



The Ottawa Gymnastics Centre Receives Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund Grant

In September, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities [announced](#) an \$8 million sport relief fund to help sport and recreation organizations continue to deliver programming in 2020 and beyond.

As you may be aware, many community organizations have shut their doors due to the financial burden created by COVID-19, including lost revenue and increased program costs. The Ottawa Gymnastics Centre has experienced the impact of the pandemic first-hand.

We recently received confirmation that we are amongst 668 sport and recreation organizations nationally to be provided with grant support through Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund. We are beyond grateful to receive this news and know how positive an impact it will have on sport and recreation organizations, and ultimately, on kids across the country.

With Jumpstart's support, we have been able to purchase the additional equipment and products needed to maintain sanitized stations and the cleanliness of the Centre. This includes two foggers that allow us to sanitize our entire facility quickly and effectively, meeting required COVID-19 safety standards. Foggers create a mist with a disinfectant product called Vital Oxide that is Health Canada authorized & EPA approved hospital-grade disinfectant that is 100% biodegradable, non-corrosive, non-hazardous, and non-irritating to the skin. This product quickly covers and sanitizes gym equipment and surfaces throughout the facility. Additionally this funding has allowed us to hire increased support staff to help maintain physical distancing and ensure that all COVID-19 protocols are being followed. With this additional support OGC was able to safely re-open our recreational programming in November.

We are grateful for the support that the Jumpstart Sport Relief Grant has provided.