

News Release

Oolagen is the only Canadian Charity to be Awarded Grant from the Dell Foundation

Oolagen is pleased to announce support from the Dell Foundation to help build their ability to engage donors and volunteers. The grant from the Dell Foundation – the only one awarded to a Canadian agency – will enable Oolagen to effectively communicate their story to a multitude of audiences.

The Dell Foundation demonstrates their community commitment by awarding grants in the U.S. to programs that benefit children, newborn to 17 years of age. Dell is committed to making a meaningful difference and seeking innovative ways to do so.

“We are grateful to the Dell Foundation for helping us build our capacity to reach out and tell our story,” says Bob Engel, Executive Director of Oolagen. “The need in our community is vast. Because of mental health issues, 1 in 5 young people are unable to fully function in school or in life. Although we are able to have an impact on many young people and their families there are many who don’t receive the help they need.”

Oolagen, a Toronto-based youth mental health agency, has been helping young people work through their difficulties for more than 40 years. Although the work they do in the community is big, the organization still has a small profile – which makes it a challenge to attract new donors and volunteers. And yet, Oolagen’s versatile, effective prevention and treatment programs reach more than 4,000 youth and families each year.

About Oolagen Youth Mental Health: The hopes and aspirations of Oolagen are based on our vision for healthy relationships between youth and their families that recognize and build upon strengths, a community that works in partnership to enhance the social and emotional well being of its citizens, and a comprehensive, flexible service system that effectively responds to the challenging and diverse needs of the people we serve.

Oolagen’s overhead costs are uniquely managed to remain below 10%, which means that over 90% of every dollar goes directly toward helping at-risk youth in Toronto.

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