



Portage Ontario 2019-2020 Annual Campaign Table of Needs

Portage Ontario Youth Treatment Fund \$125,000

In Ontario, there are long waiting lists for the residential beds that are funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health. The Portage Ontario Treatment Fund covers the incremental cost of making available extra beds for such youth seeking treatment at Portage. As a result of this, at least 10 additional vulnerable at-risk youth, and their families, have the chance to change their lives at Portage every year.

Aftercare Services \$50,000

An essential part of the recovery process is ongoing support for youth after they leave the residential community by providing them and their families with aftercare services. During the aftercare stage of readjustment, Portage staff facilitates weekly youth and family groups in key locations.

Youth Leadership Development \$50,000

Participation in extracurricular activities is important to encourage team building efforts, conflict resolution and to develop skills in the context of both personal and team challenges. Thereby, the end result is a boost to their self-confidence and a benefit to their mental health. Portage offers several such opportunities (e.g. volunteering, speaking engagements, wilderness expeditions, sailing, canoeing, etc.) to youth through its many partnerships with leading organizations.

Bursaries \$25,000

Portage Ontario youth are encouraged to complete as much academic work as possible while in treatment. The road to continuing education is not always financially viable and a bursary grant may be a determining factor for some youth. The purpose of a bursary grant is to assist Portage clients who aspire to pursue secondary education after the program.

Facilities and Technology \$50,000

Portage maintains high standards at its campus and utilizes latest video communications technology in making counselling, aftercare sessions, family counselling and distance orientations to all its youth and families. It is in the process of upgrading onsite equipment to ensure secure high speed connectivity of all such services to serve its clientele effectively.