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SAVTI counsellors are available at your POGO AfterCare Clinic or in the community.

If you are interested in learning more about SAVTI, please visit
<http://www.pogo.ca/care/savti/>

To access SAVTI's Resource Guide, visit www.pogo.ca/guide/savti.php

If you are a survivor of childhood cancer, SAVTI can help you:

- Identify career options and goals focused on your strengths and skills
- Develop a personal education and/or employment plan
- Facilitate access to education and employment pathways
- Apply for admission to college or university and prepare for employment
- Link with appropriate services and supports within colleges, universities or the community in order to achieve your goals

WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?

There are a number of scholarships available for brain tumour and cancer survivors. Ask your SAVTI counsellor or search the web for:

Childhood Cancer Canada Foundation Survivor Scholarship Program

Emmy Duff Scholarship Foundation

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada offers education awards for brain tumour survivors

Shine Bright Bursary for childhood cancer survivors in Northern Ontario

Leucan Prix Jocelyn-Demers for Quebec cancer survivors

Carlson Wagonlit Travel Bursary available to members of Candlelighters

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities may qualify for additional support from OSAP. To learn more about opportunities available for students in special circumstances, talk to a SAVTI counsellor or contact the Government of Ontario toll-free at 1-800-387-5514 or online at <http://www.ontario.ca>

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Visit these websites to learn more about programs available at Ontario universities and colleges, as well as information about living in residence, available scholarships, and more!

Online guide to Ontario's universities:
<http://www.electronicinfo.ca>

Online guide to Ontario's colleges:
<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca>



How can I get work experience?

Getting experience can be an important way to build your resumé and start on a career path. Here are some ways to get going.

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Volunteering: Giving your time to something you care about can also give you skills and help you connect with others

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Internships: A time-limited, unpaid work experience can be a great way to learn about what it is like to work in your chosen field

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Co-op placement: Many high schools and colleges offer the opportunity to gain work experience and earn credits

Speak to your SAVTI counsellor about how you can access some of these opportunities

WHAT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING OR WORK?

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers help improve the quality of life for others. They also gain valuable experience and develop new skills. As well, studies show that involved Canadians enjoy improved overall health. Learn more at <http://volunteer.ca>

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Employment Supports are available through the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) even if you don't qualify for financial support. Employment Supports can help even if you have never worked before, have been out of work for some time, or are in school. Once you start working, you can also get assistance to keep your job or to advance your career.

To learn more, talk to a SAVTI counsellor or contact the Ministry of Community and Social Services at 1-888-789-4199 or <http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca>

KNOWING YOUR OPTIONS: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Spotlight on: Ryerson University

On November 25, 2013, a group of seven SAVTI clients and parents went on a customized tour of Ryerson University in Toronto. The group received a comprehensive campus tour, and was able to meet with representatives from the Access Centre for students with disabilities and the admissions office. Ryerson is one of the fastest growing urban universities, specializing in career-focused, innovative education. There are more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs, and 38,950 students. The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education also offers a wide variety of full and part time programs, including several specialized programs for non-traditional learners or those that might not otherwise interact with or experience post-secondary education. Visit www.ryerson.ca

Spotlight on: CICE

Community Integration through Education (CICE) programs provide individuals with intellectual disabilities and other significant learning challenges with the opportunity to experience college life, pursue a post-secondary education and develop skills which will help prepare them for employment. Programs are two years long, and focus on life and workplace skills. Students have a chance to participate in a field placement and receive follow-up support to obtain employment.

CICE is available at Lambton, Georgian, Humber, Mohawk, Sault, Durham and Confederation colleges.

Visit <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca> or search online for CICE programs in your area.

Sens Game Outing for Survivors Recap

Last November, Ottawa Candlelighters generously gave 16 adolescent and young adult survivors the opportunity to watch the Ottawa Senators play the Minnesota Wild in their beautiful box at the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa.

Supporting adolescent and adult survivors of childhood cancer is very much a part of Ottawa Candlelighters' vision that every child affected with childhood cancer and their family enjoy the best quality of life possible, from the time of diagnosis, through to the completion of treatment and beyond.

Eighteen of us met at a restaurant, had dinner together then took a bus provided by the restaurant to and from the game. Rebounders Ottawa Coordinator Louise Cousineau organized the dinner and we were thrilled to include some new Candlelighters members!

All the participants were SAVTI clients, so some people knew each other and others got acquainted fast! We had a fantastic time! Despite our enthusiastic cheering, the Sens lost 4-3.

Many thanks go to Ottawa Candlelighters, Rebounders Ottawa and the volunteers who made such a memorable evening happen!

Social Events

Stay tuned for others!

Do you have an idea for a social event? Are you interested in participating in a future event?

Contact your SAVTI counsellor with any thoughts you might have!

GET INVOLVED!

Want to do more? Looking for a fun and easy way to raise money for kids with cancer?

FUNDRAISE FOR POGO BY ORGANIZING YOUR OWN EVENT OR PARTICIPATING IN ONE OF OURS!

Competitive races, team sports, bake sales, employee dress-down days – whatever your interest, we have the people and the tools to help you get started.

Find out more at <http://www.pogo.ca/ways-to-help>



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Our mission is to improve the health outcomes and quality of life of children, and their families, living with and beyond childhood cancer in communities across Canada.

We are primarily a volunteer-based organization that provides financial aid and support to Canadian childhood cancer charities. We raise funds by conducting memorable events that encourage an active, healthy lifestyle.

The Foundation’s operating principle is to ensure 100% of donations go directly to the charities we support. Event costs are paid for through corporate sponsorships and registration fees.

Over 11 years the Foundation and it’s organizing team have raised \$31 million dollars through its annual fundraising events: “Tour for Kids”, “The Inside Ride”, the “Sears national Kids Cancer Ride”, “Golf Against Kids Cancer” and the “National Inside Ride Tour”

Coast to Coast Against Cancer is honoured to be the Lead Sponsor of these POGO programs: POFAP (financial assistance program) and SAVTI (Successful Academic & Vocational Transition Initiative).

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