



August 2020 Month End Report

This report covers the months of August.

“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.”

John F. Kennedy

Big month for FPSO

Finally we have realized the retroactive HST/GST rebates we have been pursuing. With the accomplishment of having our charitable status re-registered earlier this year. We were then entitled to apply for the HST/GST rebates from the years our status was suspended.

It was a great deal of work to gather and document four years of financial transactions, but it was worth the effort. On August 23th, 2020 **FPSO made a bank deposit of \$28,983.37** – this was the retroactive rebates for 2017, 2018, & 2019. The 2016 rebate is still pending – we hope to receive it soon. (the 2016 expected rebate we are expecting is \$12,989.79)

This marks the end of a significant work that was carried, pursued, and persevered with for over three years. This is a financial milestone that will help support the balance and stability of FPSO.

The board has now shared with our members three quarterly financial reports – the next one is due out following the end of September and we are keen to be able to share the progress of the board with all of our members.

We are also looking forward to connecting with you our members at our upcoming AGM. Details will be mailed to our member Presidents – Please ensure we have correct contact information for your local area leadership.

Thanks

Vanessa

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

This item has been moved to the end of the report.

Letters and proposals

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- ✿ The OSAP letter has gone out to the designated provincial leadership, we will advise when we receive any responses.
- ✿ A secondary set of letters will go out pertaining to the OSAP letter in hopes of gathering support from our child welfare partners.

Meetings Attended:

- ✿ OACAS residential advisory committee continues to meet every other week – attended by Elaine Pratt
- ✿ Foster Family Advisory committee: now meeting every other Tuesday Evening by Elaine Pratt, Vanessa Milley, Krista Ray-Caddick, we are also joined by some of our members Nancy B, Sarah F, and Kate M; as well as other foster parents from within Ontario. – The advisory continues to discuss the variety of challenges and changes that arise pertaining to COVID 19.
- ✿ The advisory prepared a submission to the Alliance for Child protection in Humanitarian Action; our submission was warmly received but not chosen to be presented at their upcoming AGM. However it will be published in the materials they will be distributing.
- ✿ The advisory is in the early stages of participating is setting up a survey pertaining to foster families, we hope when it is ready you will all participate.

Pending meetings

- ✿ Soon to be posted
 - Presidents Town Hall Meeting – September 24
 - Upcoming full PAD Meeting October 15
 - AGM November 19

Connections to our members

All via email – however there have also been many phone calls during this time period from both FPA leadership and individual foster parents.

- ✿ August 3 – Notice to members for the August town hall meeting for advocates
- ✿ August 4 – Forward of the Ministries announcement of the modernization of child welfare.
- ✿ August 4 – the month end report for July.
- ✿ August 10 – send out of the coordinates for members to join the town hall meeting
- ✿ August 16 – bereavement notice – We are saddened at the loss of Mary Burnett, Mary served on the FPSO Board of Directors for many years, retiring September 2018. Mary was the Director for Prescott-Russell, FPSO Development and Advocacy Chairperson, and for over 6 years our First Vice-President. Mary was caring, faithful and diligent in her support of FPSO, we will miss her dry sense of humor and her practical kind way of facing challenges; she was a joy to serve with.
- ✿ August 18 – Invitation for members to participate in the gangs and violence webinar
- ✿ August 19 – recall of the notice as the OPP had realized they had sent us the wrong invite, but will send along the correct one as soon as it is available.
- ✿ August 21 – “Back to School” communication

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Conference

- 👤 Conference has been moved to May 2021
- 👤 FPSO is working on putting together some day trainings in the fall

Charitable status

- 👤 The 2017, 2018 & 2019. HST/GST rebates have arrived and been deposited in the amount of \$28,983.37.
- 👤 The 2016 rebate has been applied for but is still pending approval with the CRA – the estimated amount of rebate for 2016 is \$12, 989.79

Private Membership .

- 👤 The membership letter for private members will be sent during the month of September.

Website

- 👤 The website has been updated to include the month end reports
- 👤 The directors have agreed to post the quarterly financial reports following the approval of these by the board and following the email distribution to the member Presidents.
- 👤 The membership section of the website is being enhanced to include members information as well as containing membership applications for those not in CAS membership agencies.

Fundraisers

- 👤 No new fundraisers at this time
- 👤 If anyone has recommendations of fundraisers please contact Operations & Services Chairperson Norm Lalonde @ careyprice6131@gmail.com

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Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

These items remain a constant focus of the FPSO, and will be forwarded at every opportunity.

- 👤 Provincial Advocacy in the areas of;

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- Raising the Image of foster parents.
- Standardizing the foster care per diem rates for foster parents and reimbursable amounts for the children in care across the Province based on the Toronto CAST model.
- Advocating for a child welfare system that is centered on The Best Interest of the Child.
- The Rights of the child as designated by the United Nations.
- The rights of the caregivers
- The Benefits and Strength of one voice.
- Collaboration with other partners in the Child Welfare field.
- Recognition of the Skill level into Regular, Specialized and Treatment Levels of the foster parents ability to parent different children recognizing the different needs and challenges of the children coming into care.
- Protection to the foster parent specific to CPIN including:
 - Information written about foster parents and how it is stored.
 - Securing our financial and medical information on CPIN.
 - SAFE, financial, medical
 - Foster parent privacy
- Legislation;
- Supports for Children and youth with Special Needs.
- Gathering of adoption disruption and breakdown statics – to better inform adoption practises.

Acronyms:

FPSO – Foster Parents Society of Ontario

AGM – Annual General Meeting

PACY – Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

PAD – Presidents' Advocates' & Directors

OARTY – Ontario Association of Residential Treatment for Youth

ORCA – Ontario Residential Care Association

CAST – Children's Aid Society of Toronto

CPIN – Child Protection Information Network

SAFE – Structured Analysis Family Evaluation

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