



Portage Ontario 2020-21 Annual Campaign Table of Needs

COVID-19 fund \$80,000

Portage has had to make innovative changes to the way its programs are delivered during the pandemic, and it continues to evaluate ways to be able to be even more client-centric now. Examples of some such changes are supervised isolation facilities for new admissions, new virtual care protocols, ensuring schooling, medical visits, enhanced safety measures around essential therapeutic activities, etc. These will continue to be in place, possibly with further modifications, for the safety of our clients and their families.

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 \$100,000

Once the residential component of the drug addiction treatment program is completed, clients receive aftercare support for up to two years through regular communications and meetings with aftercare counsellors and aftercare community. It forms an essential part of the recovery process once a young person returns to their home community helping them remain abstinent, maintain a healthy lifestyle and discover the joys of a drug free life. Portage utilizes video conferencing technology for aftercare in remote areas and/or to bring a larger community together.

Youth Leadership Development \$20,000

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 required, if they haven't already done so, to attend a mandatory school onsite where they are encouraged to complete as much academic work as possible while in residence. 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 at a university, college or trade school 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.