



Music For Every Child

MISSISSAUGA COMMUNITY GRANTS

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About MFEC

- Non-profit, charitable organization
- Helping and advocating for children with special needs, supporting **youth mental health problems** after COVID
- Funding **music therapy** treatment year round for **children with autism and developmental disabilities**, from kindergarten to high school
- Running long-term programs in **30 schools across 6 cities** in Ontario without any federal or provincial funding

Youth Team

- Founded and run by youth from Mississauga
- 100% full time student volunteers
- Program runs at **an average cost of \$1/day/child**, to provide continuous, year-round music therapy for a child with special needs, made possible by **250+ full-time student volunteers**



Financials

- No administrative expenses or salary as all members are volunteering
- No operating expenses as all programs are delivered on campus, during school hours to ensure accessibility
- 99% of funds go directly to music therapists
- How we fundraise
 - Kids make crafts by hand and sell them at local events
 - Apply to grants (provincial, federal, municipal, corporate)
 - Word-of-mouth & generous donations

Events



Paint the Town Red (Port Credit)



Peel Music Showcase (Living Arts Centre)



Marnie's BBQ (Pheasant Run Park)



Mississauga World Festival (Square One)



MP Khalid's BBQ (Erin Meadows CC)



Impact

We grew from serving 12 to 30 schools in 1 year. In Mississauga alone, we grew from 1 to 6 schools. This includes:

- **Dolphin Sr PS**
- **Huntington Ridge PS**

Due to lack of funding, we have had to place ErinOakKids and multiple schools on the waiting list.



Dolphin Sr PS

- **Streetsville** neighbourhood
- First school we started
- **Strong partnership** with school leaders and teachers and the community
- Witness firsthand the positive impacts from middle school entry to graduation
- Can **compile meaningful data** for evaluation



Huntington Ridge PS

- **East Credit** neighbourhood
- Population: **64% immigrants; 50% not graduated from post-secondary**
- Even with extremely cost-effective model and partnership with therapists, **program's need outmatches what we're able to provide**
- Needs for 2 classes and therefore split their 1hr/week into two (we're only able to provide 30 mins of programming/week for students)



Our Ask

- Funding
 - **\$10,000 Community Grant** will be a big confidence booster for our team, knowing the city supports what we do
 - **Potential for multi-year grant** next cycle gives some certainty in budgeting and a leg up in our fundraising initiatives during summer vacation
- Mentorship/ Support
 - Financial governance and operating procedures
 - Rigor of evaluation techniques



Thank you

LET'S BRING MUSIC TO THE EARS OF
MORE CHILDREN IN MISSISSAUGA

