



Annual Report 2021-2022

Serving children and youth with special needs.


Lansdowne
Children's Centre


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Children's Centre Foundation



Growing from seven families in 1952 to incorporation in 1974, Lansdowne Children's Centre celebrates 70 years of serving the needs of children and youth in our community.

Our Mission

Lansdowne Children's Centre proudly delivers SmartStart Hub services, in Brantford, Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk Counties, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Assembling programs dedicated to the promise of possibility, we work to support infants, children and youth with communication, developmental and/or physical needs, and their families.

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Our Vision

Realizing optimal potential
for children and youth.



Growing With You



Reflecting on our achievements and the work to come, as Lansdowne grows with the increasing need for support of children and youth, and their families.

Our Values

Respect. Inclusion.

Diversity. Empowerment

Another year of fluctuating pandemic precautions challenged our dedicated Lansdowne staff and volunteers who rose to the occasion, innovating and collaborating with families and community agencies in order to continue and expand our services and supports.

After lockdowns abated, all six locations buzzed as Lansdowne paediatric professionals logged

almost 50,000 visits to serve over 3,000 unique children and youth through a combination of in-person and virtual (remote) service.

We admire the dedication of our staff and Lansdowne families to embrace opportunities that allowed the continued pursuit of goals, in the spirit of realizing potential.

As we adapted service delivery to meet changing needs we became faced with new challenges. Equitable access to technology and reliable internet delivery could not be allowed to inhibit care.

By collaborating with other agencies and sectors, Lansdowne has been able to develop solutions and advance care.

Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation continues to be our key partner in raising awareness and resources supporting our families. Through community networking and events Lansdowne Foundation has helped to provide new resources and solutions that bridge gaps and enhance our ability to support families.

We are grateful that the Ontario government's significant Early Intervention/Special Needs investment allowed for new positions in Community /School-Based Rehab, Lifespan and Preschool Speech services while augmenting infrastructure around communications, quality and facility support.

New services initiated in the Ontario Autism Program included a boost to our ability to support transitions to school. We



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are helping children to experience the structure of a classroom and gain comfort in a group setting before joining a kindergarten class.

Lansdowne was designated by the province as our region's SmartStart Hub. Planning for this adaptation to our Intake Services has let us enhance essential family engagement at the earliest point of contact and prepare to boost catchment-wide service equity.

OUR IMPACT

Statistics are based on records representing service
April 2021 - March 2022.

158,302
hours of
client service



49,607
visits with
clients



3,079
unique children
& youth served



3,418
new referrals received
across all services



2,227
unique children
& youth waiting

**6 Sites
Reaching
4,000+ sq. km**



Serving Brantford, Brant, Haldimand
and Norfolk Counties, Six Nations of
the Grand River, and Mississaugas
of the Credit First Nation



211 Staff

119 Salaried
92 Support



Equity – along with Lansdowne’s long-standing values of diversity and inclusion – took a higher priority in our strategy this past year. Indigenous relationship building with elected and traditional leaders has been a large part of Lansdowne’s reconciliation journey. We are developing our understanding of our community’s history and how we can demonstrate respect, support and appreciation for the survivors of residential schools and the impacted members of our community.

It was an incredible moment of recognition for all the passion and talent in our organization when Lansdowne was awarded the Brantford Chamber of Commerce’s Business Excellence Award in the Community Builder category. We celebrated this honour in light of constant attention paid to risk mitigation during the COVID pandemic and the investments made in personal protective equipment, HEPA filters and adaptive policies.

Our valued employees remain our key resource in tackling priorities in this third year of our strategic plan. With salaried staff

“Lansdowne has changed our family’s quality of life. They provide constant reassurance and help us feel in charge of our child’s care plan.”



4 OUT OF 5 PARENTS

said Lansdowne service providers help to make them feel competent as a parent.

2021-2022

Client Satisfaction Survey

- Available online and in print
- Over 240 respondents
- 71% of respondents started service in the past 5 years
- 92 surveys included write-in responses expanding on topics of interest



**“Love your partnership
with Wee Watch as well!
So amazing to have support
in our kids daycares too!”**



49%



22%



29%

Client visits by type: in-person, virtual and phone

2021-2022

Client Satisfaction Survey

Percentage of survey respondents'
participation in service, by program...

- 81% Speech and Language Therapy
- 53% Occupational Therapy
- 34% Physiotherapy
- 21% Autism Services
- 21% Infant and Child Development

choosing to join OPSEU this year, we embrace this change in our continuing shared focus on our mission, vision and values.

Communications were never as important as during our time as a distributed staff and governor team, with families going in-and-out of isolation.

We identified opportunities to make improvements in our digital channels and online resources. Our new website offers more audience engagement, providing connection with interactive video resources and more illustrative means of sharing Lansdowne stories.

We are working with families and staff to create targeted messaging that will better represent the impact Lansdowne makes in our community, and our need for further provincial investment.

The growing population in our region is driving significant growth in demands for Lansdowne services, and our limited capacity is being felt by families who are experiencing longer wait times.



We need the attention of regional decision-makers influencing approval of critical capital plans for a new Lansdowne building.

Municipal allocation of land was a tangible advance, and now we need resource commitments to move forward in our journey.

Lansdowne has outgrown the Mount Pleasant Street site. As we prepare to celebrate our 25th anniversary at this location we also recognize that it is time to grow again.

In order to meet the demand of our evolving community, and deliver services equitable to our counterparts in other regions, we need a new facility.

Increased capacity will help address wait times. Sufficient, appropriate space and a larger parking area will improve accessibility and safety.

We are thankful to all who have participated in this year of efforts and impacts. We are grateful for advocates in office, in service clubs and in our community.

Tomorrow is another step forward in our journey together. A new opportunity to be heard, to make an impact and to realize our potential.

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1,935

Children & Youth
Waiting for Assessment

292

Waiting for Treatment



Rob Simmons
Board Chair



Rita-Marie Hadley
Executive Director



Opening New Doors In Haldimand and Norfolk

The planting of three new Lansdowne sites in Caledonia, Dunnville and Simcoe in 2021 was a leap forward in serving families in Haldimand and Norfolk County communities.

Prior to 2021 it was common practice for therapists visiting clients in Haldimand and Norfolk to carry much of their equipment in and out of appointments. The 2-hour round trip from Brantford to Dunnville required mileage considerations, as well as setup and tear-down time in treatment spaces often shared with other community agencies.

Hundreds of hours of non-client facing time have now been reclaimed and reinvested in addressing growing wait times for service.

Karen Gibson is a speech-language pathologist (SLP) and has spent much of her career working in Dunnville. Previously with the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit, Karen followed speech services as they transitioned to Lansdowne in 2019.

Karen shared, "Establishing the new sites has afforded a much better opportunity to work as multi-disciplinary teams for our



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clients. We were very fragmented before, with limited opportunities to coordinate schedules and offer appointments. We were at the mercy of public-use shared spaces, many of which are no longer available.”

Today, HN-teams have a home base in three different communities across the region. The full-time presence has introduced more appointment times and improved accessibility for local families. With established locations and signage Lansdowne is becoming better recognized.

“Now that we’re visible in the community we’re building greater awareness. Families are so thankful to have a consistent place to meet with us.”

Through collaboration with community partners Lansdowne staff connect families with the guidance, resources and help they need.

QUALITY OF SERVICE

Accessibility

OBJECTIVE:

Advance service by creating new opportunities for families to access service providers

INDICATOR:

Measure number of client visits across all available services

TARGET:

15% increase resulting in 7,000 more client visits

RESULT:

19% increase resulting in 9,438 more client visits than previous year

Results were achieved by:

- Establishing additional Lansdowne-operated service sites in Simcoe, Caledonia and Dunnville
- Increasing staffing of professional service providers
- Investing in resources to support hybrid service delivery, a mix of in-person and virtual (remote) client visits

QUALITY OF SERVICE

Cultivate Relationships

OBJECTIVE:

Engage and support diverse families, embracing their strengths as advisors, ambassadors, mentors and informed consumers

INDICATOR:

Client survey responses indicating feelings of inclusion and respect

TARGET:

>90%

RESULT:

96% of client families surveyed said that service providers appreciate others whose backgrounds, beliefs and experiences are different from their own

97% of client families surveyed said service providers listened and explained so they could understand

97% of client families surveyed said they felt included in determining the goals for their child



The growing population of the region, the increasing awareness of Lansdowne services and the greater opportunity for in-person access following relaxed pandemic restrictions, are all factors feeding the pipeline of new referrals. Our roots are planted. We're ready to grow with new families.



***In recognition of their dedication to
our mission, vision and values,
and their commitment to our clients,
community and colleagues, we celebrate
the service milestones of these Lansdowne
Children's Centre team members***

5 Years

Angee Turnbull
Brittany Holland
Jennifer Lane
Jessica O'Neill
Kim McDermott
Max Klunder
Quinn Rankin*
Sadie Rowe

10 Years

Ashley Lessard
Dr. Ben Klein
Christie Cameron*
Mischa Dinsmore

15 Years

Lynne Rosenberger
Patti-Ann Demers
Rita-Marie Hadley
Sue Battin
Tanya Pacifici

20 Years

Cathy Leeming
Karen Goodwin
Linda Field-
Newhouse
Liz Nielsen
Terry Lyons

25 Years

Julie Vilaca
Sara Morgan

30 Years

Donna Curley
Jennifer Huxley
Michelle Connell

35 Years

Debbie Levesque

*resigned



**WELL
DONE**

*Thank!
You!*



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Children's Centre
is on YouTube!

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learn from Lansdowne team members



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Let's Talk About Our Feelings

Denial in the face of challenge only delays results. When we overcome our fear and the stigma we put on the truth, that's when progress begins...

Mike Gatopoulos has been visiting Lansdowne Children's Centre with regularity for nearly ten years. His young son Jack was born with Williams syndrome, a developmental condition that occurs when someone is missing a small piece of chromosome 7. It's not a condition inherited from parents, and not something you could easily point to a cause. It's a twist of fate that starts a change in a family's journey.

Seeing Jack enter through the doors at Lansdowne is an experience. He is highly social, quick to offer hugs and tell you he "loves you," even if you just met. His nickname with front desk staff is 'the Mayor' because of his confidence and ownership of the space. And why not?

Lansdowne is a safe space for Jack, a place he's been visiting since he was a toddler to receive occupational therapy and physiotherapy to help with muscle development and coordination.



"I remember when Jack first started at Lansdowne, I pushed back against the label of him being special needs. I was saying he just needs a little help swallowing his food, he's just spitting it out after he chews it. It's not a big deal. He's sitting late and he's not crawling yet, but it's not a big deal. He's not talking, but he'll catch up, he'll be fine... etc."

Mike credits Jack's mom for strength and pushing the referral process to get Jack into Lansdowne. The self-referral for swallowing issues propelled their intake experience, a "blur" to Mike this many years later.

"I do remember that Jack's HITs team coordinator, Sandi, came out to our house. We talked

about what the process was going to be like and answered a lot of questions. When you have a kid who needs additional help suddenly there's information coming at you from everywhere. I can say that Lansdowne was incredibly thorough. The questions they asked and things they did were things that would never have crossed our minds. They were very involved with Jack right away. It was nice, it was comforting to feel like we had somebody in our corner."

A young family still making discoveries as new parents, Mike shared how his early denial was wiped from reality.

It was about six months after Jack started services at Lansdowne when the family was confronted with his Williams syndrome diagnosis. This wasn't a case of catching up on missed milestones. Jack's genetic condition meant he would need assistance for much of his life.

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Once special needs become part of your child's identity, your eyes open wider to inequity. Opportunities for participation and access to activities become far more elusive. As Mike put it, Jack is already missing a part of his seventh chromosome, why should he have to miss out on camps and teams and other kid experiences too? It's just not fair.

Mike was brutally honest about the emotional impact on him and his family. On top of the anxiety of the unknown new parenting challenges that he would face, there were feelings of fear, grief, and self-loathing for thinking himself selfish for worrying about how becoming a parent of a child with special needs would impact his future and his family's future.



"There's a lot of guilt that comes with thinking, What about my retirement? Is my kid going to live with me now for the rest of my life? What does that make my life look like? There's a lot of shame for having those thoughts.

There's a lot to unpack, a lot of stuff as a parent you keep inside because you don't want to share those feelings. don't want to be that person who gets labelled as a 'Bad Person' because I thought these natural, grieving type things."

At Lansdowne Mike found support for his family and opportunity to talk openly about feelings he, and they, were experiencing. They were welcomed into a community that shares the same challenges, realizing that tens of thousands of parents have already walked the same path. There's comfort in knowing you are not alone.

"That experience was a big part in why I joined the Family Support Network. Knowing that there are other parents going through the same denial, facing the same stigmas, I wanted to be an outlet for people having those same feelings and be able to talk about it in a safe space."

Now a Board member, Mike's advocacy for support is shaped by his family's experience.

"Lansdowne champions kids. They champion parents and families like ours. I felt that the amazing things they've done for Jack and our family, I wanted to give back. To be that champion for other families."

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Entry to School: A Stepping Stone

The walls came down between two former therapy rooms at Lansdowne Children's Centre in 2021 as Autism Services developed a new multi-discipline team to realize a vision introduced by the Ontario Autism Program (OAP).

The Entry to School program was introduced as a bridge to kindergarten for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Families registered with OAP are selected and invited by the government agency to participate in the program, hosted by Autism Services at

Lansdowne Children's Centre in Brantford.

Chantel Taylor-LaBute is a Behaviour Therapist and one of the team members responsible for the start-up of the new classroom-styled experience, and the creation of the Stepping Stone Classroom where the program is run.

"We're introducing children to a lot of new firsts, and that can be very over-whelming. We spend six-months at Lansdowne working on experiences, like: entering and exiting different spaces; following a new routine ; playing with toys or games in shared spaces; playing with others; and sharing."



To empathize with a child's experience you need only to call back memories of your first day entering a new classroom, or a new job.

Remember the intense feelings of anxiety, even fear, and now imagine cranking those feelings up to 11. That's how many children with sensory and regulation challenges live their lives, and that's why having an opportunity to climatize, even desensitize to triggers in a busy and loud classroom is so important.

"The timing is even more impactful right now because the children we're seeing, under age 5, have lived a lot of their life behind a mask. COVID restrictions of the past couple years have erased opportunities for families to introduce their children to social settings like daycares, church, community events and even public parks. So much was closed for so long that kids have really only known the four walls of their home and their family members. Being in a new environment, surrounded by new people, it's a lot."

Participants begin on their own, meeting the classroom as a lone individual free to explore

QUALITY OF SERVICE

Person-Family Centred Service

OBJECTIVE:

Holistic integrated approach
across environments

INDICATOR:

Family satisfaction for
Transition to School

TARGET:

>7.5 out of 10

RESULT:

7.8 out of 10

Families said that they felt the needs of their whole child (mental, emotional, social and physical) were supported by Lansdowne service providers

QUALITY OF SERVICE

Cultivate Relationships

OBJECTIVE:

Support 2-way communication for families, community partners and Lansdowne Children's Centre staff

INDICATOR:

Client survey responses indicating satisfaction with Lansdowne communication experiences

TARGET:

>90%

RESULT:

94% of client families surveyed said that service providers kept them informed of milestones and progress

91% of client families surveyed said that service providers returned phone calls/emails in a reasonable time

48% of client families surveyed said their service provider offered advice on how to get more information about their child's needs



as they interact with adults. When they return for group play, they are one of four in the classroom, with groups alternating days. As the program progresses the groups come together to form a group of eight.

The classes are supported by multiple team members, specialists in early childhood education, behaviour, communication, motor skills, and speech and language.

The head count in the room is a fraction of a full kindergarten class, that can reach up to 30 in Ontario, but the graduated experience helps prepare the kids for September, and they won't be going alone.

"We work with our clients at Lansdowne starting in the spring and right through the summer. Then in September our Lansdowne team is available to support the school team, working with their teachers and assistants to check in on progress and provide support into the new year. We're the consistency for the child to help the bridge reach well into the school year, where hopefully the child has become familiar and comfortable with the setting and their routine."

Milestones Matter



QUALITY OF SERVICE

Client Satisfaction

OBJECTIVE:

Client families perceive a positive and family-centred experience when visiting with Lansdowne service providers

INDICATOR:

Client satisfaction responses to annual client survey

TARGET:

5 star rating

RESULT:



How can Lansdowne earn one more star?

- More appointment opportunities
- Increased communication during wait times
- Improve transition when staffing changes impact service delivery
- Provide parents with print materials offering opportunities to continue progress at home and/or in the community

Keep Making a Difference



This is my 9th year on the Lansdowne Children's Centre's Foundation board. Over the past 9 years I have enjoyed working with several dedicated volunteers and staff. Their constant professionalism and passion for their work has made my experience thoroughly enjoyable.

I would specifically like to thank Angee Turnbull, who transitioned to the position of Executive Director last year. I know Angee will excel in her new role and bring success to the Foundation and support the Centre.

A sincere thank you to Candace Kingyens, our Senior Development Officer, for her continued hard work and dedication. Her

partnership with Angee, and their hard work resulted in our foundation having another successful year.

The past year was one of growth for the Foundation. With this being the second year of pivoting to virtual events due to COVID-19, it was once again well executed by our team, and we had great success. Please continue to think of Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation. Every dollar raised goes to help so many amazing children and youth to reach their full potential.

Thank you again and take care.



Robyn Verbuyst
Chair of Lansdowne Children's
Centre Foundation Board



It has been a wonderful and successful year and I am so proud of our foundation team. We have survived two years of pivoting our development plan due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our foundation continues to realize significant support from donors, corporations, foundations, and third-party support.

The foundation is supported by dedicated volunteers that sit on our foundation board and assist in our office and events. Our mission is to support Lansdowne Children's Centre and our wonderful children.

We remain donor centered and continue to engage with our constituency. In September I was promoted to the Executive

Director position for the foundation. This is an honour and privilege and I look forward to continuing the relevant and impactful work of our foundation.

Thank you to everyone that has supported our foundation during the difficult times. Great days are on the horizon.

Stay safe, and always remember you have made a difference in the lives of so many children in your community.



Angee Turnbull

Executive Director of Lansdowne
Children's Centre Foundation



We had hoped we would once again be able to partner with the Brantford Police for a fun-filled day of live entertainment, vendors, delicious food and of course share the day with our wonderful participants, but the pandemic had other plans.

Pivoting once again to a virtual platform was no easy task, but once again we were overwhelmed with gratitude by all the individuals, businesses and members in our community who stepped up and made this event a success raising over \$95,000! This was our highest grossing Ride to date! Special thanks to our top fundraisers Trish Vansickle who really went above and beyond in collecting over \$4,500 in pledges.

This was also the year that we added in a Bike Draw Raffle in partnership with Blackbridge Harley-Davidson to win a brand new Forty-Eight Sportster, which really helped increase the overall funds raised. Our

winner Joel Guerra was so excited to win the motorcycle and to be a part of such an exciting initiative.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Charity Motorcycle Ride Ambassador Abby Armas. Abby was instrumental in raising pledges to go towards our overall goal and helped promote not only the event but assisted in the selling of the bike draw tickets and posted her own pictures and videos telling her story and connection to the Centre and the Foundation.

A special thanks to our 2021

Charity Motorcycle Ride Sponsors:

Biodesign, Gates Canada, Scotiabank, RBC Royal Bank, Culligan Water, HMA Benefits, Home Hardware (J&K Building Centre), Lancaster Construction Bins, Millards Chartered Professional Accountants, Renway Energy, Waterous Holden Amey Hitchon, A-1 Auto Recyclers, Brimich Logistics, CB Shield, Redline Properties (Nadene Aasla), Lynden Hills Dentistry and Rassaun Services.

HEROES WALK & ROLL 2021



The 2021 Heroes Walk and Roll event was pushed to a virtual platform at the last minute with the safety of everyone involved top of mind. It was the second time in two years that the in-person festivities have been called off.

Our community members, partners, participants, sponsors and volunteers dressed up as what ever "superhero" meant to them and walked and rolled virtually for the entire month of October, raising funds and awareness for Lansdowne Children's Centre. We are so pleased to report that just like our motorcycle ride, this event set a new standard, raising over \$46,000! Tons of pictures and videos were submitted for our Costume Contest, and we truly enjoyed featuring these amazing stories and memories on our event website and social media platforms.

We could not have reached this new level of success if it wasn't for our amazing participants who are out there in the community asking family, friends and neighbours to pledge them. Our top fundraiser for 2021 was Mason Boughner and family, who raised over \$5,000. Keep your eye out for Mason this October (2022) as he takes on the mantle of Ambassador for Heroes Walk and Roll.

You really can't miss him because his smile is one that will brighten your entire day!

We were fortunate enough to have two amazing Ambassadors in 2021. Kendra Souliere-Whetin and Joshua Michalski are a pair that became friends through the programs and services at the Lansdowne Children's Centre. Both did an incredible job of being the best little superheroes and raising funds for this signature event. We thank them both and their families for their tremendous support to the Foundation.

2021 Heroes Walk and Roll Sponsors:

The Cooperators (all 3 local branches), Synergy Mouldworks, Paulmac's Pets, Extend Communications, Biodesign, Gates Canada, RBC Royal Bank, Cobblestone Vet Clinics and Animal Hospitals, Millards Chartered Professional Accountants, Waterous Holden Amey Hitchon, J.H. Young Fine Jewellers, Sonoco Canada Corporation, West Brant Window World, Aldershot Greenhouse Ltd., Brantford Honda, Brantford Nissan, The Color Shoppe, Underwood Ion & Johnson Law, BDO, Hub International, Clarence Street Dental, Stoney Ridge Estates, Redline Properties (Julie Kaufman).



Third-Party Support

in 2021, we were delighted and touched by great community support, and together we raised the critical funding for the children and youth of Lansdowne Children's Centre. These events, held online and in-person, would not have been possible without our community partners, sponsors, volunteers and participants, and Lansdowne Foundation thanks everyone for your ongoing and generous support.

Third Party support means that companies and individuals raise money through their own fund raising initiatives to support our foundation. This past year our community bought smile cookies, picked strawberries, attended a concert, ate ice cream, enjoyed pizza and interacted with a professional wrestler. That is just to name a few of the exciting activities on our behalf. We love promoting and partnering with these wonderful initiatives. A sincere and heartfelt thank you for such a wonderful year of your kind support.



Volunteer Appreciation

"When one's own passion can meld with the mission of another, it is a blessing. What an honour and pleasure it is to volunteer supporting Lansdowne Foundation with such a compassionate and driven crew."



Rita Stratford was a Director at Lansdowne Children's Centre and an important member of the Lansdowne family. After Rita retired, she joined our foundation as a volunteer, spearheading several fundraising initiatives. We were able to accomplish several critical goals in our development plan thanks to her dedicated support. Volunteers are the heart of organizations and we are so very grateful to Rita for her support over the years.

With sincere appreciation for your generous support, we recognize the following organizations and individuals behind third-party events in 2021:

- Blue Knights Motorcycle Club
- Clara & Company Silicone Craft Supply
- Charlie and Cory Birthday fundraiser
- Cody Deaner, Giver For Charity
- Connect Marketing Benefit Campaign, Eagles Tribute Concert
- David Gowling, Hockey Challenge
- Domino's Don't Stop Believing Pizza
- Colin Cooper & Jeff Cornwall, Great Northern Ride Challenge
- Maria & Hannah Feijo
- Josmar Acres, Strawberry Picking
- Paris Twisted Treats
- Meriden Credit Union Limited
- Seventh Coffee Company Inc.
- Tim Horton's local Brantford locations Smile Cookie Campaign
- David Westbrook, Blue Box Initiative
- What's The Scoop?

Our foundation applies each year to foundations and write grants to support our programs and services.

We continue to see this revenue increase and we are grateful for these transformational gifts.

Please recognize the foundations helping to make a difference in the lives of children and youth that visit Lansdowne Children's Centre...

- The Benevity Community Impact Fund
- Brant Community Foundation
- Charities Aid Foundation of Canada
- City of Brantford
- D.H. Gordon Foundation
- Alan R. Cook Foundation
- Roger and Edith Davis Foundation
- The Hensen Foundation
- Mable and Gordon McMillen Foundation
- Paypal Giving Fund
- Samuel W. Stedman Foundation
- Stephen Smith and Dorothy Woltz Foundation



Donor Spotlight

"Tammy and I support Lansdowne simply because Lansdowne helps so many children in Brantford and Brant County that would otherwise be lost and without guidance and training. Children are our future pillars in this community, and we are the elders who must help and guide them to becoming successful mentors to our children's children."

- Kind regards, Ken Breau

We love our donors! Every gift is precious.

Two unique donors are Ken and Tammy Breau. They have a unique perspective and a personal connection to children with special needs. Ken and Tammy own three Dairy Queens in our community. They began the Red Shed initiative that allows charities in our community to use the shed to fundraise. Ken and Tammy have always supported Lansdowne Foundation. Thank you for wonderful gifts and we always enjoy the treats at DQ.

We receive lovely gifts each year that are a gift to our organization in honour of some very special individuals. We know they appreciate your gift in honour of them.

In Honour

Timothy Rhynold

Olivia and Johnny Mahon Sadin

This year we lost some wonderful people in our community. We were humbled by the significant donations in their memory.

Their families appreciate this support during such a difficult time.

In Memory

Eva Hunter

Peter Johnson

Hayden Marsden

Rick Wilks

Joshua Wyse

This past year we received a wonderful anonymous donation of \$62,500. This is a significant gift that will support our programs at the Centre.

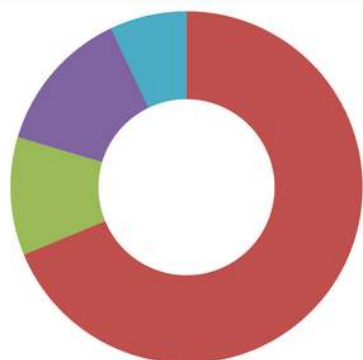
The business community and community groups often name our foundation as their charity of choice. We are always pleased to see this support. Lansdowne Children's Centre works absolute magic under our roof, ensuring each child reaches their optimal potential. Thanks to our community for supporting our children's journey.

Please recognize the impact of generous support from these corporations and community groups:

- BGI Retail
- Brantford Hyundai
- Dairy Queen
- Kiwanis Club of Brantford
- Kuri Tech
- The Laurier Brantford Youth and Children's Association
- Rilton Bros Transport Ltd.
- Rotary Club of Brantford
- Rotary Club of Brantford Sunrise
- Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc.

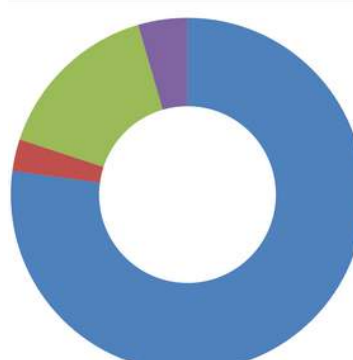
Financials 2021-2022

Funding Sources



- **69%** Ministry of Children, Community Social Services
- **13%** City of Brantford/Ministry of Education [Spec. Needs Res. in Childcare]
- **11%** Hamilton Health Sciences [MCCSS Autism]
- **7%** Foundation & Other

Use of Funds



- **77%** Salaries and Benefits
- **15%** Supplies & Other
- **5%** Equipment and Building
- **3%** Employee-Related Other

Lansdowne Leadership

CENTRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Statement of Operations

Years ended March 31

Revenues	2022	2021
Province of Ontario	7,957,648	7,032,252
City of Brantford	1,538,640	1,436,944
Hamilton Health Sciences	1,254,054	1,168,134
Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation	116,000	71,833
Amortization of Deferred Contributions	138,607	149,949
Other revenue	545,492	149,395
Total revenue	\$11,550,441	10,008,507
Expenses		
Salaries and wages	7,145,156	6,140,924
Employee benefits	1,635,204	1,474,404
Purchased services	1,437,401	1,471,517
Building services	192,246	192,523
Amortization	128,175	139,507
Other operating	843,361	573,662
	\$11,381,543	9,992,537
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$168,898	15,970

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We need room to grow.

We continue to be innovative and adaptive in our efforts to maximize the resources at our Mount Pleasant Street site in Brantford, but we have no more room to compromise.

The current wait list for services at Lansdowne Children's Centre exceeds 2,000 children, nearly double the volume since pre-pandemic 2019.

It is time to build a new facility. One that will address shortfalls, provide new capacity and serve the next generation of our community and children's needs.

To build this new, fully accessible, technology-enabled centre we need your help. We must secure sustainable funding, working with government, partner organizations, friends of Lansdowne and our business community.

Each day on a waitlist is a missed opportunity.
How will you help more kids start their journey?



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