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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/>

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

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

NOT SURE HOW TO FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION? TALK TO YOUR SAVTI COUNSELLOR OR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

If you're planning to attend university or college starting in 2015, you'll need to submit your application soon. Take note of the deadlines below and work with your SAVTI Counsellor to fine-tune your application.

UNIVERSITY

January 14, 2015 is the deadline to submit your application to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC). You will need the Application Access Code Letter from your school guidance counsellor to apply. OUAC will continue to process applications after this date, but specific university deadlines will apply. For more information from OUAC, visit: <http://www.ouac.on.ca/deadlines/>

COLLEGE

February 1, 2015 is the deadline for equal consideration. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

Note that applications to highly competitive programs must be received by this date in order to be considered. As these programs receive a large number of applicants, all seats may be filled by February 1.

Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications well before the equal consideration deadline. The high volume of online applications on this date could lead to delays in your application being processed. Many programs continue to accept applicants after February 1.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/important-dates>

Have you
heard of
these
apps?

Free Apps for Students with Learning Disabilities

Balabolka

A free text-to-voice app that can read a variety of different file types on tablet or smart phone.

This program allows users to change the rate, pitch and volume of speech and customize font and background for the text that appears alongside the audio.

For: Windows XP/Vista/7/8

CamScanner

CamScanner creates a PDF file using any smartphone, tablet or iPad camera. Once the PDF file has been created it can be imported into a text-to-voice program, such as Balabolka.

For: Android, iPhone, iPad, Windows Phone 8

X-mind

X-mind is a mind mapping app that allows users to create different types of diagrams and mind maps (diagrams you can use to visually organize notes or other information).

For: Windows, Mac OS X, Linux

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SCHOLARSHIPS

When you're already busy studying for exams, writing papers and applying for college or university, filling out paperwork for scholarship applications can seem like a lot of extra trouble. Taking a few minutes each week to work on these applications can lead to big benefits over the long term. If you are awarded a scholarship, not only will you save some money, but you'll also have another achievement to list on your resume!

Here are some scholarships that have been awarded to SAVTI clients this year. These foundations have set up scholarship programs specifically for survivors of childhood cancers. If you're interested in applying for these scholarships in the future, talk to your SAVTI Counsellor or click on the links below to learn more about the application processes:

Emmy Duff Scholarship

SAVTI recipients: 2 London; 1 Toronto

Childcan Post-Secondary Bursary – London

SAVTI recipients: 2 London

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada Education Awards for Brain Tumour Survivors

SAVTI recipients: 1 London; 1 Ottawa/Kingston

Childhood Cancer Canada Survivor Scholarship Program

SAVTI recipients: 3 London; 13 Toronto; 25 Ottawa/Kingston

Candlelighters Scholarships

SAVTI recipients: 4 Ottawa/Kingston

SAVTI COUNSELLOR UPDATES

In order to keep everyone in the loop, POGO would like to introduce the new members of the SAVTI Counsellor team!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Multi-activity winter trips with On the Tip of the Toes Foundation in 2015

–
An opportunity
for you!

Since 1996, On the Tip of the Toes Foundation has offered outdoor expedition experiences for young cancer survivors. This winter, there will be two multi-activity trips in Monts-Valin National Park in Quebec. During a full week, the participants will discover the area by snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, kiting, ice fishing and dogsledding.

TRIP DATES

Trips will take place from **February 28 to March 8, 2015 for ages 19-29** and from **March 14 to 22, 2015 for ages 14-18**. These trips are totally free of charge for the participants, including transportation. To attend, survivors must be in remission of a cancer for less than 5 years or must be living with long-term effects from their treatment and/or cancer.

The Mission of On the Tip of the Toes Foundation is to help young people living with cancer regain their well-being by facing the challenge of an exceptional therapeutic adventure expedition. Supervised by medical and outdoor experts, these expeditions also aim to change the image of cancer for the participants and the general public alike.

For further information, please contact On the Tip of the Toes Foundation:

Phone: 1-877-543-3048 | Email: info@tipoftoes.com

To apply, visit: <http://pointedespieds.com/en/page/application/>

Cette information est aussi disponible en français: <http://pointedespieds.com/>



On the Tip of the Toes Foundation
Wilderness therapy for young people living with cancer

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!



CREATIVE CORNER

SAVTI welcomes submissions from clients! If you enjoy writing short stories, poems or open letters or if you like to paint or draw, forward your submission to your SAVTI Counsellor for inclusion in a future newsletter.

DREAMBOAT ANNIE

By "Annie"

What do people see when they look at me?
Do they see somebody that I used to be?
Do they mourn the person that I refuse to be?
Do they actually suppose that I'm pretty?
Is it impossible to think that I'm me?
I'm trying to live, and I'm doing my best, I'm me.
I am busy, though it may not appear
I listen to songs about fighting, and flying away
To some place way far back in her mind
Back to Avalon, where she can find peace
If I could only be as beautiful as she
With the eyes with which she sees everything
The bombs and the devils, and pushing the grains
Flying away, fighting going insane
Fighting people who say she can't be she
And she stuck to her guns and she's okay
And then there's me, each and every day
Hoping to one day seem as invincible as she
And the 'other' she, stuck like glue to each other's sides
Helping, healing, pushing each other to see
Like each other's other halves, and the talent, you see
These sisters, if only me and my sister could be
I don't think that she would help me
She'd be turned off by how insane I can seem
Because I don't know how to deal with me
These are my bombs and devils
But as it is, music is my life, it doesn't matter quite
Because the song about leaving pulls me, especially at night
When I listen to the song about the little girl, her head in the clouds
I fall asleep and wake up with it, and I know that's how
That's how I live, if it were written about me
My head in the clouds
I am Dreamboat Annie
Is that, then, the person, that people perceive?

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

THINKING ABOUT A SUMMER JOB?

Now is the time to start preparing and looking into the many services available across Ontario to assist you with your summer job search. Most programs are open to students in secondary or post-secondary school who are returning to school in the fall. Below are just a few of the many services available. If you don't see a service located in your community on this list, please contact your SAVTI counsellor. Happy job hunting!

Government of Canada

Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP)

This is a program operated by the federal government and there are summer job opportunities all over the country. If you are a full-time secondary or post-secondary school student returning to full time studies in the fall you are eligible to apply. This program provides excellent opportunities for students to find valuable hands-on work experience in their field of study

Web: <http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/fswep-pfete/index-eng.php>

*****This program began accepting applications in October 2014 for summer 2015 positions. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis *****

Government of Ontario

Ontario Public Service – Summer Employment Opportunities

Students are hired each summer across a variety of Ontario Public Service agencies and community groups

Web: <http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/SEP.asp>

*****Positions will begin to be listed in February 2015 for summer 2015 positions *****

Municipal Government Summer Student Employment Opportunities

Most municipal governments across the province operate summer student employment programs.

Web: Just Google the name of your city/municipality and 'summer student jobs' and you should be directed to the web page for your city's program.

*****In many municipalities, the application process opened in November 2014 and will remain open until January 2015 for summer 2015 positions *****