

How We Help Clubs



Canadian Children's
Optimist Foundation

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Club Grant Program

Each Optimist Club can be awarded a Grant of up to \$1,000 per year. The goals of the Club Grant Program are to promote and encourage the education, health, social, artistic or physical development and growth of Canadian youth. It also includes bringing about relief of poverty and its adverse affects upon Canadian youth in particular and upon Canadian society in general.

The project must benefit Canadian Children at large under the age of 18. The project cannot benefit private individuals

Applications are due March 31st

Spread Relief Program

The Spread Relief Program is CCOF's way to help your Club launch a childhood health and wellness related project. Optimist Clubs can be awarded a grant of up to \$3,000.00 once per year.

The program supports projects focused on assisting children and families dealing with mental and physical health issues and promoting and raising awareness of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle to inspire entire communities.

Grants are awarded Quarterly and the deadlines are:

1st Quarter: November 30, 2nd Quarter: February 28 (29), 3rd Quarter: May 31

4th Quarter: August 31

The Mission of Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation is to invest today for the future of our youth by seeking and managing funds through collaboration with Canadian Optimist Clubs and their communities, by supporting Clubs to create opportunities that will enhance quality of life, improvement health and wellness and inspire our youth.

Outsourcing Program

The purpose of the outsourcing program is to help Canadian Optimist Clubs optimize the fundraising efforts of their charitable activities by providing charitable tax receipts to its donors. As we know an official receipt for tax purposes may encourage donors to increase the amount of the donation.

The outsourcing program allows Clubs to finance the projects that they cherish while allowing donors the benefit of an official receipt

Recognition Programs

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Dime-A-Day is an easy way for many Members to begin their giving contributions. Donors who give \$36.50 a year receive a special pin.

Foundation President's Club is made up of individuals who make an initial donation of \$250 and commit an additional \$250 donation annually. New President's Club Members receive a lapel pin and all members are invited to attend a special function at the International Convention

Friends of the Foundation is a club or individual making a minimum annual donation of \$500 to CCOF. In recognition of their donation, the donor receives a signed certificate

Christian D. Larson Partner is named for the author of The Optimist Creed. For a one time \$1,000 unrestricted donation, the member receives a numbered plaque commemorating their membership.

William H. Harrison Society is named after the first Optimist International President. To become a member of the Society, a Donor's life-to-date CCOF giving must be \$10,000 or more. An annual contribution of \$1000 is necessary to maintain active Membership in the society. Members of the Society are invited to attend a recognition dinner with the Foundations' Board of Directors at International Convention.

Friends of Tomorrow Society are individuals who make a planned or deferred donation to CCOF is recognized as a Friend of Tomorrow and will be presented with a memento.

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