to individual children and/or used to strengthen neighbourhood communities which in turn strengthens families and provides a better environment for children.

Financial sustainability was strengthened a number of years ago with the purchase of a number of local properties in the downtown core. These properties provide a unique symbiotic model where the Foundation benefits from an ongoing revenue source and Brant Family and Children's Services enjoys the ability to manage building costs, at market value or lower, which helps with the bottom line of both organizations.

There is, however, never enough money. Ministry funding provides the basics. Additional revenue is raised through grants, community donations, and fundraising events. Foundation funds in 2018-2019 were used for the following, to name a few:

- ◆ **Summer Camp**—\$74,000 in funding was provided, which allowed 321 children to attend camp. Ten children benefited from 1:1 care. Six residential camps were used along with eighteen different day camps. Transportation and special needs seem to be the major barriers.
- ◆ **Kamptastic**—\$8,100 in funding was provided, which allowed 132 children to attend our neighbourhood camp programs carried out in partnership with the Brantford Parks and Rec Department. Day trips included; Laser tag, Earl Haig, Gretzky Centre, Doug Snooks Centre and the movie theatre.
- ◆ **Educational Assistance**—Funding was provided to eight former crown wards who are pursuing post secondary studies to help cover the cost of tuition, text books and supplies.
- ◆ **Community Dinners**—Held twice a month, this program is helping to build community connections, encourages people to share stories, support one another, increases engagement with staff, and helps people feel more comfortable in asking for food donations throughout the week.
- ◆ **Mums Group**—Mums group is an opportunity for parents to seek emotional and peer support in a safe and comfortable space. Parents coming to the drop-in program have the opportunity to learn and apply a variety of knowledge related to interpersonal relationships and issues impacting their child/teen. By providing workshops that are of relevance and need, it will help to foster positive relationships among community members and break down barriers.
- ◆ **Monthly Birthday Parties**—Often families living in poverty do not have the ability to provide basic needs for their children, therefore cannot afford to have a party. This program provides kids the space and opportunity to celebrate their birthday while building life lasting relationships with their peers. Children are able to build rapport and enjoy a positive birthday experience in a safe and comfortable environment.

*"The well-being and
safety of children and
youth is our primary
focus.*

*Together with our
community, we strive to
protect children and
youth and strengthen
families."*

- Brant FACS Mission Statement



Community Donors

On behalf of the Brant FACS Foundation board, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the community organizations and businesses who have supported us by donating, sponsoring an event or providing products throughout the past year. Your support is greatly appreciated. 100% of the funds donated to the Foundation are applied directly to the programs that it supports:

Al Dente	Lynden Park Mall, Centre Corp Management Services Ltd.
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Kiwanis Club Brantford	West Brant Window World
Koolatron	Westervelt College
Little Red Hen Productions	

Upcoming Events

Brantford Police Association 2019 Charity Golf Tournament

When: Thursday, June 13th, 2019
 Time: 11:30 a.m. Shot Gun Start
 Where: Flamborough Hills Golf & Country Club
 Cost: \$125.00 per person
bpatres99@gmail.com

Brantford Keg—14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

When: Monday June 17th, 2019
 Where: Oaks of St. George Golf club - 269 German School Rd.
 Time: Shotgun Start 1:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$150.00, includes 18 holes of golf with cart, beer and lunch \$50.00 gift certificate and silent auction. Dinner to follow @ The Keg, \$50.00
Brantford@kegrestaurants.com
 Proceeds in support of Arnold Anderson Sports Fund and Brant Family and Children's Services Foundation

Brantford Regional Real Estate Association 8th Annual Realtor Community Cup

When: Friday September 13th, 2019
 Time: Shotgun Start: Noon
 Where: Northridge Public Golf Course - 320 Balmoral Dr. Brantford
 Cost: \$150.00 per golfer + HST
golf@brrea.com

Tapa's, Tasting and Tunes—Annual Fundraising Event

When: Thursday October 24th, 2019
 Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Where: Brantford Golf & Country Club (60 Ava Road).
 Tickets: \$65.00 inclusive
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