

The Voice of Older Adult Centres | La voix des centres pour aînés

OACAO Newsletter

GREAT NEWS re: Elderly Persons Centres Act

Over the past eight years, the OACAO has been working with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to have the Ministry approve new applications for EPC funding, bring back to full funding those centres that were cut back due to the “social contract” and increase the base funding for the centres that have been receiving this grant.

The Advocacy Committee took on this project and had several meetings with different government ministries. Over the past two years, our Association has worked closely with the Ontario Seniors’ Secretariat and Ministry of Health on EPC Funding. I would like to thank Lawrie Bloom, our Executive Director, for his support and direction with this project and everyone else on the Advocacy Committee for your support.

The OACAO has played a big part in this change to EPC Funding and this is just one more good reason why centres should belong to our Association.

The process has been slow and frustrating for those new centres waiting for funding and your patience in waiting for this approval to come is appreciated.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has made the following changes to Regulation 314 under the EPC Act:

1. Increased the maximum Ministry contribution for maintenance and operating grants from \$30,000/yr to \$32,000/yr beginning in 2008/09 and \$42,700/yr beginning in 2010/11.
2. Maintained the minimum Municipal contribution for maintenance and operating grants at 20% of 2007/08 net costs for existing EPC’s and 20% of net costs for new EPC’s (as of 2008/09)
3. Increased the definition of value of capital asset to \$3,000”

Application packages have been sent out to everyone and I would suggest that you provide all of the information and detailed budget forms they have attached. This information must be submitted to the address shown in your letter by **Dec.15th, 2008**

If you have any questions with regards to completing the Application forms, you can contact Tina Sakr at 416-314-9577.

The Advocacy Committee thanks you again for your support and will continue to work for you.

John Coffey, Chair
Advocacy Committee

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Message from the Executive Director

Conference 2008 is now but a memory and as the snow falls, I remember back to the Tuesday morning at Horsehoe when we had that unexpected snowfall.

It was my pleasure to work with a fabulous Conference Committee! Special thanks to all of you for your hard work on Conference 2008. It was a wonderful 3 days with many memories that will last a long time. Who could forget Alf Grigg with his weird hat getting us to do things we never thought that we would and then having fun doing them. We all had a hoot at the wild, crazy and totally out of control Survival Game. And what about the "rained out" Camp Fire that ended up in the Hospitality Suite. What a blast! One of the goals of the conference was the opportunity for networking and it seemed to me that there sure was a lot of that. The workshops were great and we even got to go outside instead of being cooped up in a hotel for 3 or 4 days. The theme, "Live Life to the Full-

est" was certainly achieved at this year's conference. It was wonderful to finally be able to announce that the changes to the EPC Act have been approved. I am aware that some of you are disappointed that the grant is not bigger for the next 2 years, but considering the economy, I'm glad that we even got that much. I look forward to hearing the success of all of the centres on the Waiting List becoming approved centres. Please let us know so we can share this with our whole association.

Just following the conference, John Coffey, Bill Krever and Al Gordon met with Minister Caplan, who is now the Minister of Health and Long Term Care. The Minister was so interested in what they had to say that they actually got 45 minutes instead of the 30 they were supposed to have. This was an especially auspicious time as the OACAO has never had an opportunity to meet directly with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care. Great

job guys and thank you for arranging this meeting. The Trillium Grant, Building Bridges to Tomorrow, will complete the second year of the project at the end of November. Thus far, I am proud to announce that the project has reached almost 1,500 more people than was originally proposed. As well, 30 centres of interest have taken part in the process when the expectation was for only 20. Thanks to all who been involved. The data collected will help the committee as we develop a long term plan for our association.

Mark your calendar now for Conference 2009 in Toronto at the Valhalla Inn from October 18-20.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful festive season!

Lawrie Bloom

Executive Director



Ontario Volunteer Recognition Programs

The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Michael Chan, has announced the Ontario Volunteer Recognition Programs for 2009. If you wish to nominate an individual, go to: www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards to download the appropriate forms.

“Giving While Living”

You’ve reached that time in your life when you want to consider the legacy you wish to leave. Here are some giving-while-living strategies that can offer significant benefits to your estate as well as making a donation to the charitable organization of your choice.

Name your favorite charity as beneficiary - Leave a bequest in your Will to a recognized charity. Your estate will receive a charitable donation tax receipt.

Establish a Donor Advised Fund – Donate to a public foundation and you receive a tax receipt for contributions made to the fund from the public foundation and also retain the right to recommend which charity or charities are to receive allocations of the fund’s income.

Establish a Charitable Remainder Trust - Donate capital such as cash and mutual funds to an irrevocable Charitable Remainder Trust while you live on the taxable income. Upon your death, the trust assets – known as the *remainder* – go immediately to the charity. You will receive a charitable receipt for a portion of your donation.

Donate a life insurance policy now - Donate a policy and receive a charitable receipt based on the cash surrender value or premium payments you make each year.

Establish a Charitable Life Annuity - Make your charitable gift now and continue to receive a lifetime income for yourself and/or your spouse from the assets you’ve donated. A large portion of this annuity income will be tax free and will not trigger Old Age Security clawbacks. You will receive a charitable receipt for a portion of the donations.

Donate publicly traded stocks or securities - There is no capital gains tax on appreciated stocks and mutual funds when they are donated to a recognized charity either while you are living or through your

Will.

Establish a Private Foundation - This option ensures your generosity lives on and can permanently associate your name or your family’s name with the causes you’ve chosen.

A professional advisor can help map out the giving-while-living strategy for you.

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**OACAO WEBSITE NEWS**

Hello to all, it is with great pleasure that I invite you to log on to www.oacao.org to view the NEW AND IMPROVED OACAO WEBSITE. We hope you will enjoy the new colours and organization and will find it easier to navigate and read.

Please feel free to send me any comments that will help us make the site even better.

Special thanks to Marc Jurman of Logomotion Graphics, our Webmaster, for all of his hard work in creative design and implementation.

Hello everyone. As a result of a suggestion, we have put a “Job Posting” button on the new OACAO website. So, if there are any job postings out there, please send them to me and I will have our fabulous webmaster, Marc, put them on the website.

Mr. Lawrie Bloom, Executive Director
Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

OACAO Board of Directors



SEASON'S GREETINGS!



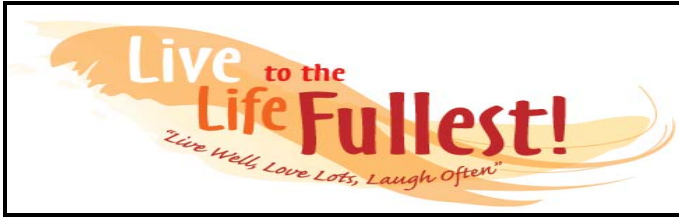
Please note that due to computer problems, Shelley Wesseling, the OACAO Fair Coordinator, has changed her email address to :

shelleyw2008hotmail.com

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