



ABOUT MAY COURT

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Founded in Ottawa in 1898, May Court is the oldest service club in Canada. The May Court Club of Oakville, founded in 1956, is one of nine clubs in the Association of May Court Clubs of Canada. The other eight clubs are located in: Barrie, Brockville, Chatham, Kitchener-Waterloo, London, Ottawa, St. Catharines, and Windsor. Managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, our record of donations since 1956 are impressive – but it is not the whole story. May Court is all about making a positive impact on our community.

Mission Statement

The May Court Club of Oakville is a volunteer women's organization that gives service to and raises funds for the community; as well as fostering friendship among its members

Vision Statement

The May Court Club of Oakville will be a role model for volunteerism and community service

Leadership - A history of identifying and addressing needs before they become popular causes.

In 1959, we awarded our first scholarship. Since then, May Court's Scholarship program has continued to develop and grow. Currently, we award scholarships to high school students with demonstrated and significant financial need, an active commitment to community service, and acceptance to a post-secondary institution. In 1962, the Oakville branch of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society was formed with a \$5,000 donation from the May Court Club. In 1965, we undertook another major project, a Cheshire group home in the Halton Region to provide accommodation with support services for young adults with physical disabilities; and in 1977, Carey House was opened in Burlington. We have had a member on the Carey House Board ever since and continue to give financial support --over \$100,000 in the last 20 years. In 1982, May Court initiated a project to offer Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation to the community. In the following year, the Halton Board of Education accepted \$15,000 as well as volunteers from our Club to establish C.P.R. courses in the four Oakville high schools. The final step in the development of the program came in 1990, when all the schools in Halton Region had access to C.P.R. in their Grade XI physical education program. May Court subsequently handed over the training and equipment to the Board of Education. In 2007, May Court gave \$50,000, and in 2008 gave a further \$50,000 to Home Suite Hope to establish transitional housing in Oakville for families needing help getting back to self-reliance after becoming homeless. Also in 2008, May Court gave \$37,000 to fund a local Salvation Army Emergency Family Shelter.

Children - Much of our work has focused on society's most vulnerable, the children.

In 1959, May Court partnered with the Board of Education to establish a Child Guidance Clinic to provide psychiatric service for the Oakville public schools. And in 1967 the Club purchased a house on Thomas Street, hired a staff of five, and opened the first day care centre in Oakville. After eight successful years, operations were handed over to the Halton Region. It continues today under the name Sedgewick' Child Care Centre, In 1972, May Court began a visual screening program in local nursery schools. This program expanded to include audio screening in 1973. The Audio-Visual Testing initiative continued until 1995. During this time, our volunteers tested thousands of small children and assisted in the early detection of many hearing and sight problems. The May Court Puppeteers' first production was the Red Cross Water Safety Play in 1980. Today's puppet volunteers perform plays in local schools on timely topics like street safety and bullying. Launched in 1991, May Court's Lunch Box Program continues to grow. Our volunteers now discreetly provide nutritious snacks for identified children in 46 elementary schools in Oakville and Burlington. In 1995, we pledged \$22,000 to help establish the Miriam Group which provides support of all kinds to HIV infected and affected children and their families. Since that time, the Club has had a member on the Miriam Group Board and has donated an additional \$51,300. Miriam Group ceased operations in 2009.



Community - Over the last half century, the May Court Club of Oakville has donated countless hours and significant dollars in Oakville and neighboring communities.

We are known to many for **The May Court Nearly New Shop**, a consignment shop which opened in 1957 on Church Street, now 33 years in its Kerr Street location. Staffed by volunteers, it provides a continuing source of revenue and service to the community. One hundred percent of the profits are directed back into our local community. Fundraisers such as our bi-annual Fashion Show are another source of income. Since 1962, May Court has invested over \$5,559,436.00 in our community, including \$753,230 to our own Scholarship Program. Over \$239,000 was raised for the VON Halton Hospice Program, through the annual Festival of Trees, and a Community Challenge in the mid-1990s. May Court partnered with VON Halton to provide \$60,000 for their Alzheimer's Support Services at Sheridan College. For ten years the annual Art and Artisans by the Lake raised more than \$93,000 in support of Halton Women's Place and Breast Cancer Support Services. \$100,000 was donated to Wellspring Giligan Birmingham House and \$100,000 to the new Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

We operate five major service projects: our Lunch Box Program which provides nutritious snacks to school children, the May Court Puppeteers performing an anti-bullying play for grade 4 & 5 elementary school children, the Wellspring Giligan Birmingham House Cancer Support Centre, Wyndham Manor Seniors Residence, and Food4Kids who send hungry children home from school with food on the weekends and deliver to them throughout the summer.

The organizations we have donated funds to include:

Acclaim Health (formerly VONHalton)	Halton Rape Crisis Centre	Halton Women's Centre
ATHENA Oakville CFO Scholarship Fund		Halton Women's Place
Bereaved Families of Halton/Peel		HIPPY Oakville (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters)
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton		Home Suite Hope
Big Sisters of Oakville		Ian Anderson House
Breast Cancer Support Services		Lighthouse Program for Grieving Children
Bruce Lyn School		Kerr Street Ministries
Burlington Breast Cancer Canadian Cancer Society		MADD
Canine Vision		Miriam Group
Care-A-Van		Multiple Sclerosis Society, Oakville
Carey House		New Vista School
Child Find Ontario		Oak Park Mom's and Tots
Clothing Works of Oakville		Oakville Adult Training Centre
CNIB		Oakville Aquatic Club
Community Living Oakville		Oakville Bone Centre
Connect Care		Oakville Distress Centre
Courage to Change		Oakville Galleries
Credit Valley Treatment Centre		Oakville Historical Society
D.A.R.E.		Oakville Multicultural Society
Even Start		Oakville Parent-Child Centre
Erin Oak Kids Independent Living Program		Oakville Red Cross
Fareshare Food Bank		Oakville Re-Entry Homes
Food For Life		Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital
Halton Adolescent Support Services		Oakville Transit (including the Care-A-Van Charter Fund and the Community Bus Project)
Halton Board of Education (including Child Guidance and C.P.R.)		Oakville YMCA
Halton Centre of the Autism Society		Oakville Youth Development Centre
Halton Children's Aid		Osteoporosis Support Group, Oakville
Halton Down Syndrome Association		Over Fifty Unemployed
Halton Family Services		Peter Pan Nursery School
Halton Helping Hands		PC cops
		Salvation Army, Oakville

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Schizophrenia Society of
Ontario
Sedgewick Regional Child
Care Centre
S.E.N.E.C.A.
St. John's Ambulance
Transitions for Youth
Wellspring HaltonPeel
Programs for Children
Living with Cancer
Youth Aiding Youth