



Ongwanada

Ongwanada Board of Governors' Dinner

# *Stories of Ongwanada*



# *Programme*

<b>Prelude Music</b>	Circle of Friends Ensemble
<b>Call to Order</b>	Mr. Jack Thompson President, Board of Governors Master of Ceremonies
<b>Welcome</b>	Mr. Jack & Mrs. Lise Thompson
<b>Greetings from Community Leaders</b>	Mr. Ian Arthur, MPP, Kingston and The Islands Mr. Mark Gerretsen, MP, Kingston and The Islands
<b>Toast</b>	Mr. Dwight Boyce Member, Board of Governors
<b>Patrick's Story</b>	Mr. David McTavish Father of Patrick
<b>The Story of Vision 20/20</b>	Mr. Wade Durling Chief Executive Officer/Secretary Board of Governors
<b>Tribute to Mr. Tom Lodge</b>	Mr. Dwight Boyce
<b>Giving Thanks</b>	Miss Genevra Larkin Spiritual Care Intern

**Dinner**

**“Trying New Things”  
YGK Boxing**

Video produced by:  
Miss Chantelle Carnegie  
Occupational Therapist

**Ongwanada Honours**

Mrs. Monika Cook  
Spiritual Care Coordinator

**Stories of Ongwanada**

Ms. Lori Johnson  
Host Family Supervisor

**March MADness Award**

Mr. Martin Laming  
Ms. Lee-Ann McDonnell

**Special Music**

“The Ongwanada Song”  
Mr. Josh Lyon, Keyboard

**Interview**

Ms. Lori Johnson  
Host Family Supervisor

Mrs. Diana Clarke  
Miss Catherine S  
Miss Irene M  
Ongwanada Host Family

**Special Presentation**

The Circle of Friends Band

**Closing Remarks**

Mr. Jack Thompson

# *“The Ongwanada Song”*

My friends, I have a story to share  
I said, my friends, there's a great place that cares  
I said, my friends, where you're welcome to be  
Anything that makes you happy.

My friends there's a place to call home  
I said, my friends, where you won't feel alone  
You can stay there and I'm sure you will find  
Many ways to have a good time.

You're a part of our com-mun-ity (x2)

Ongwanada's the place where you can be you  
And choose what you want to do

You're a part of our com-mun-ity (x2)

You can get yourself fit  
You can cook a good meal  
You can express how you feel

My friend are you listening to me?  
I said, my friend, what do you want to be  
I said, my friend, you can make real your dreams,  
but you've got to know this one thing.

We do, lots of things that are cool  
When we're hanging out at work or at school  
You can even, have a swim in our pool  
There's so much we could do together  
You're a part of our com-mun-ity (x2)

Ongwanada's the place where you can be you  
And choose what you want to do

You're a part of our com-mun-ity (x2)

You can get some fresh air

Plant a seed in the sun

You can show off your green thumb

Would you like to try something new?

Like sailing, or a trip to the zoo

Maybe music, is more of your thing

Whether you play drums or sing

That's when someone came up to me

They said my friend there's something to see

All these people working in teams

This my friend is what community means

You're a part of our com-mun-ity (x2)

Ongwanada's the place where you can be you

And choose what you want to do

Com-mun-ity

You're a part of our com-mun-ity

You're a part of our com-mun-ity

My friend, my friend, that's the point of this song

My friend, my friend, where we all can belong

Com-mun-ity

You're a part of our com-mun-ity

My friend, my friend, that's the point of this song

My friend, my friend, where we all can belong

Com-mun-ity

# *Ongwanada...A Place I Call Home*

Home is where I went to, way back when I was born  
Home is where I always felt safe, loved and adorned  
Home is not defined by a places shape or size  
Home is where you feel the love through another's eyes.  
Home is where you get cared for, in a loving manner  
Home is where they fly, your favorite family banner  
Home is where you get to run, dance and play  
Home is where you laugh or cry, on any given day.  
Home is where you're guided, to learn the things you know  
Home is where they share your pride, as you learn and grow  
Home is where you get picked up, when you slip and fall  
Home is where they help you stand, your tallest tall.  
Home is where they raise you, as high as you can fly  
Home is where they let you, give your life a try  
Home is where they keep you, if your wings don't fully spread  
Home is where they keep you, if it is what you need instead.  
Home isn't always with your Mom or Dad  
Home away from family, doesn't have to be something bad  
Home is where you're cared for, in a loving way  
Home is where you feel you're loved, forever welcome to stay.

**Written by:** Kirk Sudds, Residential Counsellor, Sydenham  
Community Residence

## **“The Ongwanada Song”**

Special thanks to the YMCA for sharing their song.  
C. The Village People – 1978.

**Thank you** to Erin Thompson, Alastair Lamb, Chantelle Carnegie, Sarah Hanna, Kate Bearman, Genevra Larkin and Monika Cook for their help in sharing our story through this song.

## **2019 Board of Governors’ Dinner Organizing Committee**

Mr. Dwight Boyce (Chair)  
Mr. Roy Smith  
Mrs. Janice Spencer  
Mr. Jack Thompson  
Mr. Alastair Lamb  
Mrs. Kate Bearman  
Mrs. Monika Cook  
Miss Genevra Larkin

## **Our committee would like to thank**

Our musicians – Josh Lyon, Joe Moore, Tim Sheffield and Kenny Wagar

## **Additional thanks to...**

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Brooke MacCallum, Photography  
Josh Otten, video projection  
ORC Day Program, Centerpieces  
Skills Training Area and Crescent Day Program, Placecards

“As a storyteller, as a human being,  
each one of us is one of a kind.  
And until we learn to celebrate our  
**own unique style, culture, and gifts,**  
we cannot appreciate the wealth of  
diversity around us.”

- Doug Lipman



Thank you for celebrating with us  
tonight and for your support of  
Ongwanada. We look forward to  
writing more chapters in our story.