Accerta Health Access Foundation (the Accerta Foundation) – Past Grant Recipients

The Accerta Foundation supports projects that improve access to healthcare and promote equity for marginalized Canadians. Below are examples of funded initiatives:

2024-2025

Welcome Inn Community Centre of Hamilton's Seniors Congregate Dining and Visitation Programs aimed to reduce poverty and social isolation among seniors by expanding dining and visitation services that fostered wellness and supportive relationships.

The Ottawa Mission Dental Clinic Enhancement project provided free preventive and restorative dental care to homeless and at-risk populations. The project replaced aging dental equipment to help maintain the delivery of high-quality care.

Yonge Street Mission's Support for Evergreen Dental project provided a dedicated dental practice with the goal of ensuring vulnerable youth have access to consistent, trauma-informed, preventative dental care.

National Abortion Federation of Canada's Gender Equity and Bodily Autonomy through Healthcare project provided wrap-around reproductive healthcare, including system navigation, counselling, safety planning and financial travel support.

Girls Incorporated of York Region's Empowerment Programs for Girls delivered programs focused on mental health, leadership and resilience for girls in urban and rural communities.

2023-2024

March of Dimes' Move.Learn.Grow program to enhance the development and well-being of children through inclusive, play-based activities. For over 70 years, March of Dimes has been championing equity, empowering ability, and creating real change that will help the more than eight million people with disabilities across the country unlock the richness of their lives.

Filling the Gap Dental Outreach provided affordable dental treatment to those facing financial and non-financial barriers to care through its network of volunteer dentists and community dental clinics.

Gilda's Family Camp connected parents/caregivers and their children experiencing cancer-related stress for a weekend of activities/programs that helped make meaningful and lasting

memories. Gilda's Toronto provided comprehensive, evidence-based programs and services to patients, families, and friends dealing with cancer free of charge since 2001.

The Working Centre Community Dental responded to the growing gap in access to dental care in the Waterloo Region as part of its mandate to address unemployment and poverty.

Melanoma Canada's Mole Mobile provided free skin cancer risk assessments in underserved, Indigenous communities with inordinate wait times to see a Dermatologist across Canada.

2022-2023

Heartache2Hope provided healing support to adults who have experienced a suicide loss. The purpose of the project was to provide professional individual traumatic loss counselling for all children, teens, and adults.

The London Community Dental Alliance, a nonprofit clinic, provided services to people on social assistance or with very low incomes. The goal of the project was to ensure that their clients receive the same service as anyone visiting a private dental clinic, including access to essential supplies.

The Northern Cancer Foundation provided oral health care for patients with head and neck cancer and those undergoing stem cell transplants. The project aimed to provide funds that supported the financial burdens associated with pre-oral care before patients undergo life-saving treatments.

The Dr. Borna Meisami Foundation's Restoring Smiles, Restoring Strength, Restoring Sleep program aimed to eliminate pain, restore function and proper speech, and, to some degree, alleviate the emotional trauma that arises because of domestic violence. The program sought to expand services for all three projects by increasing the number of volunteer practitioners who provide these services. The funds were used to assist with marketing materials to recruit more health professionals to assess the feasibility of treatments for Obstructive Sleep Apnea with survivors of Gender Based Violence.