



December 2017

Celebrating Our Caring Community of Donors and Supporters

Happy Holidays from Peel Children's Centre! As we look back on the last year, we have many people to thank for being a part of our caring community working together for children and youth. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our funders, donors, volunteers, staff, board members, students and countless community partners. Your support made it possible for Peel Children's Centre to support more than 4,300 children and youth in 2017, and we look forward to continuing our work together in 2018.

Thank You to Our Donors

Evening of Hope Gala

In November, Peel Children's Centre (PCC) welcomed 180 guests to an Evening of Hope: Shining Star, a black tie gala fundraiser that raised more than \$65,360 in support of PCC's high quality, free and confidential mental health services for children, youth and families who live in the Region of Peel. The event celebrated the many individuals and organizations whose work with PCC collectively supports children and youth who struggle with social, emotional and/or behavioural challenges.



Mississauga Poet Laureate and youth advocate Wali (Flo) Shah shared his story with guests at our Evening of Hope.

Many thanks to the Mississauga Grand Banquet & Event Centre for hosting the event and to our generous sponsors:

- **Presenting Sponsor**, Bell, **Platinum Sponsor**, TD Canada Trust, and **Matching Sponsor**, Scotiabank, whose contributions each exceeded \$5,000
- **Silver Sponsor**, Ascona Foods Group Ltd.
- **Cocktail Sponsor**, King Masonry Yard
- **Sweet Treat Sponsor**, PLASP Child Care Services



Thanks to everyone who donated auction items, purchased tickets and bid on the auctions. Special thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Peel Region's very own **Jahmeelah "Jam" Gamble**, and to Mississauga Poet Laureate and youth advocate **Wali (Flo) Shah**, who shared his journey to overcoming mental health challenges through a spoken word performance that chronicled his involvement with street gangs and multiple run-ins with the law. Thanks as well to the volunteers who helped to organize and run the event. You are all "shining stars" in our caring community, and your contributions will have a positive impact in the lives of children, youth and their families who are struggling with mental health challenges. To see photos from PCC's Evening of Hope Gala, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PeelCC.

Leadership Gifts

We are extremely grateful for the following gifts valued at \$5,000 or more:

- **RBC Royal Bank of Canada's** donation of \$50,000 to increase the capacity of the Peel Coordinated Intake Network, which is the main entry point to child and youth mental health services in Peel;
- **McCormick Canada's** donation of \$34,561 in support of PCC's programs and services;
- **Community Foundation of Mississauga's** donation of \$23,000 in support of PCC's Summer Camp and Connect After School programs;
- **Peel Regional Police's** donation of \$16,020 raised from their annual *Mother's Day Brunch* in support of PCC's programs and services; and
- **John William Burgess Enterprises Inc.'s** donation of \$7,500 in support of PCC's Concurrent Disorders program.



PCC CEO Humphrey Mitchell with members of the PLASP bowling team at our 13th Annual Cosmic Bowl.

Cosmic Bowl

Thanks to everyone who sponsored, bowled, pledged or provided donations to PCC's 13th Annual Cosmic Bowl. PCC welcomed more than 250 bowlers and volunteers who came together to **#StrikeOutStigma** and raise more than **\$47,000!** These funds will assist us in providing high quality mental health services and hope to more than 4,300 children, youth, and their families in our community. Cumulatively, Cosmic Bowl has raised close to **\$500,000** for PCC's programs. Mark your calendars now for our 14th Annual Cosmic Bowl, taking place on **Thursday, May 24, 2018!** Please visit www.PCCCosmicBowl.com for more information.



Staples Back to School Drive

For the 12th year in a row, Staples Canada at 3135 Argentia Road in Mississauga selected PCC as their Charity of Choice for their Staples for Students annual school supply drive. Staples continues to share in PCC's vision of working together as a community to support children and youth, and with support from Staples' customers, this year's drive raised over **\$900** to purchase school supplies for PCC children and youth. Thank you to Staples Manager Raj and his team for helping to make this year's campaign possible. Thank you also to the PCC staff who volunteered to help with shopping and distributing the supplies to our clients.

United Way Campaign

Special thanks to our generous employees who raised **\$10,000** for the United Way this fall. The United Way is a major funder of PCC's sister agency, Nexus Youth Services. Thank you to the members of our United Way committee for leading the way and making fundraising fun for everyone. We look forward to next year's campaign!



A few of the elves who helped Peel Paramedics deliver toys, food and diapers to our clients in need.

Holiday Gift Donations

Warm thanks to the following organizations, individuals and families who generously donated items or sponsored client families to enable them to enjoy the Christmas holidays:

- Apotex employees
- Barbosa Family
- CACEIS Asset Servicing employees
- Carter's OshKosh Canada
- Chrysler Unifor Local 1285
- Coty Inc.
- Diana Pimenta and family
- Debbie Biot
- Dimension Data
- Gloria Zerboni and family
- Halton Regional Police CASA Unit
- Heartland Dragons Minor PeeWee Red Hockey team
- Hopewell Logistics
- IKEA
- Isaac and Sandra Raposo
- Jay Nimer-Boutros
- Jessica Roselli
- Juniper Park/TBWA
- Kaitlyn Adams and Momentum
- King Masonry Yard Ltd.
- Lesley Dellar and family
- Lixil Water Technology Americas
- Loriann Chapman and family
- Mabel and Gary Himley
- Mississauga Firefighters' Benevolent Fund



- Meghan Pitschik
- Pamela O'Hara
- Peel Paramedic Association
- Peel Regional Paramedic Services
- Peel Regional Police Professional Standards
- Pet Smart (3105 Argentia Road)
- Roman and Lilliana Boychuk
- Ross Amore, Andrea Peca and family
- Ryan and Amanda Lahey, with friends and family
- Stephanie Barbosa and Julian DaSilva
- Spectrum Health Care Foundation
- Tamefield
- Vince Bailey
- PCC Preschool Team
- PCC System Planning & Accountability Team

Thank you to everyone who sponsored families this holiday season. Your generosity makes a difference!

We greatly value the support we have received from all our community partners. Please visit www.peelcc.org for a comprehensive list of our donors.

Thank You to Our Community Leaders

Michael Scott, PCC's Volunteer of the Year

The 2017 recipient of the Ron Lenyk Volunteer of the Year Award was **Michael Scott**, who first began volunteering as a male mentor in 2006. Having grown up without the presence of a positive male role model in his own life, Michael recognized that mentoring was an opportunity to show another young man a different and more positive path in life. Michael was matched with an 8-year-old boy who today is a first year college student, pursuing his dream of working in the automotive industry. Now a busy small business owner, Michael continues to support PCC's volunteer program by advertising volunteer opportunities to his customers at Mikey's Bistro, a Caribbean fusion restaurant he owns and operates in Brampton, and his legacy of helping others grows with each new volunteer who signs up. Congratulations, Michael, and thank you for everything you do!

PCC extends its heartfelt thanks to the **more than 100 volunteers** who supported PCC families this past year as childcare providers, drivers, mentors, tutors, respite providers and fundraising assistants. Your dedication has made a positive difference in the lives of high-needs children and youth.



Michael Scott with PCC Volunteer Coordinator Linda Buchanan.



Mary Neville Award Co-Recipients, Angela Lawton and Donna McIlroy

Presented annually by PCC, the Mary Neville Award recognizes community members who have made outstanding contributions in children's mental health services. The Mary Neville Award was created in honour of the late Mary Neville, a former Prevention Coordinator for PCC whose work particularly focused on the positive outcomes that resulted when employing prevention and early intervention treatment methods.



Donna McIlroy and Angela Lawton.

Mary Neville Award co-recipient **Angela Lawton** has worked on the frontline of child and youth mental health for more than 20 years. A Psychometrist with Infant and Child Development Services Peel (ICDSP), Angela's work has focused on developing a clinical service continuum for infants and children prenatally exposed to alcohol and drugs. Described by her colleagues as "exceptionally committed to family-centred, evidence-based practice", Angela continues to empower families, her colleagues and the Peel community to pioneer innovative ways to help young children with prenatal substance exposure and their families.

Mary Neville Award co-recipient **Donna McIlroy** has dedicated her career to helping children, youth and families, first on the frontlines of Peel Children's Aid and later a supervisor and manager of clinical services at PCC. Donna was nominated for the Mary Neville Award in recognition of her exemplary contributions to the award winning Peel Inclusion Resource Services (PIRS) program, which builds capacity for special needs resourcing in licensed childcare by helping to identify children who need support, and streamlining the referral process for parents and childcare providers. Donna's colleagues describe her as a "strengths finder", a "believer in hope" and as someone who is "calm, patient, consistent and always willing to tackle any issue, no matter how big or small." Donna continues to promote diversity, inclusion and the PIRS model in order to enrich our community's child and youth mental health system.

Thank you, Angela and Donna, for your tremendous efforts to strengthen mental health services for children, youth and families in our community.

Happy Holidays!

To all of our supporters, thank you for another wonderful year. Our office and Tangerine Walk-In Counselling will be closed between December 25th and January 1st, and we will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd. **Our Crisis Response Service will be available 24/7 during the break.** If you or your family need support, please call **416-410-8615**. Thank you and see you in 2018!