

2023 Donation Request Form

Organization Information

Organization/Charity Name: *

Northumberland Oral Health Coalition

Address (Including Postal Code): *

26 Meredith Crescent, Cobourg, On K9A 4M9

Contact Information

First and Last Name of Contact Person: *

Sue Hochu

Title of Contact Person: *

Co Chair of Northumberland Oral Health
Coalition

Phone Number: *

[REDACTED]

Alt. Phone:

[REDACTED]

Email: *

[REDACTED]

Donation Request Information

Total Request (\$) : *

\$400.00

Date of Your Organization's Event: *

1/1/2023



Please provide your reasoning for the requested donation and description of how the funds will be utilized: *

Formed in 2005, the Northumberland Oral Health Coalition (NOHC) is a local non profit, non partisan group whose mission is to advocate for equitable access to affordable oral health care for residents of Northumberland. As well, we promote the awareness that in order to have good overall physical health and wellbeing, one must have good oral health - a healthy mouth is necessary for a healthy body. We are a volunteer group who receive no formal funding and is currently made up of oral health professionals - both practicing and retired, a health promoter, an employment councillor and concerned citizens.

While advocacy is our primary focus, we have evolved to providing oral hygiene items - toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, denture cleaning supplies, tongue scrapers, etc., FREE OF CHARGE to economically vulnerable residents of Port Hope and Cobourg to help enable them to maintain their own oral health. As well, we offer 'helpful' items such as caps/covers for toothbrushes to help the individual try to keep their toothbrush clean, as this is not always easy to do when experiencing housing insecurity and moving frequently. Providing these vital oral hygiene supplies not only benefits the individual both physically and socially but also helps to benefit our communities by improving the overall health of our residents which potentially helps to reduce costs and burdens on our health care and social systems.

In Port Hope, we have supplied residents through the Greenwood Coalition and the Community Health Centres of Northumberland (CHCN) Food Cupboard. Prior to the Covid pandemic beginning in 2020, NOHC members who are oral health professionals would periodically attend the outreach dinners held at St. John's Anglican Church. Our members would offer the attendees free oral hygiene supplies as well as chat about general oral health topics including information of various government oral health financial treatment programs for which the attendee or family members may be eligible or about lower cost oral health providers such as the CHCN's dental clinic in Port Hope where they may be able to receive treatment.

NOHC is partnered with the CHCN and two of their staff are members of NOHC. If NOHC receives a donation from the Municipality of Port Hope, the money will be administered through the CHCN - a registered charitable organization. NOHC members who are oral health professionals take the lead in purchasing the supplies as they are knowledgeable about what items are necessary to maintain a clean mouth. We have 'shopped around' and have made arrangements with various suppliers who sell their oral hygiene products to us at a reduced cost due to the philanthropic nature of our initiative to help us get the best value for our money.

Other Financial Information

Please indicate financial support you are expecting to receive from other organizations in 2023: *

We will be applying for a 2023 Town of Cobourg Municipal Grant to purchase oral hygiene supplies that will be distributed to financially vulnerable Cobourg residents.

If NOHC does receive a donation from the Municipality of Port Hope, items purchased will be distributed to financially vulnerable Port Hope residents.

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If Council approves your Donation Request, please indicate how the Municipality of Port Hope would be given recognition for this donation: *

If NOHC receives a donation from the Municipality of Port Hope, we will work to arrange a media release about this and its positive impact on Port Hope residents and our initiative. It will likely be similar to a previous media release we had - see link below - and could possibly be municipality staff handing us the donation.

<http://todaysnorthumberland.ca/2021/01/01/local-initiative-to-distribute-oral-hygiene-supplies-to-area-residents/>

Also, if we have the inventory of supplies, once various groups begin to meet in person and our members can participate, we will have a sign made up to say that we received a donation from Port Hope. We will also approach CHCN staff to see if a similar sign could be used at events where they distribute our oral hygiene supplies such as pickup for the Food Boxes, etc. Furthermore, discussions or presentations regarding the Municipality will include recognition about their donation.

Any additional information you find necessary:

Since 2017, NOHC has been distributing oral hygiene items free of charge to help meet the ongoing demand of local residents requiring assistance in obtaining these items. In light of the current economic and social struggles many people are experiencing, the need for supplies is increasing. This will likely continue as vulnerable residents can find difficulty in purchasing oral hygiene items for themselves and their family as the majority of the items are either single use such as dental floss or short term use such as toothbrushes that should be replaced every 2-3 months. By receiving a Municipality of Port Hope donation, NOHC will be able to purchase these necessary oral hygiene supplies which will allow us to continue to provide the 'tools' at no cost to the resident to help them keep their and their families' mouths clean. This will help vulnerable Port Hope residents be able to utilize their own money for other uses such as purchasing necessary food, gas etc.

In the past we have relied on limited in-kind donations from oral health care suppliers, local oral health care providers, professional associations as well as the members of NOHC purchasing the supplies ourselves however we have a very limited amount of inventory remaining. NOHC received a 2022 Town of Cobourg Municipal Grant to be used for Cobourg residents and as well as limited financial assistance from private donations - in 2019 from a Port Hope church Community Outreach group that works closely with the Greenwood Coalition, from a Port Hope couple in 2020 and two Cobourg residents in 2021. At this time, NOHC does not expect to receive financial support from any other donor and once our limited current inventory and remaining funds to buy items is depleted, we will no longer be able to offer this service.

While we have indicated below that the preferred date to receive a donation is Jan 2, this initiative is not a one time event and will continue throughout the year as long as our supplies last.

Should Council approve your Donation Request please indicate the following:

Preferred date to receive donation: *

1/2/2023 

Payable to: *

Northumberland Oral Health Coalition

Mailing address (Including Postal Code): *

26 Meredith Crescent, Cobourg, On K9A 4M9

Special instructions (Optional):

First and Last Name: *

Sue Hochu

Please provide the date you are signing this document: *

10/5/2022



Please provide the signature of the authorized individual: *

Susan Hochu

Please complete and return your form by one of the following:

- Email: finance@porthope.ca
- Fax: 905-885-1807
- Mail: Town Hall 56 Queen Street, Port Hope, Ontario, L1A 3Z9
- Drop Box: On the front door of Town Hall 56 Queen Street, Port Hope

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