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2014 – 2015

23rd Annual VOICE Conference

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children
Grant approved: \$5,000

Manitoba NF Symposium

Manitoba Neurofibromatosis Support Groups (MBNF)
Grant approved: \$5,000

Family Day on Borderline Personality Disorder

The Sashbear Foundation
Grant approved: \$5,000

Unlocking the mysteries of good allergy; what can we learn from research?

Anaphylaxis Canada
Grant approved: \$5,000

26th Annual Reach for the Rainbow Training Conference

Reach for the Rainbow (RFTR)
Grant approved: \$5,000

Fostering Connections, 2015 Annual Conference – The Transition Trail:

A Journey to Independence Through Connection
Manitoba Foster Family Network
Grant approved: \$5,000

Toronto Finding Balance Mental Health Conference

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada (JDRF)
Grant approved: \$5,000

5th Bi-Annual Body Image and Self-Esteem Conference

The National Eating Disorder Information Centre
Grant approved: \$5,000

Changing the Course of Autism 2014 (Conference/Webcast)

Autism Canada Foundation
Grant approved: \$5,000

Vision Quest Educational Meetings

The Foundation Fighting Blindness
Grant approved: \$5,000

Brain Tumour Information Days Patient and Family Conferences

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada
Grant approved: \$5,000

Precious Minds Family Learning & Fun Day

Precious Minds Support Services
Grant approved: \$5,000

2013 - 2014

How arts-based, mindfulness-based methods can help young people develop self-esteem and resilience: a 'hands-on' workshop for parents and practitioners

Laurentian University
Grant approved: \$5,000

The Canadian MPS Society's 2012 National Family Conference

The Canadian MPS Society
Grant approved: \$5,000

Open Minds Across Canada Mental Health Symposia 2012

Healthy Minds Canada
Grant approved: \$5,000

Muscular Dystrophy Canada's Youth in Action Conference

Muscular Dystrophy Canada
Grant approved: \$5,000

Vision Quest Conference 2012

Foundation Fighting Blindness
Grant approved: \$5,000

Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health

Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health
Grant approved: \$5,000

Ask the Alpha Docs Patient Education Day

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Canada Inc. (Alpha-1 Canada)
Grant approved: \$5,000

Parent Workshop at Pine River Institute

Pine River Institute (PRI)
Grant approved: \$4,746

Canadian National FOP Conference & Family Clinic

Thames Valley Children's Centre (TVCC)
Grant approved: \$5,000

Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough Spring Conference 2013

Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough
Grant approved: \$4,000.00

SickKids Liver Transplant Family Education Day

Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition, SickKids
Grant approved: \$2,504

'Waking Up to Childhood Narcolepsy' An educational event for children with narcolepsy and their families

Respiratory Medicine Department, SickKids
Grant approved: \$3,750.00

Annual VOICE Conference: The "21st Century Learner"

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children (VOICE)
Grant approved: \$5,000

2012 - 2013

Autism: Changing the Course

Autism Canada Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

Open Minds Across Canada Mental Health Symposia 2011

Healthy Minds Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

4th S.H.A.R.E. (Survivors Health: Advocating for Resources and Education) Conference: HRQL?? De-Puzzling Health Related-Quality of Life for Survivors of Childhood Cancer

Oncology Aftercare Program, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario

Grant approved: \$5,000

The Circle of Care: Promoting Palliative Care at Diagnosis of a Life-Threatening Illness: 3rd Annual Pediatric Palliative Care Research Symposium

Palliative and Bereavement Care Service, SickKids

Grant approved: \$5,000

Advancing Vocational Opportunities for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Autism Research Unit, SickKids

Grant approved: \$5,000

2011 Canadian Deafblind Association Parent Conference

Canadian Deafblind Association Ontario Chapter

Grant approved: \$4,125

Sibling Appreciation Day

Social Work Department, SickKid

Grant approved: \$5,000

19th Annual International Scientific Meeting of the Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome

(VCFS) Educational Foundation, Inc.

Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation

20th Annual VOICE Conference

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children (VOICE)

Grant approved: \$5,000

FPWR Canada National PWS Conference – Power and Possibilities...

Foundation for Prader-Willi Research, Canada (FPWR)

Grant approved: \$5,000

Building Healthy Homes Conference

Ontario Rett Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

International meeting for Autism Research Stakeholder Preconference

The Centre for Applied Genomics, SickKids

Grant approved: \$5,000

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2011 – 2012

Get Liver Smart! Biliary Atresia and Alagille Syndrome

Canadian Liver Foundation

Approved funding: \$4,895

2011 Dream. Live. Inspire. 30th Anniversary Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Conference

Spinal Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Northern Alberta

Approved funding: \$5,000

“Through the Eyes of a Child” Conference

Fraser Valley Child Development Centre

Approved funding: \$5,000

Family Education Day

SickKids Family-Centred Care Advisory Committee and Department of Social Work, The Hospital for Sick Children

Approved funding: \$4,975

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children’s Annual Conference

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children

Approved funding: \$5,000

2010 – 2011

Empowering Leadership in Challenging Times

Children’s Mental Health Ontario (CMHO)

Approved funding: \$5,000

Life with NF (Neurofibromatosis)

NF Canada

Approved funding: \$5,000

Parent to Parent – A Conference for Child and Youth Mental Health

Parents for Children’s Mental Health (PCMH)

Approved funding: \$5,000

National Child & Youth Mental Health Day

The F.O.R.C.E. Society for Kids’ Mental Health

Approved funding: \$5,000

FPWR Canada National Conference...Choose to Believe!

Foundation for Prader-Willi Research
Approved funding: \$5,000

The Canadian MPS Society's 2010 National Family Conference

The Canadian Society for Mucopolysaccharide & Related Diseases Inc. (The Canadian MPS Society)
Approved funding: \$5,000

Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association Annual Conference 2010

Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association
Approved funding: \$5,000

Vision Quest Youth Conference 2010

Foundation Fighting Blindness
Approved funding: \$5,000

National Youth in Action Conference

Muscular Dystrophy Canada
Approved funding: \$5,000

SICK of It: Living WELL with Sickle Cell 2010 Conference

Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
Approved funding: \$5,000

2009 – 2010

Canadian National FOP (Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva) Conference & Family Medical Clinic 2009

Thames Valley Children's Centre
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

20th Annual Reach for the Rainbow Conference

Reach for the Rainbow
Approved funding: \$5,000

Craniofacial/Cleft Lip and Palate Educational Conference

Centre for Craniofacial Care and Research, The Hospital for Sick Children
Approved funding: \$5,000

3rd S.H.A.R.E. Conference: Survivors Health: Advocating for Resources and Education

Oncology Aftercare Program, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
Approved funding: \$5,000

Autism: Changing the Course in Canada Conference 2009

Autism Canada
Approved funding: \$5,000

2009 8th Annual Pacing Buddies Gathering

The Labatt Family Heart Centre, The Hospital for Sick Children
Approved funding: \$5,000

OACRS Conference 2009 “Our Kids...Our Future...Together”

Ontario Association of Children’s Rehabilitation Services (OACRS)
Approved funding: \$5,000

Reason to Hope: Brain Research in Action

Victoria Epilepsy and Parkinson’s Centre
Approved funding: \$5,000

2008 – 2009

Conquering Pain: The Hidden Cost of Immunization

University of Toronto
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

The Abe Gold Learning & Research Centre Presents Michael J. Weiss, PhD

Miriam Foundation
Approved funding: \$4,000 over 1 year

Retinoblastoma 2008: A New Strategy

Canadian Retinoblastoma Society
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

19th Annual Reach for the Rainbow Conference

Reach for the Rainbow
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Craniofacial/Cleft lip and Palate Educational Conference

The Hospital for Sick Children
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Family Education workshop

The Hospital for Sick Children, Division of Social Work
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Strengths Approaches conference: Meeting the Needs of Northern Children and Youth

Centre of Excellence for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

22q11 Deletion Syndrome Family Lecture Series

22q11 Deletion Syndrome Clinic, Hospital for Sick Children
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Expanding our Horizon: Moving Mental Health and Wellness Promotion into the Mainstream

Parents for Children's Mental Health
Approved funding: \$1,500 over 1 year

Marrow Failure and Myelodysplasia Meeting 2009

Hospital for Sick Children
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

2007 – 2008

Family Education Workshop

The Hospital for Sick Children Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Retinoblastoma 2008: A New Strategy

Canadian Retinoblastoma Society Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

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Miriam Foundation
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Conquering Pain: The Hidden Cost of Immunization

University of Toronto
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

International Symposium in honour of the 100th Anniversary of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Toronto

University of Toronto
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Family Focus 2008 - Lean on Me

Family Focus Society
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Genetic Metabolics/PKU Transition Day for Teens and Their Parents

The Hospital for Sick Children
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

2007 6th Annual Pacing Buddies Gathering

The Hospital for Sick Children
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Down Syndrome Association of Ontario (DSAO) Fall Conference 2007

Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough (formerly C.H.A.N.G.E.S.)
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Building from Strength Conference: Evidence and Reality-based Tools and Interventions.

Lakehead University
Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Providers Workshop & Conference 2007- Inspiration/Motivation

Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

Partnerships in Patient Safety: Taking Care of the Kids

University of Toronto

Approved funding: \$5,000 over 1 year

2006 – 2007

Community-based Asthma Initiatives: Towards Better Quality of Life

The Hospital for Sick Children

Approved funding: \$5,000

Down Syndrome Association of Ontario (DSAO) Fall Conference 2006

C.H.A.N.G.E.S. Down syndrome Support Group

Approved funding: \$5,000

Bridging the Gap between Paediatric and Adult Care

Montreal Children's Hospital

Approved funding: \$5,000

Canadian Family Advisory Network (CFAN)

Pre-Conference Workshop

Approved funding: \$4,000

CHARGE Syndrome - Genetic Discovery, Now What? Families and Professionals Collaborate

CHARGE Syndrome Canada

Approved funding: \$5,000

Tuberous Sclerosis Medical Education and Awareness Conference

Tuberous Sclerosis Canada (TS Canada)

Approved funding: \$5,000

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Family Conference

The Hospital for Sick Children

Approved funding: \$4,970

Craniofacial/Cleft Lip and Palate Educational Conference

The Hospital for Sick Children

Approved funding: \$5,000

2nd International 'Come To Your Senses' Conference; Opening the Sensory World to Children & Adults with Complex Disabilities

MukiBaum Treatment Centres

Approved funding: \$4,785

Growing Up With Heart Disease Conference

(Pacific) Children's Heart Network

Approved funding: \$5,000

Understanding Children, Youth and Adults with Asperger Syndrome

The Aspergers Society of Ontario

Approved funding: \$2,100

2007 2nd Familial Arrhythmia Patient Education Conference: Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Update

The Hospital for Sick Children

Approved funding: \$5,000

Addressing the Challenges of Child Abuse Prevention

Child Abuse Council of Canada

Approved funding: \$5,000

Marrow Failure and Myelodysplasia Meeting

The Hospital for Sick Children

Approved funding: \$5,000

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome World Conference 2007

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Canada

Approved funding: \$5,000

2005 – 2006

Youth Program at Vision Quest 2005 (conference on retinitis pigmentosa)

Ms. Sharon Colle, The Foundation Fighting Blindness

Approved funding:\$5,000

Canadian Family Advisory Network (CFAN) Pre-Conference Workshop (CAPHC Conference)

Mr. Frank Gavin, Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres,

Approved funding:\$5,000

Conference 2005 - On the Move,

Ms. Nita Goldband, Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Approved funding:\$5,000

2006 1st ARVD Patient Education Conference

Dr. Robert Hamilton, The Hospital for Sick Children

Approved funding:\$5,000

Many Hands, One Dream: New Perspectives on the Health of First Nations, Inuit and Metis Children and Youth

Ms. Melanie Laffin, Canadian Paediatric Society

Approved funding: \$5,000

National Spinal Deformity Symposium,

Dr. Edmond Lou, Northern Alberta Benefits Society for Scoliosis

Approved funding: \$3,000

Partnerships in Patient Safety: Taking Care of the Kids
Dr. Anne Matlow, University of Toronto
Approved funding: \$5,000

Western Canada Neuromuscular Community Network Conference, Ms. Donna Peach
Muscle Dystrophy Canada
Approved funding: \$4,760

Retinoblastoma 2006
Ms. Emma Plant, Canadian Retinoblastoma Society
Approved funding: \$5,000

10th International Child Neurology Congress - Family Forums, Dr. Michael Shevell Montreal
Children's Hospital, Canadian Association for Child Neurology
Approved funding: \$5,000

"Take Action" The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Canada National Conference
Ms. Cindy Smith, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Northern Alberta,
Approved funding: \$5,000

Family Focus 2006 - The Voyage Together
Mr. Si Stainton, Family Focus Society
Approved funding: \$5,000

Movin' On! Managing Life Sized Obstacles
Ms. Colleen Talbot, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of British Columbia Approved
funding: \$5,000

2006 Symposium on Children and HIV/AIDS
Ms. Karen Vance-Wallace, The Teresa Group, Child and Family Aid
Approved funding: \$5000

2004 – 2005

22q11 Deletion Syndrome Community Education Day
Ms. Andrea Shugar, The Hospital for Sick Children
Approved funding: \$10,000 for two separate education days

"For the Kids" - Developing Readiness for the Future of Children's Mental Health
Dr. Melanie Barwick, The Hospital for Sick Children
Approved funding: \$1,500

Annual Conference of the Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders
Ms. Alison Morse, Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders
Approved funding: \$5,000

10th Annual International Paediatric Nursing Research Symposium Dr. Janet Rennick,
MUHC Montreal Children's Hospital
Approved funding: \$3,000

CHARGE SYNDROME: Parents as Partners

Ms. Ann Gloyn, Canadian Deafblind and Rubella Association

Approved funding: \$5,000

Care for the Caregiver: Creating a supportive social environment for parents of children with special needs living in Sudbury & District

Ms. Eve Kremyr, Jubilee Heritage Family Resources

Approved funding: \$5,000

Canadian Family Advisory Network (CFAN) Pre-Conference Workshop (CAPHC Conference)

Mr. Frank Gavin, Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres

Approved funding: \$2,000

Beginning with Patience and Understanding...An Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Workshop for Parents & Professionals

Dr. Alan Bowd, Lakehead University

Approved funding: \$4,500

2005 4th Annual Pacing Buddies Gathering

Ms. Christine Chiu, Department of Cardiology, The Hospital for Sick Children

Approved funding: \$5,000

16th Annual Reach for the Rainbow Conference

Mr. David Neal, Reach for the Rainbow

Approved funding: \$5,000

Families First...Building A Strong Foundation

Ms. Jane Falconer, Huron County Child Abuse Prevention Committee

Approved funding: \$4,960

Vancouver Family Support/Information Conference and Ottawa Family Support/Information Conference

Ms. Pam Husband, The Canadian SADS Foundation

Approved funding: \$5,000

Growing Up With Heart Disease Conference 2005: Celebrating the Young at Heart

Ms. Laurie Cender, Pacific Children's Heart Network

Approved funding: \$5,000

RTS Perinatal Bereavement Support Training

Ms. Jan Pearce, Perinatal Bereavement Services Ontario

Approved funding: \$5,000

2003 – 2004

Child Psychiatry Day 2003

Dr. Leslie Atkinson, The Hospital for Sick Children

Approved funding: \$5,000

Attention and Behavioral Difficulties among Northern Youth

Dr. Alan Bowd, Lakehead University

Approved funding: \$5,000

Growing up with Heart Disease Conference, 2003; Building Bridges and Sharing Expertise

Ms. Laurie Cender, Pacific Children's Heart Network

Approved funding: \$5,000

Child Maltreatment Symposium

Ms. Tina Gatt, Child Abuse Prevention Council

Approved funding: \$5,000

Retinoblastoma 2003: A Focus on the Future

Ms. Peggy Gronsdahl, Canadian Retinoblastoma Society

Approved funding: \$5,000

The Canadian Neuro-Oncology conference

Dr. Abhijit Guha, Toronto Western General

Approved funding: \$2,500

Jewish Genetic Diseases-Who's At Risk?

Mr. Michael E. Meyer, The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science

Approved funding: \$5,000

Parents As Partners, Annual Conference of the OAFCCD

Ms. Alison Morse, Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders

Approved funding: \$5,000

15th Annual Project Rainbow Conference

Mr. David Neal, Reach for the Rainbow

Approved funding: \$5,000

The Second National Conference on Asperger's Syndrome: Celebrating our Achievements, Setting Our Sights

Ms. Margot Nelles, Aspergers Society of Ontario,

Approved funding: \$5,000

1st Canadian Educational Symposium for von Hippel-Lindau Disease

Dr. Stephen Pautler, Canadian von Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance

Approved funding: \$5,000

North American Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome

Ms. Marilyn Sandberg, B.C. Children's Foundation

Approved funding: \$5,000

Let's Talk...A National Capacity Building Conference on Children, Youth and Families Affected by HIV/AIDS

Ms. Karen Vance-Wallace, The Teresa Group

Approved funding: \$5,000