

# Corporate Citizenship

Ontario Power Generation has generating stations in communities across Ontario from Kenora to Cornwall. As a publicly owned generator with a history of service that goes back for more than 100 years, Ontario Power Generation strives to be an engaged and productive community member, helping to contribute to host community well-being.

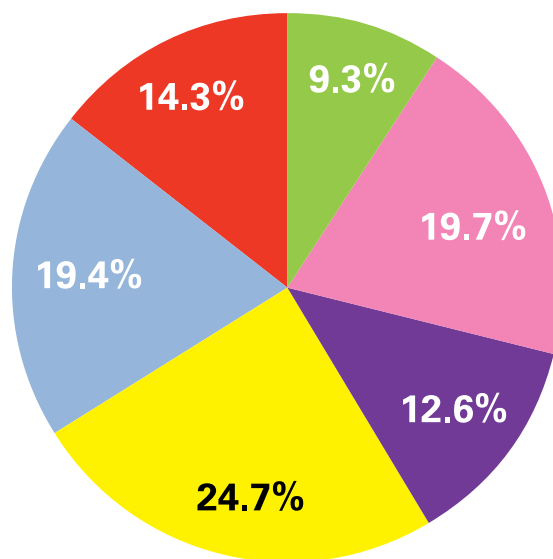
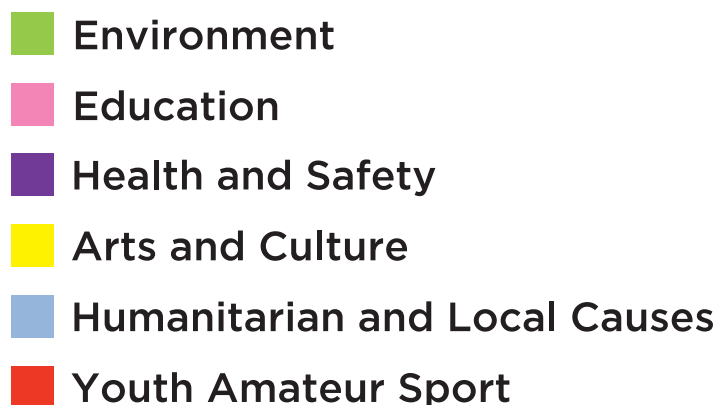
The Corporate Citizenship Program is one way Ontario Power Generation demonstrates its commitment to corporate social responsibility by providing community investment support (charitable, non-profit, and in-kind support) to grassroots initiatives in the communities in which Ontario Power Generation operates. Ontario Power Generation believes this is essential to being a good corporate citizen and neighbour.

In 2016, through the Corporate Citizenship

Program, Ontario Power Generation provided Community Investment support to over 850 grassroots host community initiatives in the program focus areas of: education (including 250 student awards); environment; and community (youth amateur sport, arts and culture, health and safety, humanitarian and local causes) including support of Indigenous initiatives. With average annual program Community Investment totalling \$2.4 million, and 80 per cent of Ontario Power Generation's annual contributions between \$100 and \$2,500, Ontario Power Generation ensures its support benefits a broad spectrum of community needs and leverages good value.

Featured here and in the following pages are examples of the beneficial work done in 2016 by Ontario Power Generation's community partners. It is their hard work and passion that is contributing to community well-being and sustainability.

## 2016 Corporate Citizenship Program, Community Investment by Focus Area



# Corporate Citizenship Partnership Profiles

## Community

### Special Olympics Ontario Provincial School Championships

"Ladies and gentlemen, the torch is here!" The responding cheers may well have blown the roof off. Hundreds of athletes, parents and spectators gathered at Durham College on June 1 eager to watch the Opening Ceremonies for the 2016 Special Olympics Ontario Provincial School Championships. The two-day event provided sports competition for more than 600 student athletes, ages 12 to 21, with an intellectual disability. Each athlete has a story to tell, and a challenge they have to overcome. School teams competed in one of 52 regional qualifiers held in 2016. The qualifiers had over 5,000 athletes attend and making it to the provincial championships is an accomplishment.

Scott Burns, Ontario Power Generation's Vice President, Security and Emergency Preparedness, introduced the Law Enforcement Torch Run and arrival of the torch in the building and wished the athletes luck in their upcoming events. The athletes would compete in bocce, basketball, soccer, track and field, and floor hockey. In addition to their family and fans, they were accompanied by 200 coaches and supported by community partners including the City of Oshawa, the Durham Regional Police Service, Durham

College, Ontario Power Generation and others. "We are fortunate here in Durham," noted Burns. "We possess a rich heritage, a caring spirit, and a strong dedication to community service." More than 300 volunteers – the majority from Durham – came together to help ensure the Championships were memorable and enjoyable for the athletes, and everyone involved.

Since 2008, Ontario Power Generation has proudly supported Special Olympics Ontario. During this time, countless Ontario Power Generation employees have volunteered their time in support of these inspiring athletes. For over 40 years, Special Olympics Ontario has been providing opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. It maintains programs in 140 active communities across Ontario, reaching 21,000 participants annually. Participation in the program helps athletes acquire skills and self-confidence that influence their ability to succeed in school, obtain employment, and achieve personal goals.

For more information, visit

[www1.specialolympicsontario.com](http://www1.specialolympicsontario.com)



Mayor John Henry (Oshawa), Police Chief Paul Martin (Durham Region), Scott Burns VP (Ontario Power Generation Security), Glenn MacDonell CEO (Special Olympics Ontario) and athletes, celebrate the 2016 Special Olympics Ontario Provincial School

## Environment

### Children's Groundwater Festivals

Every spring and fall, yellow school buses roll across the landscape in Ontario bringing thousands of elementary school children to local conservation areas, outdoor education centres, streams and wetlands to learn about one of our most valuable natural resources, water. Education specialists from the Children's Water Education Council, local teachers, volunteers, post-secondary students, conservation groups, industry and government partners join together to provide students with this unique outdoor

environmental learning opportunity.

At the festivals, children take part in a variety of activity stations where they learn the importance water plays in our daily lives, and about water conservation and water safety. Educating communities and particularly children about the importance of healthy water and water systems helps to lay the foundation for good water stewardship. The festivals complement classroom lessons and the Ontario School Curriculum, and they also



excite and motivate students to share their knowledge that we are all responsible for maintaining healthy water systems for future generations.

The Children's Water Education Council, a charitable organization, has been promoting and facilitating water-based education programs for children since 2001. Currently the Children's Water Education Council supports 25 Children's Water Festivals across Ontario. Ontario Power Generation provides direct support to and participates in a number of these festivals in Eastern Ontario, Durham, Haldimand, Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha, Grey-Bruce, Niagara, Quinte (Tri-County), and Sudbury. Ontario Power Generation staff engage students in hydroelectric (water power) generation and water safety learning activities. They remind everyone to Stay Clear, Stay Safe around dams, hydroelectric stations and fast-flowing rivers.

For more information visit

[www.cwec.ca/Festivals](http://www.cwec.ca/Festivals)



Bretton Christensen, Ontario Power Generation, demonstrates how hydroelectric power is produced and the importance of water safety to students attending the 2016 Quinte (Tri-County) Children's Water Festival.

## Indigenous Communities

Ontario Power Generation is committed to building mutually beneficial working relationships with Indigenous communities near its operations. Ontario Power Generation's relationship with Ontario's Indigenous communities is founded on respect for their languages, customs and cultural institutions.

In 2016, Ontario Power Generation supported 87 Indigenous initiatives in

the areas of education, environment, and community. Partner organizations included: First Nations, Métis Nation of Ontario, Elephant Thoughts Educational Outreach, Frontier College, Indspire, the Little Native Hockey League, the Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund and The Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity.

## Education

### Elephant Thoughts Educational Outreach

Elephant Thoughts Educational Outreach is a registered charity and leader in Indigenous education programs. Their programs celebrate distinct Native culture and identity, while at the same time teaching and integrating both traditional and contemporary knowledge. The organization focuses on getting students excited about learning, connecting the



Camper at Elephant Thoughts Ontario Power Generation Electricity Camp, Mattagami First Nation, uses conducting and insulating play dough to learn about electric circuits.

community to the education system, and teaching programs that are pertinent to the audience, all with the aim to increase graduation rates. They bring high quality science camp programming to remote First Nations with the goals of: empowering Indigenous youth to believe in themselves as students, relating First Nations culture and values to science, cultivating environmental stewardship, and giving campers a fun week of learning that they will remember. In 2016, with Ontario Power Generation Northwest and Northeast Operations' support, Elephant Thoughts provided one-week "electricity" science camps for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 in the communities of Mattagami First Nation and Gull Bay First Nation. Camp objectives included building literacy among campers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math using fun, hands-on activities to provide campers with a basic understanding of what electricity is, the role electric power plays in our lives, energy conservation and electrical safety. Learning modules included: Laws of Energy, Bicycle Generators, Water Wheel Generator, Squishy Circuits, Van der Graff Generator, Eco Stories and more.

For more information visit  
[www.elephantthoughts.com](http://www.elephantthoughts.com)





## Arts and Culture

### Landscape of Nations: The Six Nations and Native Allies Commemorative Memorial



Landscape of Nations, Queenston Heights Park. Photos courtesy of © Alex Heidbuechel / Flashbox Photography.

In 2009, a Legacy Working Group of the Niagara-on-the-Lake War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee was created to recognize the important role Native peoples played in the defence of Upper Canada. Landscape architect Tom Ridout of Fleisher Ridout Partnership and Raymond Skye, a renowned Six Nations artist, were chosen to collaborate on the memorial.

On October 2, 2016, Landscape of Nations: The Six Nations and Native Allies Commemorative Memorial was unveiled and opened to the public at Queenston Heights Park. It serves as a living memorial to the contributions and sacrifices made by First Nations and Métis forces on Queenston Heights and throughout the War of 1812. It inspires

citizens to learn and acknowledge the critical role that Native peoples played in the defence of this land and the ability of Canada to remain free. The memorial inspires remembrance, reinforces the need to renew historic bonds between Native peoples and Canadians, and enhances awareness of the War of 1812 and its role in shaping the future of the country.

Visitors to the memorial will view magnificent bronze figures of Major John Norton and John Brant, the two primary Native leaders who led Six Nations and Native Ally forces at the Battle of Queenston Heights and in other engagements. Visitors proceed along a walkway representing the Two Row Wampum Belt, through a metal frame structure symbolizing a longhouse, toward





Bronze figure of Major John Norton

the Memory Circle. The circle consists of eight Queenston limestone walls, which emanate like a sunburst. At this gathering place, visitors are asked to remember the contributions of Six Nations and Native Allies in the War of 1812. They are also asked to recognize the historic Council of Peace and Reconciliation held at Niagara on August 31 to September 1, 1815, that restored peace among the Native nations who fought on opposing sides at the time of the war. The memorial features indigenous plants and grasses that would have been found in the region during this period. An eastern white pine tree stands as a symbol of the Haudenosaunee constitution known as the Great Law of Peace.

The memorial was made possible by the generosity of citizens, the Legacy Working



Bronze figure of Major John Brant

Group, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Parks Commission, Six Nations Legacy Consortium, commissioned artists Tom Ridout of Fleisher Ridout Partnership and Raymond Skye, and the support of signature donors. Signature donors included Government of Canada (Founding Donor), Anonymous (Title Donor), Ontario Trillium Foundation, Walker Industries, Casino Niagara, TD Bank, Ontario Power Generation, The Niagara Foundation and other businesses, families and individuals. Ontario Power Generation's Niagara Operations is a proud supporter of this important and long overdue memorial.

To learn more or plan a visit, go to

[www.landscapeofnations.com](http://www.landscapeofnations.com)