



THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ONTARIO COMMAND

FACT SHEET May 2017 (Fiscal Year 2015-2016)

The Legion at work in Ontario:

- There were 403 Branches, with a total membership of over 100,000 (97% of Ontario Command Branches responded to this survey)
- For the year 2016 Grants from Poppy funds, to Ex-Service Personnel and their Dependents, totaled \$800,814.39
- Additional Funds spent on Veterans Programs for 2016 totaled over \$306,000.00
- Money Spent on Medical Equipment and Research totaled over \$1.3 million
- Not including funds spent on Veterans, over \$341,000.00 was used for Seniors' Programs
- Provide funding for Provincial Service Bureaus, for Provincial Service Officers to assist, all Veterans – Currently Serving and Ex-Service Personnel, with pension applications, benefit concerns, on an ongoing basis - free of charge
- Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation approved \$499,094.00 to Ontario communities in 2016. Since its inception in 1979, donations approved amounted to over \$15,837,600.00 to various Hospitals, Health Clinics, Homes for the Aged and Charities in communities throughout Ontario.
- Through our Bursary program in the 2016-2017 academic year a total of 465 applications were awarded to students in need for post-secondary education in the total amount of \$232,500.00 in the Province of Ontario. Since the academic year of 2002-2003 to 2016-2017 our Bursary program has made a total of 11,032 awards totaling \$5,451,825.00

- Additional Bursaries from Poppy Trust funds were awarded in the amount of \$666,330.70
- Other Donations from Poppy Trust Funds in the amount of \$5,307,456.13
- Sponsors and facilitates low rental housing for senior citizens
- Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members visit Veterans in hospitals and continue to supply comforts and entertainment to enhance their quality of life
- Continued to support Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Army/Air/Sea Cadets and other Youth Programs in excess of \$1.6 million
- Other donations to local charities amount to over \$1.2 million, not from Poppy Trust Funds
- Donations to local Community Projects totaled over \$1.6 million
- Total Donations made to the Homeless Veterans Program - "Operation: Leave the Streets Behind" amount to over \$1,550,000.00. As of April 2017 over 500 Veterans have been assisted
- Ontario Command Members annually put in over 422,200 volunteer hours
- In 2016 Ontario Command Branches had over 6650 volunteer staff and employed over 1500 full time and part-time staff
- Ontario Command Branches offered their facilities free of charge to community groups for over 26,400 occasions in 2016

For further information please visit the
Ontario Provincial Command Website at www.on.legion.ca

Fact Sheet Updated as of May 2017