

OGAV - Ornaments of Grace and Virtue 2020 Annual Report

2020 YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION

It is with much excitement and gratitude I review the progress and momentum Ornaments of Grace and Virtue Int. Organization (OGAV) achieved in 2020. This year 2020 has been a successful year for OGAV though with challenges of being a global pandemic year. These challenges lead us into a digital virtual world.

Having the right leadership with the right mind set to set the stage for great success and an accomplished year. This was the target going into 2020. We continued with the two years strategic plans made in 2019 - Expand the program to reach out to the girls in the community in a more consistent way and seek for funding from Agencies to support the program

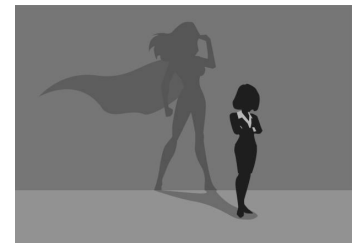
ABOUT US

Ornaments of Grace and Virtue International Org.(OGAV) is a non-for-profit Organization. It is an organization that is passionate about nurturing, mentoring and empowering girls to become, and remain independent, responsible and productive young women in society. Through nurturing and mentoring a girl can become independent, responsible and valuable people that affect society in a positive way.



MISSION

The mission is to develop independent, responsible, young girls through character building, mentorship, and acquisition of knowledge, skills and ethics needed to thrive in the 21st century global economy.



GROWING AND LEARNING

Significant achievements were made in several key areas through our focus on our strength, Opportunities that avails itself to us, our weaknesses / Challenges as a body and what threatens our success.

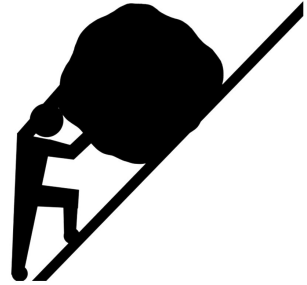


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Identified Challenges

- Trustees Professional Development
- A good opportunity to build skills and connection
- A good understanding of governance and strategic building
- Lack of funding for programs
- A need to connect with Agencies
- Build better relationship with the Community - Participating in bigger awareness community events



WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO

The year 2020 was an unprecedented year. There was no in person activity due to the lock down. However, we were able to do the Mother Daughter event before the shut down in March 2020.

We started to implement the two year Organization plan

We started to work on our challenges that were reachable while due to the pandemic lock down we were not able to attend to others

OGAV SUPPORT AND PROMOTE ADVANCEMENT OF GIRLS EDUCATION



We promote and advance girl's education through - "Empowerment Learning series "Initiative" for girls and young women

Today's young generations have more paths to success than ever, but they also deal with more challenges, more risks, more dangers. So we teach, encourage and mentor them to:

- ASPIRE** - ambition can become a reality with the right mind set.
- WE EMPOWER** - We empower students with the tools and virtues to excel
- ACHIEVE** - taught to set goal and accomplish them

Standards for excellence are our backbone curriculum. It informs everything we teach.

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Developed and improved Program quality

Co-curricular School Program (Girls club)

The Girl's club is a socio-academic club that is student-centered and focused. It gives an impactful experience for a positive outcome

- We were able to reach out to more girls about 60 young girls through our events; the turnout was very impressive with a positive feed back
- We were able to consolidate our efforts and established a weekly virtual Girls club borne out of pandemic adversity as a way to adapt to lock down changes

Outreach events, Impact and Influence

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the efforts of the Trustees. It was a pandemic year where we all learned new ways to adapt to the changes and challenges we all face

Annual Spring Event - Mother/Daughter Breakfast

Mother Daughter Event held in March to commemorate the International Women's Day with the goals of:

- A. Reaching more youth to gain a better understanding of how to meet their needs and foster a good relationship at home
- B. Building relationships to foster better academic achievements and social skills with the girls
- C. For OGAV to be effective we need to start where it is most important, that is home. Statistically, it has been proven that girls succeed and thrive when they have good support at home.

Debrief and feedback on Mother-Daughter Event

A successful event; Turnout was impressive; Discussions were engaging and empowering; Participants enjoyed a variety of activities provided and the meaningful discussions on how to build mother-daughter relationships.

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Specific feedback/reviews from participants:

"Keynote/
Guest speakers did a great job speaking to the themes of International Women's Day but need to focus more on the girls' needs."

"OGAV needs to keep working on getting more young girls on board. The turnout of young women was impressive better than 2019."

"Mostly a positive experience"

"Continue breakout/group session because it was the highlight of the day."

"Participants requested for more time for small group discussions and extra Q & A time for speakers"

Fall Event – Blooming in Adversity

- o COVID-19 Emergency Response Support for Non-Profit
- o Sept 8 – Dec 18, 2020 - COVID Intervention Project funded



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The project purpose is to distribute care packages and offer mental health, navigation of financial resources and programs to 500 young adults in Peel region. This helps address the impacts of COVID-19 on youth who have faced increase challenges to reaching financial stability and barriers to mental health support as a result of the pandemic. This is in support of primarily children and youth including those in low income households or living in poverty.



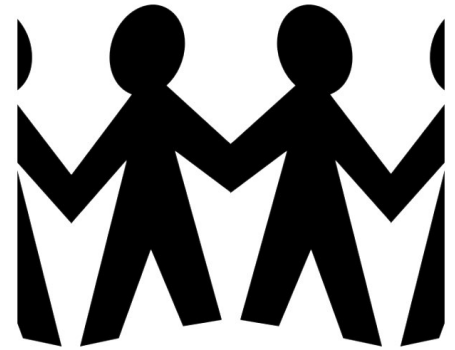
Virtual Meeting

A weekly virtual program was set up to encourage teenagers to be more interactive to alleviate stress for good mental health and well being through a virtual program. This will help address the impact of COVID-19 on youth.

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The social connection the girls are able to achieve virtually on Zoom is very important to their well being, both mentally and in their overall wellness and it helps build capacity. This is of the utmost importance now more than ever as there are no longer any after school co-curricular activities to engage them.



Providing this platform for them where we have different professionals speak on relevant topics and they have the opportunity to hang out with other girls is essential to their mental health and welfare.

Topics addressed were financial resources, Empowerment and Self development, and Mental wellness

A Resource booklet - Blooming in Adversity was put together to support the program

A composite image featuring a booklet cover on the left and contact information on the right. The booklet cover has a large, vibrant orange and pink flower in the background with the text "Blooming in Adversity" in a bold, black, serif font. To the right, on a light grey background, is the Ornament of Grace and Virtue logo (a green heart with three figures inside) and the text: "If you would like to help us promote the advancement of girls education, get in touch with us:", the website "https://www.ogav.org", the address "10-8975 McLaughlin Road S., Brampton, ON L6Y 0Z6", and the phone number "437-833-9823 | 416-523-8160 | contact@ogav.org". Below this text are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn, along with the Canadian Red Cross logo and the word "Canada" with a small Canadian flag.

Citizen Girls – Youth in Action

A project focused on Building Political Leadership Capital in Young Canadian and Nigerian Marginalized Women through a Collaborative Educational Experience. This project is funded by Alumni Engagement Innovative Fund (AEIF) US Department of State.

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Ornaments of Grace and Virtue Organization Intl. (OGAV) is invited by AEIF alumni team that is being sponsored by AEIF 2020 of U.S. government-sponsored international exchange programs with funding from US \$5,000 up to US \$25,000 to support public service projects to collaborate with them along with other partners the Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment and Carisma4U Educational Foundation in Nigeria.

The project execution is July 12 - 27, 2021

Connect

OGAV became a registered member of Volunteer MBC. This afforded us the opportunity to access volunteers in peel region that supports our events



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

OGAV outreach to the community in December to support:

1. Women in shelter - Sojourn Home, Toronto
2. Families in our communities through religious organizations
3. Young women with developmental disabilities

(OGAV) We are a community building people that is preparing a community of girls for successful career and life that can in turn change the community positively

Donors

They support our vision and mission. They show commitment to help us embrace every opportunity

We are so grateful for your act of kindness and generous donation to our cause. Money was primarily raised through a few individual donations and Board of Trustees. Your donation enabled us to reach our goal.

The Trustees were challenged to live up to their responsibilities of looking for funding for the Organization along with the membership fees set at \$120.00/year

This year has been difficult to raise funds due to the pandemic lock down but turned out to be a very positive year through the support of Red Cross funding for our Covid Intervention Program

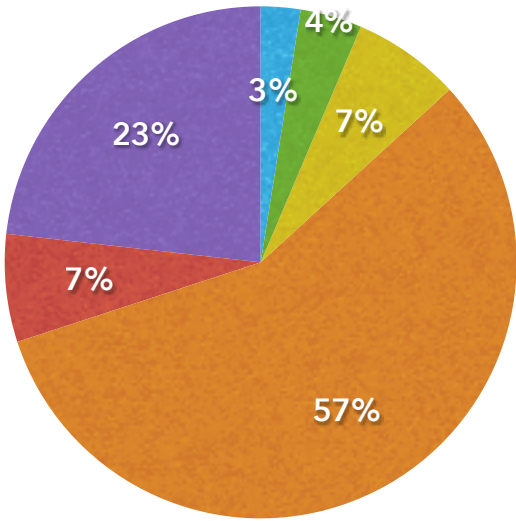
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FINANCIALS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DEC.31, 2020 (IN THOUSANDS)

- Amortization Expense
- Office management & administration
- Bank Charges
- Professional Fee
- Christmas Care Event
- Mother's Daughter Event



ASSETS	
Total Current Assets	\$8,300
Accounts Receivable	\$19,903
Capital	\$663
TOTAL ASSETS	\$28,866

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Current liabilities	\$23,071
Net Assets - Unrestricted	\$5,796
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$28,866

These efforts reflect the commitment of OGAV to the communities we serve to close the opportunity gap for those who need us most. Your support is vital to making all of these happen. Thank you, once again, for your ongoing support to all our Trustees and our donors at this unprecedented time

We ended 2020 on a strong note looking forward to 2021 for more opportunities for implementation and growth

Busola Kolade
OGAV CEO

