



This season, we're excited to share new ways our community is giving, growing, and coming together. From the launch of our "I'm a Philanthropist" campaign to new Scholarship Funds and grant opportunities, every story in this issue reflects the generosity and spirit shaping Mississauga's future.

WHAT'S NEW



INTRODUCING THE "I'M A PHILANTHROPIST" CAMPAIGN

At The Mississauga Foundation, we believe that philanthropy is for anyone who cares deeply about their community and is willing to take the first step.

Our new campaign, "[I'm a Philanthropist](#)", invites individuals to give in a way that is accessible and meaningful for all age and income groups. With a contribution of just \$2 a day—less than the cost of a daily coffee, you can build a fund that grows into \$2,500 over five years. These funds are pooled and invested locally, supporting community initiatives and creating long-term impact in Mississauga.

This is philanthropy that reflects today's values: personal, powerful, and grounded in care. You do not need deep pockets or a formal title—just the will to make a difference.

Ready to start giving a little and mean a lot? Start Your Fund Today. Email Glenn Gumulka, President & CEO, at ggumulka@mississaugaafoundation.ca

Or want to talk it through first? Let's Chat - email Harshita Rathod, Marketing and Communications Coordinator at hrathod@mississaugaafoundation.ca

Please share this campaign—your voice is powerful. By spreading the word, you'll inspire others to step up and make a real difference. Together, we're building tomorrow's Mississauga.

TEAM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: MATCHING DONATIONS UP TO \$5,000

To help local clubs invest in the future of their athletes, the Mississauga Foundation will **match up to \$5,000 in donations towards the creation of a Team Scholarship Fund**. The Team Scholarship Program is your club's opportunity to make a lasting impact. Through the Mississauga Foundation, your club can create its own scholarship fund—starting with a modest investment and building it over time.

This program is designed to:

- Reward athletes who exemplify your club's values
- Support those who may need financial assistance
- Improve access to post-secondary education
- Encourage commitment to both sport and learning
- Engage your community in a larger cause



To learn more about starting a scholarship fund for your club, please visit: [Mississauga Foundation Team Scholarship Program](#) page on our website.

FUNDHOLDER SPOTLIGHT



WELCOMING THE JUMP BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are proud to welcome the JUMP Basketball Scholarship Fund to The Mississauga Foundation. The JUMP Basketball Scholarship Fund awards academic scholarships to student-athletes in the JUMP Basketball program to assist with their post-secondary education. The goal of the fund is to support players who have spent 2+ years at JUMP, either as a player, volunteer, and/or coach, and display JUMP's core values of preparation, kids first, teamwork & a strong work ethic.

"Partnering with the Mississauga Foundation to launch this scholarship was about giving back to the community that helped shape me. I've seen firsthand how powerful programs like JUMP Basketball can be in helping young athletes grow—not just in sport, but as leaders, students, and professionals. Our goal is to remove financial barriers and open doors so that these young people can chase their full potential. What makes a JUMP athlete special isn't just talent—it's the drive, discipline, and heart they bring ON and OFF the court. This fund is a way to recognize that, and to invest in the future they're working so hard to build. I am excited to see the impact it will bring to our JUMP athletes, communities and future." - Rishi Oberoi, Co-Founder, JUMP Basketball.

The fund is a testament to JUMP's continued commitment to developing young leaders both on and off the court, and we are honoured to help steward that mission forward. [Donate to the fund today.](#)



CARTWHEELS GYMNASTICS: HONOURING ADDISON'S WISH WITH HEART, HOPE, AND COMMUNITY

In a quiet corner of Georgetown, Ontario, there's a gymnastics club where movement, memory, and meaning intersect in the most beautiful way. Since 2010, Cartwheels Gym Centre has been more than just a place for cartwheels and flips—it's been a second home for children, families, and community. Each June, Cartwheels comes together in a heartfelt tradition to honour a young life lost far too soon. Addison, once a bright presence in their programs alongside her older sister Alicia, continues to inspire the Cartwheels family nearly a decade later through an annual fundraiser in support of Addison's Wish.

"Addison and Alicia had been part of our club since they were very little," the Cartwheels team shared. "After Addison's passing, we grew very close to Alicia—she even became one of our coaches at sixteen. The bond we share with this family runs deep."

-Jennifer Budgen and Patricia Murphy-Banna, Founders, Cartwheels Gym Centre



Every June, Cartwheels hosts a quiet but powerful fundraiser in Addison's memory—collecting donations from their members and topping it off with a contribution of their own. Over the past nine years, they've also proudly sponsored the Addison's Wish Ball Hockey Tournament, keeping her legacy alive and vibrant in the community.

One story that still brings smiles and misty eyes to the Cartwheels team involves a very special lemonade stand. *"In the first year of our fundraiser, my ten-year-old son Brodie asked if he could set up a lemonade stand and sell cookies for Addison. He and Alicia were close, and he just wanted to do something meaningful for her family."* That simple gesture blossomed into a cherished tradition during the early years of the fundraiser.



"We do this quietly," the team said. "It's our way of reminding Addison's family that we'll never forget their daughter and sister. Cartwheels will always carry her spirit."

It's stories like these that show how a small gymnastics club can make an enormous impact. Through love, remembrance, and community, Cartwheels continues to inspire hope—one cartwheel, one cookie, one June at a time.

[Donate to the Addison Jenner Rolke Wish Fund today.](#)

For

Addison's Wish 

GRANT NEWS



MISSISSAUGA NOT-FOR-PROFITS—YOU'RE NOW ELIGIBLE TO APPLY DIRECTLY!

We are pleased to announce that **not-for-profit organizations** based in Mississauga are now eligible to apply directly for our **2026 Smart & Caring Children and Youth Grant**.

This grant supports local projects that improve the lives of children and youth across our city—from access to education and mental health supports, to leadership development and creative programming. If your organization is helping shape the future for young people in Mississauga, we encourage you to apply.

Application Intake opens on September 1st, 2025 at 8AM.

To review eligibility criteria and begin your application, please visit our [Grant Seekers](#) page.

For questions or concerns, reach out to us at grants@mississaugafoundation.ca

GRANT APPLICATION INTAKE OPENS ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025 AT 8AM

The application intake for the 2026 Pendle and Smart and Caring Children & Youth projects **opens on September 1, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. and closes on September 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

- Registered charities are eligible to apply for both the Pendle Fund and the Smart & Caring Children and Youth Fund.
- Not-for-profit organizations can now **apply directly for the Smart & Caring Children and Youth Fund**—a new opportunity launching this year.



We encourage all eligible applicants to review the guidelines in advance and begin preparing their proposals early.

For **eligibility details and application materials and timelines**, please visit our [Grant Seekers](#) page.

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DID YOU MISS THE 2026 GRANT INFORMATION SESSION?

If you were unable to attend the August 25th, 2025, Grant Information Session, you can [watch the 2026 Grant Information Session Recording here.](#)

NOW AVAILABLE: THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Our 2024 Annual Report is now available online. The report highlights the achievements, partnerships, and community impact made possible through your generosity and support over the past year.

[Read the full report here.](#)



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Thank you for being a part of our growing community of changemakers.

Whether you are giving, applying, learning, or leading, your participation helps shape a more vibrant, inclusive, and generous Mississauga.

Building Tomorrow's **Mississauga Together.**



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