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Changing lives through creativity: National writing contest student winners deliver cheque to Childhood Cancer Canada (Toronto)



Toronto, ON (February 10, 2025): [Ripple Foundation](#) – Two student winners of Kids Write 4 Kids - a national creative writing contest run by Ripple Foundation - have delivered the proceeds of book sales to Childhood Cancer Canada, their chosen charity.

Myah Rathi-Litteljohn and Alina Xiao (herself a cancer survivor) delivered a cheque for \$855.22 to Childhood Cancer Canada in Toronto. Both students are local to the GTA - from Oakville and East York - and became published authors through Ripple Foundation's Canada-wide annual creative writing contest 'Kids Write 4 Kids' last year. The contest winners always donate the proceeds from the book sales to a charity of their choice.

The competition, open to those in grades four to eight, is running again, with this year's deadline being March 31, 2025.

Ivy Wong, Founder of Ripple Foundation said: *"We are proud to be supporting Childhood Cancer Canada through this donation. Myah and Alina have produced incredible stories which deal with powerful subjects for Kids Write 4 Kids, and they are now helping pay it forward through their donation. With only a couple of months left to enter this year's contest, we really encourage all young writers to put themselves forward for a chance to become published and make a difference to life-changing philanthropic causes."*

Kyle Smith, Director of Development at Childhood Cancer Canada said: *"These funds will make a world of difference providing crucial support and funding lifesaving research in our work to uplift children and families facing childhood cancer. We are grateful to be Alina and Myah's chosen charity and look forward to continuing to work with Ripple Foundation in future."*

Winners' works are published in paperback and ebook editions and available on Amazon, Google Play, Apple iBookstore and Overdrive in summer 2025.

To learn more about Kids Write 4 Kids, please visit: ripplefoundation.ca/contest/

To learn more about Childhood Cancer Canada, please visit www.childhoodcancer.ca.

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2. About Ripple Foundation

Ripple Foundation is a 100% volunteer-run national educational charity. Ripple Foundation creates and delivers free community programs advocating creative literacy among children and youth. The benefits of creativity literacy include building confidence, boosting imagination, and promoting creative thinking and problem-solving. As a result, children and youth learn how to express themselves while expanding their reading and writing skills. Visit ripplefoundation.ca to learn more about our free programs for children and youth in grades 4-12.

3. About Kids Write 4 Kids (KW4K)

The Kids Write 4 Kids program is an annual national creative writing challenge that encourages children and youth in grades 4-8 to submit original stories for a chance to become published authors. Each year, a panel of judges selects a story (or stories) submitted to the competition to be published both in print and digital format, available for the world to read. The KW4K program has been running since 2012 and is Ripple Foundation's signature program. View all titles at ripplefoundation.ca/books