

COTF Monthly April 2019

1. COTF's Presence at the 2019 CAOT Conference:

COTF is delighted to announce a full presence at the 2019 CAOT Conference in Niagara Falls.

a. Fundraising Events:

- Silent and Live Auctions (COTF is accepting in-kind donations for the auctions. Please contact skamble@cotfcanada.org if you have an item to donate. Official income tax receipts can be issued with item's proof of value.)
- Sale of local mini box of balsamic vinegar and olive oil; and Canadian chocolates
- Locally made wine charm for sale, reserved tables and 50/50 Draw at CAOT social event
- Breakfast with a Scholar, Crystal Dieleman from Dalhousie University (ticketed event, where tickets can be purchased through CAOT's conference registration - <https://www.caot.ca/site/pd/confregfees?nav=sidebar>)
- Some of the confirmed items in the auction include:
 - A baby boy's quilt with rocket ships made and donated by Sandra Hobson
 - Pottery crafted and donated by Linda Petty
 - A jewelry set from Anne-Marie Chagnon, donated by Paulette Guitard
 - *More than 4 wheels*, authored and donated by Sheila Buck
 - Pearl necklace donated by Janna MacLachlan

b. Other Events:

- Participation at the OTC Forum
- Announcement of COTF Award Recipients by the COTF President, Marjorie Hackett at the CAOT Awards Ceremony.
- Facilitation of a session on the importance of clinician-driven occupational therapy research, and the impact of research funded by COTF President, Marjorie Hackett and COTF Board Directors, Katie Churchill and Lynn Shaw.

2. COTF Blog:

The **2018 COTF Thelma Cardwell Scholarship** recipient, Rebecca Van Schyndel explains the impact of COTF's funding on her research. Her article can be found here:

<https://cotfcanada.org/april-2019-blog-rebecca-van-schyndel-2018-thelma-cardwell-scholarship-recipient/>

3. Awards Database On-Line:

COTF has added searchable databases on the COTF web site

(www.cotfcanada.org/awards/results/) to learn what projects COTF has funded over the years.

4. ACOTUP Education Research Fund

Members of the Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy University Programs (ACOTUP) Research on Education Committee are working to develop a new Educational Research Fund.

This fund is specifically geared toward supporting research that will advance scholarly work in occupational therapy education. The fund will be administered by COTF and will begin to offer grants once sufficient donations have been received. The Educational Research Fund will support scholarship directly applicable to the education of occupational therapy students and/or the continuing education of practitioners and support a range of methodological and educational research areas. These could include investigations into a diversity of topics such as: approaches

to teaching and learning, continuing professional education, educational technology, fieldwork research, preceptorship, mentorship, communities of practice, academic accommodations, occupation-based education, international education initiatives, simulation-based education, and competency-based education. For those interested in making a donation, you can indicate on the COTF website your wish to donate to the Educational Research Fund.

5. COTF Monthly:

Please be sure to share the COTF Monthly with your contacts. COTF would like to ensure that all OTs across the country have a chance to read it so that they are well informed about COTF's activities. The link is: <https://cotfcanada.org/news/>

6. Donate to COTF:

COTF is the only Foundation in Canada that exclusively supports occupational therapists. It is your Foundation! Donate to COTF by calling COTF at 613-319-6890, make a donation on-line at www.cotfcanada.org or mail a cheque to COTF/FCE, 64-2420 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON, K1V 8S1. Donations support COTF awards program, which is for occupational therapists in Canada.