

November 2019 Month End Report

This report covers the month of November.

*“We Do things for children not because of who they are;
or what they can do for us in return;
but because of who we are.”
Harold S. Kushner - paraphrased*

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

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

Letters and proposals

- 👤 During the month of November a package of financial documentation was prepared for the Board of Directors, these documents will be included in the package that will be prepared for Presidents as our first FPSO quarterly report to members; following our last quarter (December 31).

Meetings Attended:

- 👤 November 10 - FPSO Directors video conference meeting
- 👤 November 22 – Adoption Panel – attended by Elaine Pratt
- 👤 November 26 – PAC Reception at the Legislature – attended by Vanessa Milley, Elaine Pratt, Becki Main and Elaine Hutchinson

Pending meetings

- 👤 No pending meetings at this time

Connections to our members

- 👤 November 4 – FPO fundraiser information
- 👤 November 4 – Article regarding the cutting down on the numbers of in care children
- 👤 November 5 – Forward message from the Guardian and Trustees office confirming their completion of their part in our CRA reinstatement process – our documentation is not with the Ministry of Finance.

- 🕯 November 6 – Invitation to participate in the FPSO fundraiser
- 🕯 November 7 – Offer to members to order additional cards for the fundraiser.
- 🕯 November 12 – conference criteria updated to extend catchment area of conference facilities, reminder of the November 30th deadline for facility suggestions.
- 🕯 November 20 – Ministry questionnaire regarding improving child welfare.
- 🕯 November 29 – Ombudsman’s newsletter forward.

Conference

- 🕯 FPSO is beginning plans for conference 2020.
- 🕯 FPSO has requested all suggestions for conference facilities to be submitted by November 30. The board received two submissions from members.

Charitable status

- 🕯 We are in what we understand is the final stages of the reapplication.
- 🕯 The Guardian and trustees office has finished their part in the process of our reapplication; and has forwarded our documentation to eth Ministry of Finance division of Service Ontario.

Private membership

- 🕯 A follow up package will be sent to private members in February.

Website

- 🕯 No changes this month.

Fundraisers

- 🕯 FPSO Scratchers cards are printed and have been distributed, if members would like some of the cards to participate in the fundraiser they can contact Norm Lalonde FPSO Operations and Services Chairperson and Second Vice-President careyprice6131@gmail.com
- 🕯 The board has already received \$375.00 from the fundraiser and we look forward to much more.

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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;
 - 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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