



# Impact Report 2017

Helping people since 1953



**United Way**  
St. Catharines & District

# 2017 Board of Directors.

"Thank you to the 2017 Board of Directors for your dedication. With your strategic leadership, and individual strengths, United Way had the most successful year in its 64 year history. Thank you!"

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# Thank you.

It is only by working together that we can create sustainable change and truly strengthen our community.

United Way brings together people, businesses, labour partners and agencies that care about the issues our community faces, to address the causes and tackle problems from the roots. Our goal is to help our most vulnerable people, including at-risk youth, adults with disabilities and people living in poverty.

Thank you for your help in making 2017 our best year yet. Because of you, we raised \$3,837,000 to fund more than 70 programs and special initiatives, helping nearly 100,000 people in Niagara.

This year we are very excited to become one unified United Way in the Niagara Region, helping more people regionwide. In 2018, United Way of Niagara Falls & Greater Fort Erie, United Way of South Niagara and United Way of St. Catharines & District are joining forces! We want to thank all of the volunteers who dedicated countless hours to making this amalgamation a reality.

We are pleased to share this Impact Report with you to show you just a few examples of how your donations have helped people. Inside you will find true stories of actual clients served who would like to thank you. Without you, their stories might have had a very different ending.

We hope you enjoy reading about all the work we have done together over the past year. We are making a difference and changing lives everyday. Thank you.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances Hallworth".

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**Frances Hallworth**  
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Partridge".

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**Peter W. Partridge**  
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# Thank you to our Volunteers.

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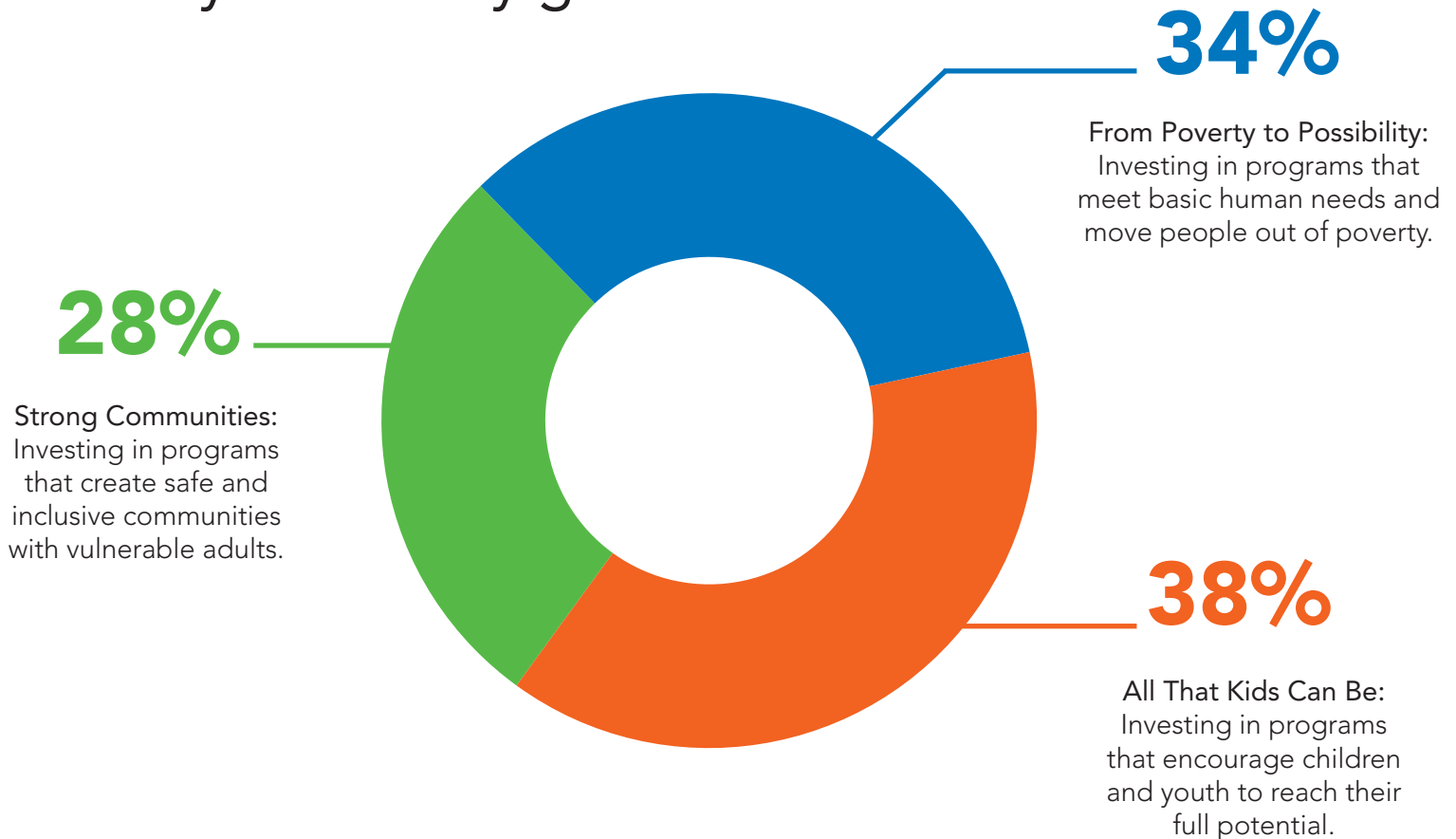
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Ruth Hernder  
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Peter M. Partridge  
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In addition to the volunteers listed here, we thank the more than 500 workplace and event volunteers who assist United Way throughout the year.

# Community Investment.

**Our commitment to you:** We work to ensure that your generous gift is carefully invested into quality programming, creating the opportunity for a better life for everyone in our region, today, tomorrow and into the future.

## Where your money goes:



**The Process:** United Way raises funds through workplace campaigns, community donors, corporate donations, labour partners, special events and grants. A panel of community volunteers reviews funding applications and meets with agencies to learn more about the programs they offer. After reviewing all requests, volunteers recommend how available funds should be allocated and report to United Way's Board of Directors for approval. Finally, donations are invested into local programs and services, benefitting families, children and individuals in need.

# Program Investments



**Autism Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter**  
Summer Camp for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder



**Community Living St. Catharines**  
CPS: Therapeutic Support Services



**Bethlehem Housing and Support Services**  
After School Program  
Bethlehem Place Support Program  
Community Support Program



**Credit Counselling of Regional Niagara**  
Credit Counselling



**Distress Centre Niagara**  
24 Hour Crisis Line



**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln**  
Game On! Eat Smart, Play Smart, Live Smart  
Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds



**Epilepsy Niagara**  
Support Services



**Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Catharines-Thorold and District**  
Big Brother / Big Sister Program  
In-School Mentoring



**Family Counselling Centre Niagara**  
Child Advocacy Counselling



**Canadian Mental Health Association - Niagara Branch**  
St. Catharines Walk-In Clinic



**FORT (Foundation of Resources for Teens of West Niagara)**  
After School Program  
Teen Drop-in Program



**CNIB**  
Adjustment to Vision Loss Program  
Child and Youth Services



**Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region**  
B.E.S.T. (Better Emotional & Social Times)  
Reading Rocks  
Reading Rocks Junior



**Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold**  
Food Program  
Niagara Nutrition Partners  
Thorold Branch  
Youth Support Worker



**Links For Greener Learning**  
Links For Greener Families



**Community Care of West Niagara**  
Emergency Assistance  
Food Program



**Mainstream**  
Graffiti Removal  
Resource Centre



**Community Living Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln**  
Physical & Mental Empowerment and Abuse Prevention Training  
Recreation and Life Skills Development  
Transitional Aged Youth: Preparing for the Future



**March of Dimes Canada**  
Assistive Devices Program (ADP)



**MS Society of Canada - Niagara Peninsula Chapter of Hope**  
Kidz Klub  
Member Support

# Program Investments



**Niagara Centre for Independent Living**  
Advocacy / Individual Disability Support



**Niagara Furniture Bank**  
Bed Bug Remediation



**Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA Inc.)**  
24 Hour Hospital Response  
Child Assault Prevention Program



**Niagara Regional Learning Centre**  
Literacy for Life



**Niagara Women's Enterprise Centre**  
Multi-sector Training Program: Retail Professional



**Positive Living Niagara**  
Beyond the N.O.D. Niagara Opioid Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Distribution



It starts with Scouts.

**Scouts Canada - St. Catharines Area**  
Scouts Canada Core Programs



**St. John Ambulance - Niagara Region**  
Youth Services



**Start Me Up Niagara**  
Food Plus  
Income Program  
Reaching Out Program  
SMUN Centre



**Strive Niagara**  
Postponing Parenting Till You're Ready  
St. Catharines Outreach  
Young Fathering Program



**The RAFT**  
Home From School  
Steps to Independent Living  
Youth Reconnect



**Victim Services Niagara**  
Mobile Tracking Emergency Response System  
Victim Crisis Assistance



**West Niagara Palliative Care Services (Rose Cottage)**  
Visiting Volunteers



**West Niagara Second Stage Housing & Counselling**  
Child and Youth Worker  
Housing & Counselling



**Westview Centre4Women**  
Food & Financial Security



**YMCA of Niagara**  
Youth Action School Programs



YWCA NIAGARA REGION  
Hope for Homeless Women and their Families since 1927

**YWCA Niagara Region**  
Adult Life Skills  
Children's Program  
Street Support  
Transitional Supportive Housing  
West Niagara Transitional Supportive Housing



Special Initiatives

**Special Initiatives**  
211 - INCommunities  
After-School Matters  
Backpacks for Kids  
Brushed Aside: Dental Care Access  
Giving Gardens  
Tampon Tuesday  
Welcome Home Kits

**PRIORITY AREA LEGEND**  
All That Kids Can Be  
From Poverty to Possibility  
Strong Communities

# What does your donation look like?

It looks like Strong Communities. It looks like me.

**GOAL:** To create safe and inclusive communities for vulnerable adults.



**This is Barbara.**

Barbara is 68 years old. She suffered a spinal injury because of a workplace accident almost ten years ago. Barbara was not able to safely get around outside her apartment. Her therapist recommended a scooter but the costs were not covered and the disability claims were denied. She decided to approach March of Dimes Assistive Devices Program for help. She was able to get a scooter.

With the power scooter, she is now able to volunteer at a museum. She has described her feeling of getting a scooter as "awesome, great and mobile, I am happy to be able to have one as I always have been an active and outgoing person. It keeps me mobile, to be out in public, and be around everything!"

## 26

**life-changing assistive devices  
were provided in 2017.**

“

*My scooter helps me to enjoy freedom, to be able to get out of my apartment, and go to a grocery store just to pick up a couple of items. Without United Way, I would not have my scooter, I would be very lonely. There would be no going anywhere.*

”

**Impact: 52,276 people helped.**

“

“Without the support of United Way we would not have been able to provide the training on how to use a Naloxone kit to temporarily reverse the effects of a drug overdose. These people are alive today thanks to this United Way supported service.”

”

- Glen Walker,  
Positive Living Niagara

# 420

**Naloxone kits were used to save lives in Niagara in 2017 alone.**

# 624

**victims of crime, tragedy or disaster were provided with crisis intervention during their time of need.**

# 17,098

**people found the crucial information they needed by calling 211.**



**This is Sarah. She has been able to administer two Naloxone kits to save the lives of people who have overdosed.**

# What does your donation look like?

It looks like Poverty to Possibility. It looks like me.

**GOAL:** To provide basic human needs and move people out of poverty.



**This is Paul.**

Paul is a learner, as they're called in the Literacy for Life program, supported by United Way. Paul was one of eight children who grew up in a wonderful, supportive family; he recalls literacy being important, and loved to read as a child.

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**“I found this to be a surprisingly positive venture. I have learned new skills and am affirming old ones. I feel I am closer to my goal than I had thought.”**

”

However, life happened...or death as it was in this case. When Paul was in the ninth grade, his father passed away, and he was forced to leave school to work in the construction industry to help support his mother and siblings. After many years of working hard, Paul suffered a workplace injury and, at age 55, now relies on Ontario Works for income.

He wants to re-enter the workforce and would like to complete his G.E.D. to secure a better job. Paul has been involved in Literacy for Life for a few months, working closely with his fabulous tutor Catherine, and his confidence has grown by leaps and bounds. Catherine has learned as much from Paul as he has from her, she says. Thanks to the rigorous training and matching, tutors like Catherine are paired with learners' like Paul in the hope that both parties will benefit from the relationship.

**Impact: 30,800 people helped.**



**This is Ron.**

Ron's story, as he tells it, began at age 15 when he took up drinking to fit in with friends. Over time he became addicted and ended up living wherever he found a place to lay his head. At one point, "home" meant seeking shelter beneath the St. Paul Street Bridge. Ron decided to get sober after 30 years of "ending up all sorts of places [he] didn't wanna be. [He] had had enough". Despite giving up alcohol, he still struggled to make ends meet until he met Kyle and Ada, staff members at Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN). Ron first met with Kyle to get himself housed and on the right track, Ada is helping him stay on that track by connecting him with important services like Canada Pension.

**“My income matters because without income I have problems. I need help with the problems and I come here and get it.”**

Ron is a senior who lives on Old Age Security which he was able to apply for, along with other government benefits to which he is entitled. The Income Matters program at SMUN gives him the opportunity for assistance in any issues related to his income. It is a mundane chore for many, but to Ron and others like him, arranging for government benefits is not an easy task. Homeless and marginalized individuals often have no identification, no bank account and no online Canada Revenue account: essentially, no way to receive funds. The Income Matters program offers people the opportunity to drop in and get the help they need to secure income such as income tax refunds, Canada Pension Plan payments, Trillium benefits and GST rebates.

At 7:30 every morning, Ron now volunteers to come in to SMUN to put the coffee on for staff and the friends he has there. It has been a part of his daily routine for the last five years, ever since he was able to secure housing and a steady income. It is his way of giving back to an agency which has transformed his life.

**108**

**learners went through the Literacy for Life program in 2017.**

**33,000**

**drop-in visits at SMUN this year, or 33,000 opportunities to help.**

**25,008**

**people didn't go hungry after accessing food programs.**

# What does your donation look like?

It looks like All That Kids Can Be. It looks like me.

**GOAL:** To encourage children and youth to reach their full potential.



**"A warm breakfast makes me smile!"**

## 17,000

**nutritious meals served to students every day.**



**"mmmmm!"**

“

**"It's comforting to know we can come to school and have breakfast, or lunch, or snack here and there. It's a blessing to have."**

”

"Nutritious food, friends, and caring adults are the keys to the Breakfast Program at Harriet Tubman School. Through the generous donations of several community partners, such as United Way, it is possible to provide a daily Breakfast Program for approximately 125 students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. During this time, students sit down and eat a nutritious breakfast. Positive social interactions occur as students connect with each other, form friendships and start the day with positive interactions with peers and adult volunteers. Research indicates that breakfast makes a huge impact on their day at school, energizing and jump starting their ability to learn and focus."

- Jane Brown, Vice Principal

## **Impact: 12,165 children & youth helped.**

Alexis started high school with her peers, but quickly became a troubled student. Her home life was volatile, eventually resulting in her leaving home and meeting her boyfriend, with whom she became deeply involved. At age 16, Alexis discovered that she was pregnant.

Alexis ultimately chose to embrace motherhood and hasn't regretted her decision for a moment.

After her son was born, she took a short break from classes until they got into a good routine and everyone was sleeping through the night. Alexis knew she wanted to finish high school, but found that she was many credits short of completion and missing all of her community volunteer hours.

When she started participating in the Young Moms Support program through Strive Niagara she was apprehensive, but soon learned to trust the staff and accept the help she needed. Thanks to the outreach program at Strive, Alexis has been able to continue her high school education. She feels comfortable leaving her son at their Child Care Centre to go to classes, which has made the whole process much easier.



**This is Alexis.**

**“It was the toughest time in my life with everyone sharing their opinions on whether or not I should keep the baby. It was very stressful.”**

Now 19, Alexis is the wonderful mother of a happy little boy with a contagious smile. She has started volunteering with Postponing Parenting 'Til You're Ready, another program at Strive, which involves traveling to high schools to share her story and teach other students the challenges of parenting at a young age. With support from both of these programs, Alexis is on track to graduate and go on to college. She has aspirations of becoming a fire fighter, a dream that is supported by her biggest advocate, her grandfather, with whom she has a wonderful relationship. She is now only seven credits away from graduating and attributes her success to the amazing support of Strive Niagara.

**76**

**young moms worked  
towards their high school  
diploma this year thanks  
to the support of Strive.**

**122**

**high school students  
participated in Postponing  
Parenting 'Til You're Ready.**

# What does your donation look like?

It looks like us.

**GOAL:** United Way Special Initiatives aim to help bridge gaps in community services and be able to better support the most vulnerable individuals.



**Welcome Home Kits**



**After School Matters**



**Giving Gardens**



**Brushed Aside:  
Dental Care Access**



**Backpacks for Kids**

**Impact: 3,984 people helped.**

# Special Initiative Spotlight: Tampon Tuesday

## 2,387

**boxes of feminine hygiene products were collected and donated to local shelters and food banks.**



**Unifor 199 ladies**



**ODSP friends**



**Tampon Tuesday Committee**



Canadian Labour Congress

Congrès du travail du Canada

Sara wakes up, rolls out of bed and pads barefoot down the cold hall to the bathroom. She flips on the light; it flickers a few times before going on. She can almost see her breathe it feels so cold in her tiny apartment. It's still dark outside but she has to be ready to walk the 40 minutes to work, and get there on time. The buses do not run this early. This is her ninth day in a row and she's exhausted but she really needs that pay check. She goes to the bathroom, oh no, it's "that time of the month" too. She reaches under the creaky sink and there's nothing there. Now what? Periods are a fact of life. For women living in poverty, there is an added challenge of acquiring monthly feminine hygiene products. For women who are experiencing homelessness, it is an even bigger challenge.

The 2<sup>ND</sup> annual Tampon Tuesday took place on March 6 at The Feathery Pub, hosted by Labour Programs & Services of United Way of St. Catharines & District in partnership with Bell Media. It was an event where union members and community members were invited to come out for a social evening of fun and learning. The price of admission was one unopened box of feminine hygiene products.

Labour Programs & Services is a partnership between United Way Centraide Canada and the Canadian Labour Congress, locally implemented by United Way of St Catharines & District and Niagara Regional Labour Council.

# Days of Caring®

Days of Caring® engage the community by inviting participants to provide a day of service for charitable organizations. These projects raise awareness of community needs and services amongst volunteers while providing agencies with much needed support.

## 437

**individuals  
participated.**

## 1,498

**volunteer hours  
were logged.**

## 5,292

**families were impacted  
by a Day of Caring.®**

We would like to thank the following organizations and groups for participating in Days of Caring® this year:

Thank You

Accenture  
Algoma Central Corporation  
Amalgamated Transit Union  
Local 846  
Brock University  
CAA Niagara  
Canadian Federation of University  
Women St. Catharines  
Deloitte  
Elementary Teachers' Federation of  
Ontario  
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

Fédération des Enseignantes-  
Enseignants des Écoles  
Secondaires de L'Ontario Unité 64  
General Motors St. Catharines  
John Deere Canada  
Karen MacKay & Friends  
Ontario English Catholic Teachers'  
Association  
Ontario Secondary School Teachers'  
Federation District 22  
RBC  
Ridley College Students  
St. Catharines Transit Commission



**Brock University Psychology Department packing Welcome Home Kits**

# Thank you to our community.

## Top 20 Employee Campaigns

Algoma Central Corporation  
Brock University  
Canada Revenue Agency  
City of St. Catharines  
Deloitte  
District School Board of Niagara  
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.  
General Motors St. Catharines  
John Deere Canada  
LCBO  
Meridian Credit Union  
Niagara Health System  
Niagara Region  
Niagara Regional Police Service  
Ontario Ministry of Transportation  
Rankin Construction Inc.  
RBC  
RBC Dominion Securities  
St. Catharines Transit Commission  
The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation

## Employee Campaign Awards

### Platinum (\$100 average gift and 90% participation)

Algoma Central Corporation  
Bell Canada  
BMO - Glendale & Tremont Branch  
BMO - King Street Branch  
BMO Nesbitt Burns  
Business Development Bank of Canada  
Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold  
Court Holdings Limited  
Credit Counselling of Regional Niagara  
Deloitte  
Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP  
Employment Help Centre  
KPMG LLP  
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro  
Ophardt Hygiene Technologies Inc.  
RBC - King Street Branch  
Richard Williamson C.A.  
Sheehan & Rosie Ltd.  
Start Me Up Niagara  
United Parcel Service  
United Way of St. Catharines & District  
Verge Insurance Group  
Victim Services Niagara  
West Niagara Second Stage Housing & Counselling

### Gold (\$75 average gift and 75% participation)

CNIB  
Community Care of West Niagara  
Costco Wholesale Canada Ltd.  
Mainstream  
Niagara Centre for Independent Living  
Niagara Resource Service For Youth (The RAFT)  
Parmalat Canada - Niagara Division  
RBC Dominion Securities  
UNIFOR  
Wormald Masse Keen Lopinski LLP

### Silver (\$65 average gift and 65% participation)

BMO - Grimsby  
BMO - Thorold  
Distress Centre Niagara  
General Motors St. Catharines  
MNP LLP  
Partridge Iggulden LLP Chartered Professional Accountants  
Simpson's Pharmasave  
St. Catharines Transit Commission  
TD Wealth

### Bronze (\$50 average gift and 50% participation)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln  
BMO - Bunting & Carlton Branch  
BMO - Lakeshore & Geneva Branch  
BMO - NOTL Branch  
Crawford Smith & Swallow  
Dilts Piston Hydraulics Inc.  
DSBN Academy - Secondary  
Dunn Paper, Inc.  
Ed Learn Ford Lincoln  
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.  
George Darte Funeral Chapel Inc.  
Greaves Jams & Marmalades Ltd.  
John Deere Canada  
Lancaster, Brooks & Welch LLP  
Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA Inc.)  
Niagara Regional Learning Centre  
RBC - Grimsby Branch  
RBC - Thorold Branch  
Smith Public School  
West Niagara Palliative Care Services (Rose Cottage)  
Westdale Public School  
Workplace Safety & Insurance Board

## Corporate Gifts

### \$50,000 +

General Motors St. Catharines  
John Deere Canada

### \$20,000 - \$49,999

Algoma Central Corporation  
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.  
Meridian Credit Union  
Rankin Construction Inc.  
The Ontario Paper Thorold Foundation  
The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation  
Verge Insurance Group

### \$10,000 - \$19,999

Bell Canada  
George Darte Funeral Chapel Inc.  
RBC  
Scotiabank  
TD Canada Trust  
The Exchange Brewery

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Accenture  
BMO Financial Group  
CIBC  
Costco Wholesale Canada Ltd.  
Falls Management Corporation  
FBT Inc.  
Great West/London Life Insurance Co.  
Manulife Financial  
O'Reilly & Greenway Medicine Professional Corporation  
Shark Marine Technologies

### \$1,500 - \$4,999

Brian Cullen Motors Ltd.  
Court Holdings Limited  
Equipment Corps Inc.  
Fairview Animal Clinic  
Newman Bros. Limited  
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro  
Niagara Piston Inc.  
Outlet Collection at Niagara

# Thank you to our community.

## **\$500 - \$1,499**

AECOM  
Apotex  
Bell Media  
Bell Technical Solutions  
Dilts Piston Hydraulics Inc.  
Ed Learn Ford Lincoln  
Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
Expertech  
John Bear Buick GMC  
KPMG LLP  
Maple Manufacturing Ltd.  
Merritton Community Pharmacy  
Nixon Law Professional Corporation  
Sam Adelstein & Co. Limited  
Shabri Property Management  
Sheehan & Rosie Ltd.  
Simpson's Pharmasave  
Tallman Funeral Homes Ltd.  
United Parcel Service  
Vineland Manufacturing Ltd.  
Wills Chevrolet Buick GMC

## **Labour Partners**

Amalgamated Transit Union Locals 846, 1602  
Brock University Faculty Association  
Canadian Merchant Services Guild  
Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (COPE) Local 343  
Canadian Union of Postal Workers Local 614  
Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Locals 150, 151, 155, 157, 1019, 1263, 1287, 1295, 1757, 2220, 2276, 2328, 4156, 4207  
International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 261  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 636  
International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 793  
Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario – Niagara TBU & OTBU  
Fédération des Enseignantes-Enseignants des Écoles Secondaires de L'Ontario (FEESO) Unité 64  
Labourers' International Union of North America Local 837  
Niagara Regional Labour Council  
Niagara Regional Police Association  
Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association - Elementary & Secondary  
Ontario Nurses Association Local 9  
Ontario Public Service Employees Union Locals 211, 212, 215, 242, 262, 270, 274, 286 & 294

Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 22 TBU & OTBU, District 35  
Public Service Alliance of Canada 00016  
Power Workers Union  
Seafarers' International Union of Canada  
Service Employees International Union Locals 1 & Healthcare  
International Association of Firefighters Association I.A.F.F Local 485  
Teamsters Canada Local 879  
UNIFOR Locals 34, 43, 84, 87-M, 101, 210, 975, 199, 4212 & 4211  
UNIFOR Regional Office  
United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices Plumbing & Pipe Fitting (UA) Local 67  
United Steelworkers Locals 4857, 4151 & 14241  
Workers United Local 2347

## **Employee Funds & Foundation Gifts**

Bank of Montreal Charitable Foundation  
Charles & Florence Martin Foundation  
Hydro One Employees' and Pensioners' Charity Campaign  
John Deere Canada  
Ontario Power Generation Employees' and Pensioners' Charity  
Sadikali Foundation  
The Ontario Paper Thorold Foundation  
THK Rhythm Automotive Canada Employee Fund

## **Donor Directed Funds**

Clara Crawford Fund  
Education Opportunity Fund  
Maddie Hood Fund  
Mary Urlocker Scholarship Fund  
Orazio DePetris Fund  
Our Special Friends Fund

## **Special Award Winners**

### **Campaign of the Year**

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

### **Chair's Award**

RBC

### **Community Builder Award**

Beatties

### **Labour Partnership Award**

Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 22

### **Longstanding Service Award**

KPMG LLP

### **United Way Municipal Challenge**

City of St. Catharines

### **New Campaign of the Year**

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro

### **New Campaign of the Year**

Ophardt Hygiene Technologies Inc.

### **Volunteer of the Year**

Anita Robertson



**Anita Robertson**

# Thank you to our community.

## Sponsors & In-Kind Gifts (\$500+)

Accenture  
Alectra Utilities  
Antipastos di Roma  
Avondale Stores Ltd.  
Bell Media  
Big Marco's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria  
BMW Canada  
Bowring  
Brewers Paradise  
Brock University - Office of the President  
Bruce Power  
Bujold Colburn  
Canadian Tire - Fourth Ave.  
Cooper Wealth Management  
Copper Creek Golf Club  
Critelli's Fine Furniture  
Dairy Queen - Merritt Street  
Dan & Donna Dargavel  
DanNel Transportation  
De Laat Team  
Denis Cahill Photography  
DeVries Fruit Farm  
District School Board of Niagara  
Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP  
Ellis Engineering  
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.  
Energy Fitness  
Form & Affect  
Gary Waters  
General Motors St. Catharines  
George Darte Funeral Chapel  
Graham Muir Sales Inc.  
Gran Niagara Golf Club  
Grant Thornton LLP  
Hamilton Tiger-Cats  
Heelis, Little & Almas LLP  
HM Cash Inc.  
HUB International Ontario Limited  
Innovate Niagara  
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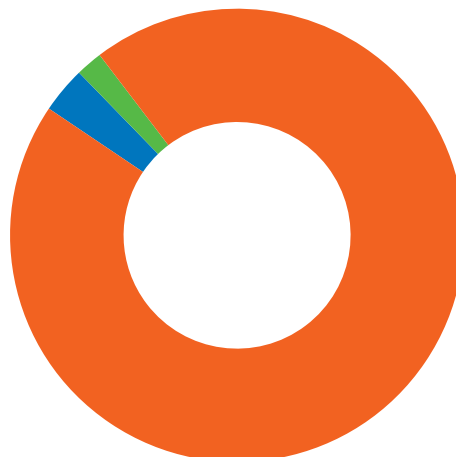
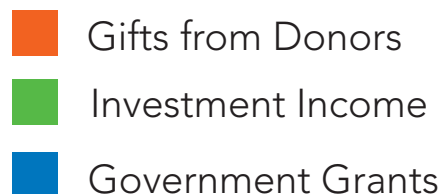
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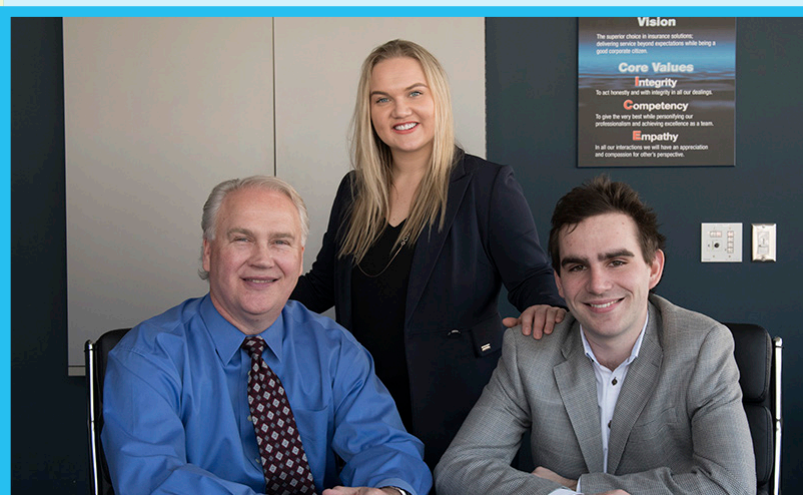
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