



THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ONTARIO COMMAND

FACT SHEET April 2019 (Fiscal Year 2017-2018)

The Legion at work in Ontario:

- There were 399 Branches, with a total membership of almost 100,000 (92% of Ontario Command Branches responded to this survey)
- Total Poppy Donations received for 2017-2018 were \$5,368,572.32. Statements throughout the Fact Sheet reflect where these funds were disbursed by Branches to support Veterans, their dependents and greater community
- Funds spent on Veterans Programs for 2018 totaled over \$2.7 million
- Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries continue to support the Homeless Veterans Program - "Operation: Leave the Streets Behind". As of March 2019 over \$2.3 million has been disbursed in support of 719 Veterans being assisted (of which 71 were female Veterans) in 147 communities
- For the year 2018 Grants from Poppy funds, to the Royal Canadian Ex-Service League in the Caribbean totaled \$90,950.00
- 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 Command is very proud to support "Operation Service Dog"! In collaboration with Wounded Warriors Canada this program has, and will continue, to drastically improve the lives of many Veterans!
- Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members visit Veterans in hospitals and continue to supply comforts and entertainment to enhance their quality of life
- Money Spent on Medical Equipment and Research totaled over \$1.3 million.
- Not including funds spent on Veterans, over \$557,000 was used for Seniors' Programs

- Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation approved \$521,682.00 to Ontario communities in 2018. Since its inception in 1979, donations approved amounted to over \$16,959,922.52 to various Hospitals, Health Clinics, Homes for the Aged and Charities in communities throughout Ontario.
- Through our Bursary program in the 2017-2018 academic year a total of 452 applications were awarded to students in need for post-secondary education in the total amount of \$338,500.00 in the Province of Ontario. Since the academic year of 2002-2003 to 2017-2018 our Bursary program has made a total of 11,484 awards totaling \$5,790,325.00
- Additional Bursaries from Poppy Trust funds were awarded in the amount of \$725,115.08
- Sponsors and facilitates low rental housing for senior citizens
- Continued to support accessibility for Veterans, their families and the Communities in excess of \$443,000
- Continued to support Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Army/Air/Sea/Navy Cadets and other Youth Programs in excess of \$1.3 million
- Other donations to local charities amount to over \$1.5 million, not from Poppy Trust Funds
- Donations to local Community Projects totaled over \$1.3 million
- Ontario Command Members annually put in over 444,500 volunteer hours
- In 2018 Ontario Command Branches had over 6552 volunteer staff and employed over 1300 full time and part-time staff
- Ontario Command Branches offered their facilities free of charge to community groups for over 27,600 occasions in 2018

For further information please visit the
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