

ONGWANADA



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Ongwanada Auxiliary Makes Major Donation

Kingston- Ongwanada's clients are on the move thanks to a major donation from the Ongwanada Auxiliary. The \$60,000 donation is the largest single contribution by the Auxiliary and will be used to purchase a new wheelchair van for the organization.

"This is a wonderful donation and a much appreciated gesture," says Board of Governors President Jan Spencer. "These vans are essential in helping our organization meet its commitment to integrating our clients into their communities. With this donation we are able to further ensure our clients are making their way into the community in a safe and efficient manner."

The Auxiliary was able to raise the funds by organizing a number of events over the last couple of years. The group also operates a cafeteria and gift shop at the Ongwanada Resource Centre located at 191 Portsmouth Avenue.

Auxiliary President Kathryn Nashein says "We are so happy to be able to make this donation and I would be remiss to not mention the hard work of former President Shirley Parent. She was a tireless supporter of Ongwanada and is really the one responsible for this gift; we really are making this donation in her memory."

Ongwanada is a non-profit charitable organization that provides programs and services to more than 600 adults and children with developmental disabilities and their families in Kingston and the surrounding area. Programs and services are delivered at three sites, in 26 community residences and other homes and offices in the region. Ongwanada is accredited with the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation.

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