

Donation Form

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Payment Options

Cheque: made payable to *The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Learning Centre for Hamilton*

E-transfer to: office@dyslexiacentrehamilton.com

Please send an e-mail with your name, address and phone number so that an official receipt for income tax purposes can be issued.

Credit Card VISA MasterCard

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Donations (one time or monthly) may be made through CanadaHelps. Visit CanadaHelps.org and search for Learning Centre for Hamilton. Official

receipts for income tax purposes will be issued by CanadaHelps.

Donations of \$20 or more will be acknowledged with an official receipt for income tax purposes. Those donating \$500 or more will receive a certificate of appreciation and a pin.

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Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Learning Centres for Children

- There are Learning Centres throughout the United States and Canada
- Canada has 9 Learning Centres: Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Barrie, Hamilton, London, Windsor, Halifax, and Moncton. There are 3 Satellite Centres: Truro, Muskoka and Niagara
- The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation supports these Centres through generous donations from the bodies of the Scottish Rite, Masonic lodges, Eastern Star chapters, corporations, and individuals
- The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation has established a governance structure, which is incorporated in an extensive handbook, which must be followed precisely
- Because of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation there is no cost to the child or the family for tutoring at the Learning Centres for Children
- The Learning Centre for Hamilton is the newest Centre in Canada. Incorporated in June 2016, it officially opened in September 2018.



To learn more about the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation visit srcf.ca



Learning Centre for Niagara Serving the Niagara Region

“helping children with dyslexia to read”

Mission Statement: to provide free, quality, evidence-based, remedial Orton-Gillingham tutoring to children with difficulties in reading, spelling, writing, and related scholastic skills formally identified as the specific learning disability dyslexia.

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What is Dyslexia?

- A specific learning disability characterized by difficulties with manipulating the sounds of language
- Dyslexia affects boys and girls
- Dyslexia affects reading, spelling, and writing
- Child has normal to above normal intelligence capabilities
- No single factor can be used to identify dyslexia; dyslexia is complex
- Dyslexia is a spectrum of differing challenges presenting differently in each person diagnosed
- Dyslexia can be overcome with appropriate remedial tutoring
- Dyslexia can affect single sounds to letters, identification, reading speed, reading comprehension, spelling, written language, understanding the spoken language, self-esteem, and progress and success in school
- The word “dyslexia” is often not used in Canadian systems or by the professionals who test and assess children

Children can learn to read, spell, write, have increased self-esteem, and succeed in school with individualized Orton-Gillingham tutoring

Programming

- The Orton-Gillingham (OG) approach is used at the Learning Centre
- Children are matched with a tutor and receive two one hour, one-on-one sessions each week
- Children may be in the program for 2-3 years
- OG lessons are multisensory, sequential, repetitive, and individualized
- The OG approach helps to “rewire the brain” to develop new neuropathways when reading and spelling

How to Refer Your Child

- The child must be assessed by a psychologist (educational or other)
- Psychologist’s report must state child has dyslexia
- Adult completes CD2 Admission Application (found on the Learning Centre for Hamilton website)
- The CD2 Admission Application and psychologist’s report are e-mailed to office@dyslexiacentrehamilton.com
- Information is sent to the Tutor Trainer for evaluation and communication with parent/s
- Child is put on a waiting list until a tutor is available to work with the child
- Learning Centre Director will communicate with the child’s adult(s) and tutor trainer

Volunteer Board

- The Learning Centre for Hamilton is governed by a 10-member Board: membership in a Masonic fraternity is not a requirement
- The Board consists of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors
- The Board provides support and direction to the Centre staff
- The Board assures the policies and practices of the Centre are in accordance with those adopted by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation

Reception Room Volunteers

- Welcome children and their families into the Learning Centre, do security checks, recording, and form completion
- Assist with fund-raising and at events

Tutor Trainer

- Trains volunteer tutors
- Tracks volunteer tutors’ progress
- Certifies tutors as OG Practitioners upon completion of requirements

Tutors

- Are volunteers who may have a background in education
- Craft lessons specific to the child
- Track the progress of each child
- Work to complete all requirements for Orton-Gillingham certification