

THE LOOP

The Foundation's Quarterly Update



Fall 2026



Thanks to an Entente Foundation grant, *Circle of Music* can be replicated in your community

In the summer issue of *Embrace Aging*, we shared an update on Wilfrid Laurier University's project, *Documenting Social Engagement Through Singing*. We are thrilled to report how your generosity is building meaningful relationships, fostering understanding across generations, and creating a sense of belonging.

Thanks to the support of Entente Foundation donors, a grant was awarded in 2024 to Wilfrid Laurier University for *The Circle of Music*. The program brings together people living with dementia, their caregivers, and high school students in an intergenerational choir.

The Circle of Music, founded in 2016, has grown into a powerful force for connection—bringing people together and strengthening community through song. Choirs like *The Circle of Music* don't just perform—they build resilient, lasting bonds between intergenerational participants.

With your support, the Entente Foundation's grant has amplified this success. Our grant empowered an established choir to create a dedicated website and documentary film that will help other communities bring this model to life.

Their website, thecircleofmusic.com, provides music, lyrics, and an operations handbook with practical guidance for launching an intergenerational choir and fostering meaningful engagement among participants.

The documentary, which [can be viewed on YouTube](#), brings the choir’s story to life, demonstrating that people living with dementia can continue to lead full, engaged lives. It also highlights the value of intergenerational relationships and the positive impact of shared musical experiences.

When the Entente Foundation funded this project, our goal was to ensure that the benefits of *The Circle of Music* would extend far beyond a single community. The website, documentary, and implementation resources were created specifically to help others replicate this model.

We invite Entente members to take the next step—visit the website, explore the resources, and consider how you might help bring this proven model of connection, inclusion, and artistic expression to your community.



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Entente Foundation Summer 50/50 raffle - the winner is



Thank you to all who participated in the Entente Foundation Summer 50/50 raffle. We raised an impactful **\$83,390**

Our lucky grand prize winner held ticket: C-8932

Whether you won or not, you’ve already made an impact. When you purchase raffle tickets, you help fund innovative projects like:

- a national public awareness campaign that positions volunteering as a way to promote healthy living for older adults.

- a free program in the Mi'kmaq communities of Nova Scotia that will allow Indigenous seniors to participate in intergenerational walking programs.
- a podcast that will explore lived experiences, research, and fresh perspectives on aging from local and regional communities across Canada.
- a program in Kingston, Ontario to improve digital skills and access for older adults.
- non-competitive and inclusive sports program out of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, that meets the needs of aging, disabled people.
- an intergenerational community kitchen for cooking workshops in the heart of Toronto.

For more information on the projects we've funded, please [visit us our website](#).

Our next raffle will be held from October 1 to October 30, 2026. Watch your email inbox for details on how to purchase tickets.

Thank you again for investing in innovative projects that improve the lives of older adults and helping to create a Canada where everyone can live well, learn well, and age well.

before lunch on the Tuesday. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Forum.

Entente Foundation earns national charitable standards recognition



Since 2023, the Entente Foundation has been working diligently to complete its application for Imagine Canada's Standards Program. We are proud to announce that, through the dedication and hard work of our Governance Committee and staff, the Foundation has now achieved Imagine Canada accreditation. This important accomplishment reflects our ongoing commitment to accountability, transparency, and excellence in the non-profit sector.

Imagine Canada's Standards Program provides a Canada-wide set of shared criteria designed to strengthen charities and non-profits and help them monitor and improve their practices. The Foundation completed a rigorous, peer-review-based process requiring extensive documentation and evidence of sound operational procedures in five key areas: board governance, financial accountability and transparency, fundraising, staff management, and volunteer involvement.

Accreditation confirms that the Entente Foundation meets nationally recognized standards for ethical practices, strong leadership, sound financial management, and responsible stewardship of donor funds. It also reinforces our commitment to continuous improvement and the highest standards in all aspects of our work.

For our donors, members, and community partners, this accreditation provides added

confidence that the Foundation operates responsibly, transparently, and effectively, and that contributions are managed with integrity and care. This milestone reflects the strength and dedication of our staff and board and builds our foundation for the future as we continue expanding opportunities and support for the older adults we serve.

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