

NEWS RELEASE

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Statement Regarding the Future of the Ottawa Senators Foundation

OTTAWA – As a result of our rich and sustained history of measurable success, community consultations, and the strong outpouring of continued support that the Ottawa Senators Foundation has received, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce that as of August 1st, the organization known today as the Ottawa Senators Foundation / Fondation des Sénateurs d'Ottawa, will continue its legacy of improving the lives of kids and families in our community under its new legal name of Ottawa-Gatineau Youth Foundation / Fondation Jeunesse d'Ottawa-Gatineau.

In the next few weeks, the volunteer Board of Directors and Foundation staff will actively work behind the scenes in preparation for an official launch of the newly named organization in September 2020.

A History of Giving

The Ottawa Senators Foundation was launched as an independent Canadian registered charity by Rod Bryden and an inaugural board of directors in January 1998. For more than 22 years the organization has been led by an incredibly passionate and skilled group of community volunteers serving as both members and directors of its Board. In addition, there has always been a dedicated staff team who continually innovated the fundraising activities of the Foundation to raise millions throughout its history.

The funds raised provided more than \$35 million in grants to charitable organizations throughout eastern Ontario and western Quebec, supporting programs - many award-winning - that provided children and youth with access to sport, recreation, healthcare, and educational opportunities. These funds also provided close to \$14 million to lucky fans who held the winning 50/50 raffle ticket number from sales during Ottawa Senators home games.

The Ottawa Senators Foundation Board of Directors and staff team want to sincerely thank many people for more than two decades of support including:

- Ottawa Senators players, coaches, general managers, owners and alumni;
- the staff team at the hockey club;
- the NHL and NHLPA;
- the Goodwill Ambassadors;
- corporate sponsors of Foundation fundraising events;
- community event partners and organizers;
- individual donors supporting the work of the Foundation;
- Foundation volunteers;
- the teams of volunteers and staff that sold 50/50 raffle tickets;
- hockey fans; and
- all of the charities that received funds from the Foundation.

Together, we have made a measurable difference in the lives of children and youth throughout the region by providing countless “game changing” opportunities.

The Foundation invites you to view the [attached video](#) as a collective celebration of the wonderful accomplishments achieved together for kids in our community these last 22 years.

The Foundation will not be making any further comment at this time. Our focus is on building momentum and excitement for the official launch of the Ottawa-Gatineau Youth Foundation / Fondation Jeunesse d'Ottawa-Gatineau, its future operations, its fundraising activities and most importantly, its investments back to the community. We look forward to sharing more in September.

People wanting to make a donation or get involved in the continued work of the Ottawa-Gatineau Youth Foundation/Fondation Jeunesse d'Ottawa-Gatineau should visit www.ottawagatineauyouthfoundation.ca

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