

# 2023 2024 Impact Report



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## **Zonta Club of Hamilton 1**

#### Who we Are

Founded in 1928, Zonta Hamilton 1 is a proud member of Zonta International, a global organization of individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls. Zonta International and our members work at the international, national, and local levels to realize our vision of a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, and where no woman lives in fear of violence. There are more than 1,100 Zonta clubs in 62 countries.

#### **Our Causes:**

- We Will Advocate for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls
- We Say NO to Violence Against Women and Girls
- We Will End Child Marriage
- We Will Close the Gender Gap in Education
- We Say NOW to Gender-equal Climate Justice
- And much more, see <a href="https://www.zonta.org/ISP">www.zonta.org/ISP</a>

Zontians worldwide volunteer their time, talents, and support to local and international service projects, as well as scholarship programs aimed at fulfilling Zonta's mission and objectives.





## What We Do - Locally

#### **Grants**



2<sup>nd</sup> Year of \$5,000 per year for 3 years to:

Hamilton Music Collective for the Youth Girls Songwriting Program

Interval House for the Violence Against Women Therapy Program

YWCA Hamilton for the Holistic Health Solutions Program

\$5,000 to Catholic Children's Aid Society for the "Be Well" Program

\$3,500 to Liberty for Youth for Bright Choices Program for at-risk youth

\$3,500 to Living Rock for At-Risk Youth Mobile Food Delivery Program

\$6,750 to United Way Community Fun through "Local Love Community Match"



## THANK YOU ZONTA CLUB OF HAMILTON

Nourishing Young Women, One Grocery Delivery at a Time: Thanks to Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 for your generosity.

## **Local Advocacy and Service Projects**



1073 Birthing Kits prepared and delivered to World Vision Canada

16 Days of Activism – Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Banner in Downtown Dundas

245 Hygiene Kits assembled and delivered to Women's Shelters in Hamilton

Partnered with local allies for Walk a Mile in Their Shoes and Take Back the Night events YWCA Rise and Shine Young Trailblazer Breakfast Sponsor



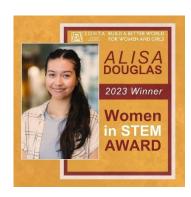




#### **Awards and Scholarships**

Young Women in Public Affairs Award - \$1,000 to Miranda Koblyk, Dundas Valley S.S. Secondary Student Award - \$250 to Bernie Custis SS student Women in STEM Scholarship - \$1,000 to Alisa Douglas, McMaster University who won the Zonta International Women in STEM Scholarship of \$10,000





#### **Bursaries awarded through Endowment Funds**



YWCA Olga Cloke Bursary - \$750 to Emma Sawler (pictured) Children's Aid Society of Hamilton Crown Ward Bursary - \$1,000 McMaster University

- Faculty of Business, Engineering, or Indigenous Studies 6 awards totalling \$6,456
- School of Rehabilitation Science Physiotherapy 1 award -\$1,200
  - School of Graduate Studies MBA 1 award \$2,000

Mohawk College – Student Opportunity Fund – 3 awards totalling \$2,400

## **McMaster University Golden Z Club**



A student led club at McMaster University is supported by the Zonta Club of Hamilton 1. The Golden Z club was very active on Social Media (Instagram), assisted the Zonta Club with Birthing Kits and Marketing Photo Shoots, and raised funds with bake sales and funds donated to the Native Women's Centre.

## What We Do – Internationally

#### **Awards and Scholarships**

We contribute annually to international scholarships awarded by Zonta International.

- Amelia Earhart Fellowship
- Young Women in Public Affairs Award
- Women in Business Scholarship
- Women in STEM Scholarship

#### **International Service Projects**



We contribute annually to international service projects where Zonta International partners with agencies of the United Nations

- Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru
- Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar
- Ending Child Marriage in 12 Countries in Asia and

Africa

• Her Health and Dignity: Strengthening Services for survivors of Gender-Based Violence in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste

## **Advocacy Projects**

Zonta International uses its strong voice to present our priorities and demand focused action when advocating for gender equality and women's human rights worldwide. Through statements, United Nations (UN) actions, and partnerships, Zonta works for gender equity in education, improved economic status, and an end to gender-based violence. Zonta advocates primarily through its General Consultative Status with ECOSOC at the UN and its Participatory Status at the Council of Europe.

## Mentoring - Great Girls Meet Great Women

This is an online program where 60 women meet - 30 Zonta mentors and 30 mentees with diverse cultural, social, and professional backgrounds and of different generations from all six member continents. They establish relationships that foster mutual learning processes, empathy, intercultural awareness, competencies, and much more.

## Membership

- Our members include 3 who joined us this year to our longest serving member with 64 years in Zonta.
- Our members reflect the Zonta Spirit, the heart and soul of our club, which supports a strong culture of community, fun, and friendship in an inclusive approach.
- Young Professionals, those 35 and under, can join at a reduced rate.
- Students at McMaster University can join the McMaster Golden Z Club.
- Join us at our monthly meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month September through June. There is a choice of meeting in person or online.

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