



**SENATORS  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

REPORT FY 2024/2025



As I reflect on my first year in my position with the Senators Community Foundation, I am filled with immense gratitude. This past season was a resounding success for the hockey club on and off the ice. Your passion for the sport and the Senators players has translated into a real impact in our community.

Through generous donations, you've allowed the Senators Community Foundation to unlock funding for dozens of partners and charities that work with our youth in Ottawa-Gatineau, giving them access to critical services to enhance their lives.

As you'll read in this community impact report, we surpassed our fundraising milestones and targets over the past year, which is a testament to the generous spirit of our community.

And we couldn't be more thankful and appreciative.



**Elliott Gauthier,**  
**Chair of the Senators Community Foundation Board**

This past season, your passion for the Ottawa Senators was on full display inside the Canadian Tire Centre – especially in the playoffs.

But your enthusiasm was also evident outside of the walls of our home arena, with your generous spirit of giving to the Senators Community Foundation.

You've made our Ottawa-Gatineau community stronger and more vibrant for our children and youth.

I have a simple motto for our staff with the Senators: Work harder than your competition and care more. It's so rewarding when our fans embrace the same philosophy when it comes to charitable donations in our community.

Thank you for kindness.  
And Go Sens Go!

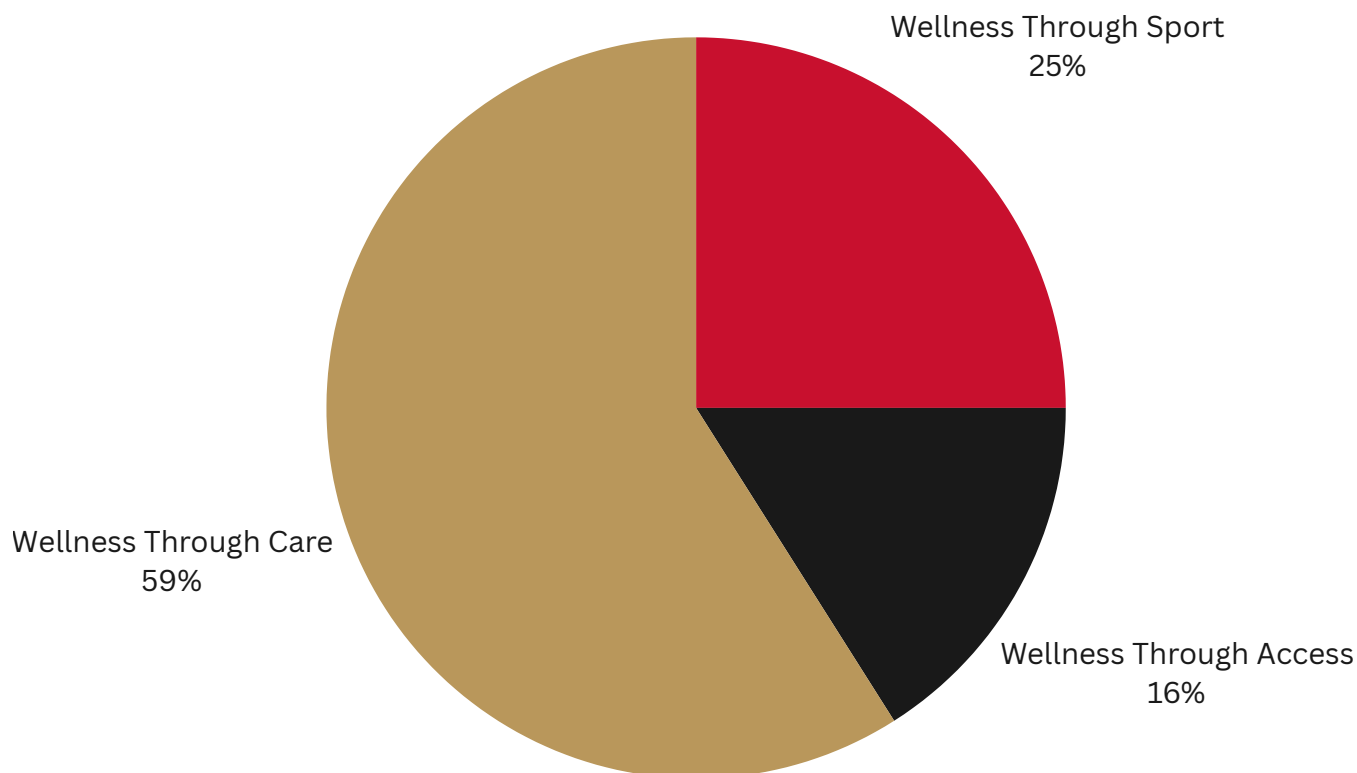


**Michael Andlauer,**  
**Owner of the Ottawa Senators, Senators Community**  
**Foundation Board Member**

# 2024-2025 Senators Community Foundation Impact



## 2.3 MILLION DOLLARS DONATED



### Our Mission

Igniting collective action to advance solutions and support for at risk youth in the Ottawa-Gatineau region through strategic partnerships with the Ottawa Senators Hockey Club

### Our Vision

To be a consistent source of pride and impact for the entire community.

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Senators Community Foundation would like to formally acknowledge, and recognize, that we work and play on the ancestral unceded territories of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg Nation.

# SENATORS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S IMPACT AT A GLANCE



Charities supported

**55**

Dollars raised through all  
Senators Community  
Foundation 50/50 draws

**\$4,026,310**

Gift in-kind donations

**205**

Dollars donated by  
the Belleville Senators  
this year

**\$305,000**

Dollars donated  
over the last  
25 Years

**\$39,569,718**

Youth supported by the  
Ottawa Black Bears

**2,000**

Dollars donated from  
Sensplex to minor  
hockey

**\$39,927**

Alumni visits to suites  
and community events

**150**

Value of hockey  
equipment donated

**\$20,000**





*“This community is so amazing. I find that getting to be a source of happiness, role model, and a positive influence for kids, is really important to me.”*



**Brady Tkachuk,**  
Ottawa Senators Captain



# Community Development Initiatives



## Our Focus

Through the power of the Ottawa-Gatineau community, we are focused on making hockey and physical activity more accessible and inclusive, especially among children from underserved communities. Beyond the game, we're helping kids build essential life skills like teamwork, discipline, leadership, and confidence, which will benefit them far beyond the rink.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**20,000+**

Pieces of Senators gear provided to fans at various community events around the Ottawa-Gatineau Community

**11,200**

Tickets provided to Ottawa Senators community events such as Gatineau Fan Fest and Sens Fan Fest

**356**

Jerseys and pairs of socks donated to minor hockey associations in the Outaouais region

## THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHT

This year's community development highlight was our pre-season intersquad game at Centre Slush Puppie in Gatineau! We loved being able to share our passion for hockey and the Ottawa Senators with our fans in the Gatineau community. Additionally, we were able to host two on-ice hockey clinics for young girls and Indigenous youth with Senators alumni Chris Neil and Brad Smyth.







Hockey Fights Cancer



Gatineau Fan Fest



Brady's Skate for Kids

*"The amount of happiness and energy that I get from these kids is immeasurable. You can really see we are making a difference in the moment. We are getting them away from all the worries, all the thoughts about the past, the future and help them just be in the now."*



**Linus Ullmark,**  
Ottawa Senators Goalie



Senators Black, Red & Gold Gala



Melnyk Skate for Kids



# Impact on Wellness Through Sport

**By encouraging kids to participate in sports, we help them build a strong foundation for a healthy, successful, and fulfilling life.**

Every child should have the chance to play sports, but for too many, that opportunity is out of reach. Whether it's the cost of equipment, lack of transportation, physical limitations, or simply not seeing themselves reflected in the game, the barriers to sport can feel insurmountable. Sport is so much more than competition. It's where kids discover their strengths, learn to communicate, build friendships, and fall down only to get back up stronger. Sometimes, stepping onto a field or an ice rink is the very first time a child feels like they truly belong. That sense of inclusion, of being part of something bigger, is powerful.

That's why the Senators Community Foundation invests in programs that open the door to sport. Through our partnerships, kids across Ottawa-Gatineau are lacing up skates for the first time, picking up sticks, playing sledge hockey, running drills on the basketball court, and kicking a soccer ball in a welcoming space.

These aren't just moments of fun—they are moments of transformation. We're working to erase systemic hurdles and ensure that every child, no matter their background or ability, has the chance to move, grow, and thrive through sport. Because when kids play, they don't just build athletic skills—they build confidence, resilience, and a foundation for a life filled with possibility.

**85**

Newcomer, barriered and neurodivergent girls in Ottawa were provided free and inclusive hockey programming

**632**

Children provided financial support to attend sport and recreation camps

**100+**

Indigenous youth in remote regions of Canada were provided with free hockey equipment and on ice instruction





# Impact on Wellness Through Access

**Providing youth with critical resources like shelter, nourishment, and guidance to help them overcome challenges and build brighter futures.**

Not having access can mean many things, but for too many children and youth in Ottawa-Gatineau, it means going without the most basic building blocks for a healthy life. For many children in can be showing up to school trying to focus through the ache of hunger or not having someone to help with homework after school. Others may not have a quiet place to sleep or a warm coat in the winter. Often times many children fall behind not because of a lack of potential, but because of a lack of opportunity. These are barriers no child should face yet, far too many do. When kids are cut off from the resources they need, it creates a ripple effect that can shape their futures in heartbreaking ways.

At the Senators Community Foundation, we believe that access shouldn't be a privilege it should be a right. This past year, we directed funding to frontline organizations that are tearing down the various barriers that no child should have to face. Through our support, kids are starting their day with a nutritious breakfast, finding emergency shelter in times of crisis, receiving academic support through after-school programs, and having access to spaces where they can simply be kids without fear. These moments shared including, eating meals, homework completed, stories read, safe nights slept may seem small, but they are the foundation for something bigger: confidence, resilience, and the chance to dream. Together with our partners, we're helping build that foundation, so every child has the opportunity to thrive.

**279**

Children provided access to camps through BGC Ottawa

**900+**

Nutritious meals provided to families through the Ottawa Food Bank

**32**

Grants provided to military families who have children with special needs for extra care and support programming



# Impact on Wellness Through Care

**Ensuring individuals have the necessary support and resources to thrive, thereby fostering healthier and more resilient communities.**

125

Children, youth and their families enjoyed time cooking, socializing, and sharing meals in the Roger Neilson Children's Hospice Senators Community Kitchen

When a child is sick, everything else in the family's world seems to pause. We've heard it time and time again from parents, when your child is facing a serious health challenge, whether it's a mental health crisis, a chronic condition, or a life-limiting illness, the entire household feels the weight. Routines unravel. Emotions run high.

The financial strain can be crushing. No family should have to worry about how they'll afford parking during a hospital stay, or whether they can buy the medical equipment their child needs to recover at home.

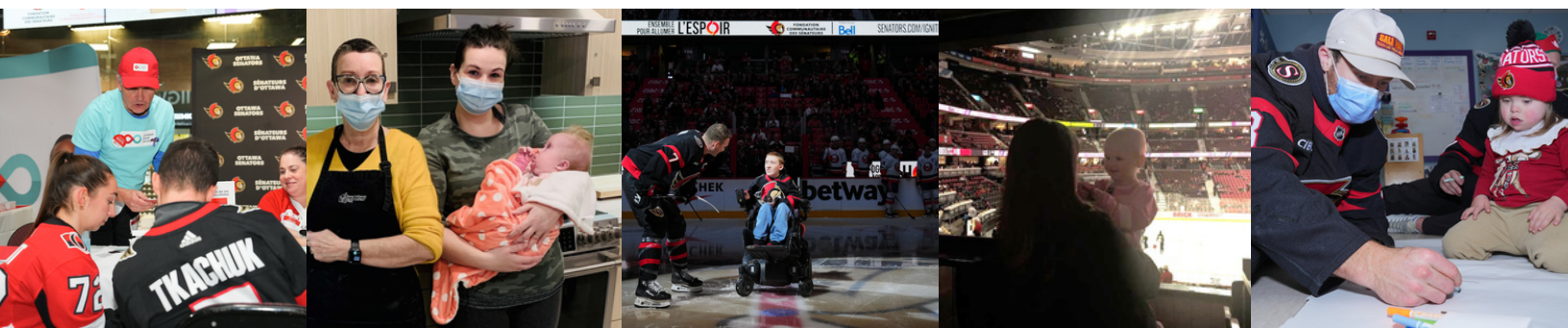
We believe care extends far beyond the hospital walls, we work hand-in-hand with our partners to support families through some of the hardest days of their lives. This year, our grants helped fund programs that ensure doctors and care teams have the right tools to heal. We helped provide families with access to counselling and wraparound mental health support. Additionally, we ensured small but essential costs such as parking, crutches, or a warm meal don't become insurmountable obstacles. We're there to ease the burden, to offer comfort, and to remind families they're not alone. When a child is unwell, they need more than medicine; they need a community that cares.

60

Firefighters provided with PTSD care and support resources through the Ottawa Firefighters Fund

25

Youth experienced the joy of summer camp offered through Roger Neilson Children's Hospice grief camp hosted by Christie Lake Kids







Walk to CTC



Melnik Skate



Love 2 Skate

*"Hockey was never just a sport for me; it was the bridge that ignited my love for Canadian culture and community. I am privileged to have grown through the sport, first as a participant and now as a Hockey 4 Youth Program Coordinator, giving back to the journey that made me fall in love with this country. Thank you the Senators Community Foundation for your support of our girls in Ottawa."*

**Firaol Yadetta,**  
Hockey 4 Youth Ottawa Program Coordinator



BGC Ottawa



Turkey Drop





# JOIN US

As we reflect on this past year, we are incredibly grateful for your unwavering support and generosity. Your contributions have empowered us to make a meaningful impact in the lives of children and youth in the Ottawa-Gatineau region. Together, we've provided opportunities, fostered hope, and built a stronger community.

But our work is far from over. There are still many lives to touch, stories to change, and futures to build. We invite you and others in our community to continue standing with us in our mission to ensure that the children and youth in our community are provided with the resources necessary to live happy and healthy lives. Every contribution, big or small, helps us go further and do more.

We look forward to continuing this incredible work together in the years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,



**Jacqueline Belsito,**  
President of Senators Community Foundation  
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# JOIN IN THE FUN

## Host An Event

To raise funds for SCF

## Stay Informed

Sign up for SCF newsletter



## Make a Gift

Donate to SCF through CanadaHelps

## Buy 50/50

Purchase tickets either in game or online



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