

A close-up portrait of a Black woman with short, dark, curly hair. She is wearing large, black-framed sunglasses with orange-tinted lenses. She is smiling, showing her teeth, and looking slightly upwards and to the right. She is wearing a teal-colored top and a gold necklace with a large, circular, textured pendant. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

BUILDING A BOLDER, BRIGHTER FUTURE

CNIB Foundation Ontario | 2017/18 Annual Report



Message from Angela Bonfanti

Vice President, CNIB Foundation (Ontario & Quebec)

In 1918, the organization's seven founders, five of whom were blind, gathered for CNIB's first Annual General Meeting. They talked about what they had accomplished since they were founded, but more importantly, they talked about what needed to be done.

And, in 1985, when my father lost most of his sight suddenly due to Retinitis Pigmentosa,

I remember him sitting me down at the kitchen table to talk about the societal inequities he was trying his best to overcome. Despite six college and university degrees, he was working multiple jobs to ensure my mother, sister and I had a decent life and we were able to take advantage of every opportunity.

The thousands of Canadians we spoke with during our 2016-17 community consultations had the same vision as our founders and my father – to boost the employability of Canadians who are blind or partially sighted and ensure CNIB’s efforts are dedicated to improving the lives of those impacted by blindness.

Fast forward to 2018 and the mission remains the same, but it is more energized than ever before – **we’re aiming to boost employment, unleash the power of technology and drive achievement and equality.** As we evolve into an organization that’s more ambitious, vibrant and forward-thinking than ever, we’re launching game-changing programs for the people we serve.

To increase participation in the world of work, we’re creating internships for people looking to get their feet wet in the working world, returnships for people who want to get back into the workforce after losing their sight, and an entrepreneurship program for people who want to start their own businesses.

Our primary tech program will place smartphones directly into the hands of people who need them at little to no cost, and we’ll provide the required training for these life-changing devices.

To drive achievement and equality, we’re transforming our communities into beacons of accessibility and inclusion where people can live, work and play without barriers, and raising our voices relentlessly to challenge stigmas and support equal rights.

We’re also creating community hubs – innovative, accessible spaces where people can come together to try the latest technologies, learn new skills, connect with others and, most importantly, have fun!

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I am grateful to work with an incredible team of staff and volunteers in Ontario and Quebec. Together, we have accomplished so much in a very short time...and it’s only the beginning.

As we step into our second century, the CNIB Foundation is striving towards true equality, universal accessibility and absolute inclusion for people living with sight loss. We believe these goals are within reach, but we’ll need you to help us get there. Together, we will change what it is to be blind!



Changing what it is to be blind

The CNIB Foundation provides an opportunity for limitless possibilities, providing participants with the knowledge, skills and confidence to smash barriers

in pursuit of the lives they choose. Our programs are designed to address the needs of people of all ages across these five areas:



LIVE

Every “Live” program provides participants with the support and services they need to enhance daily living skills, realize goals and seize the future with confidence.



PLAY

“Play” programs are social, recreational and cultural activities that allow individuals to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle, connect with others and demonstrate that people with sight loss can do anything.



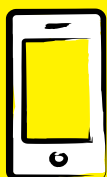
WORK

CNIB’s “Work” programs provide participants with vital skills and resources to attain their career ambitions, thrive academically at every stage and hone their abilities as an entrepreneur or mentor.



LEARN

CNIB’s “Learn” programs focus on education, skills training and literacy to empower individuals to achieve their goals.



TECH

Our “Tech” programs level the playing field, providing skills and training that focus on accessibility, availability and affordability of life-changing technology.

Visit cnib.ca to learn more about our life-changing programs.



CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF CHANGE

Century of Change Awards

Joined by special guests and supporters, CNIB commemorated a century of change this year. In recognition of their tireless service to improving the lives of people impacted by blindness, CNIB Century of Change Awards were presented to exceptional volunteers at our centennial celebrations. More than 400 guests, including clients/participants, volunteers, donors, staff and community partners, joined CNIB for an inspirational reception at the Canadian War Museum, a fitting venue for an organization founded in 1918 in the wake of the First World War.

Celebrate Muskoka: Clam Bake

Emceed by Joan Kelley Walker, The Real Housewives of Toronto, the Lake Joe Vision Team hosted the Celebrate Muskoka: Clam Bake at CNIB's Lake Joseph Centre (Lake Joe), a special place for people living with sight loss. In celebration of CNIB's 100th birthday, the event raised more than \$100,000 for the "Sponsor a Camper" bursary program and greatest areas of need at Lake Joe.

John M. Rafferty, President & CEO, CNIB and Diane Bergeron, Vice President, Engagement and International Affairs, CNIB speaking at the centennial celebration at the Canadian War Museum.

Community Celebrations

The centennial reception in Toronto featured special exhibits on CNIB's past, present and future. Highlights included a look back at blind literacy through the years, and assistive technologies from early tools to leading-edge digital devices and apps. And, more than 250 guests were treated to a fashion show that featured models from CNIB's youth empowerment program.

Glen Wade, Board Member, CNIB Foundation Ontario West, spoke at the Kitchener City Hall event.

"You don't even realize the organization is there - it's a constant without being intrusive," says Glen Wade, Board Member, CNIB Foundation Ontario West. "And, it helps every step of the way."



Message from Duane Morgan

Executive Director, CNIB Foundation Ontario East

The CNIB Foundation Ontario East continued to develop programs and services, including Peer Support and Youth Empowerment, to meet the needs of people who are blind or partially sighted.

To strengthen our community impact, the CNIB Kingston office is undergoing renovations for its community hub - an innovative, accessible space where people can come together to try the latest technologies, learn new skills, connect with others and, most importantly, have fun! In recognition of a leadership gift from Homestead Land Holdings, the remodelled space will be known as The Homestead Community Centre.

As we build a bolder, brighter future, we're working with a network of donors and volunteers. Thank you.

CNIB Foundation Ontario East Advisory Board

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Message from Monique Pilkington

Executive Director, CNIB Foundation Ontario North

Thanks to the incredible efforts of our passionate staff, board, volunteers and donors, 2017 was a year of great progress for the CNIB Foundation Ontario North. It was also a year of celebration! With 14 centennial events and 1,200 community members in attendance, we raised awareness about our innovative programs that are changing what it is to be blind.

New programs addressing the social and emotional needs of people with sight loss were launched, including: Accessibility Technology, Home Based Support, Peer Support and Youth Empowerment. Our powerful advocacy efforts empowered people impacted by blindness to tear down barriers to inclusion.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Message from Suzanne Decary- van den Broek

Executive Director, CNIB Foundation Ontario South

Blindness should never be a reason for anyone to settle for less. Everyone should have an equal chance to realize their dreams, whatever they may be.

For 100 years, CNIB has played a vital role in transforming society. Now, as we launch into our second century of operations, we're going to be even bolder. It's time to take all we've learned and create the brighter future Canadians impacted by blindness want, expect and deserve.

That's why the CNIB Foundation has launched a wide range of new programs, including PERK (Parents' Educational Resources for Kids), art therapy for youth, a Toastmasters club, yoga, jam sessions, woodturning and much more!

Through it all, we have been supported by outstanding donors and volunteers who have embraced the changing needs of the community. We thank you for your unwavering support.

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Message from Robert Gaunt

Executive Director, CNIB Foundation Ontario West

As we continue to grow and meet the needs of community members with sight loss through innovative programming and powerful advocacy, we're strengthening our communities.

At CNIB, we believe that everyone who would like to have a guide dog should have that opportunity. With the incredible support of Ontario West, we are proud to launch CNIB Guide Dogs, a new program to raise and train guide dogs exclusively for people with sight loss. This is one example of the CNIB Foundation responding to the needs of its participants.

Through a successful recruitment campaign this year, spirited and determined community leaders are changing what it is to be blind through the CNIB Foundation Ontario West Board and its Regional Implementation Committees.

But, none of this would be possible without the support of our donors and volunteers. Thank you for helping us transform the lives of individuals who are blind or partially sighted.

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On the road with the Eye Van: 45th anniversary tour



The CNIB Eye Van, a medical mobile eye care clinic on wheels, travelled to 30 Northern Ontario communities as part of its 45th anniversary tour. With 24 dedicated ophthalmologists, 4,500 patients were served. We enhanced service delivery through appointment coordination, clinical operations, and volunteer and community engagement.

Thanks to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Ontario Medical Association and the Eye Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for their commitment to patient-centered care. We would also like to thank our sponsors, donors and partners, including service clubs, for ensuring this innovative program improves the lives of community members in Northern Ontario!

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Enriching lives, making memories at Lake Joe



At CNIB's Lake Joseph Centre (Lake Joe), we expanded our 2017 season - we introduced mini camps, Summer Camp, Leaders-in-Training, and an immersion camp for French-speaking children.

Thanks to leadership gifts from Homestead Land Holdings and Canadian Tire, the Recreation Hall was renovated into a year-round facility where campers develop skills, try new activities and build friendships.

An outstanding gift - a donated boathouse - was floated to Lake Joe from Lake Rosseau with great media coverage!

We recognize and thank our dedicated Lake Joe Vision Team and leadership volunteers for their incredible support. Together, we're breaking down barriers to ensure everyone who could benefit from Lake Joe has an opportunity to do so.

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Your Impact: Changing the life of someone who is blind

Meet Mike



“Without a doubt, I would not be where I am today without CNIB,” says Mike Diorio, retired teacher, CNIB participant and volunteer. “They treat their participants with so much respect. Most of the participants I know are also seniors and there are many programs for us.”

Mike says living with age-related macular degeneration (AMD) has been a challenging journey, but he has come a long way.

“There are daily reminders of my low vision,” he says. “But, I am adapting and doing well.”

Thanks to CNIB’s programs and services, he’s independent and thriving.

“I’m back to some of my old hobbies, like gardening,” says Mike. “I’m glad my family insisted I call CNIB. It has made all the difference.”

A significant milestone in Mike’s journey was his decision to participate in CNIB Night Steps.

“I received so much help from CNIB. I wanted to do something in return.”

He helped raise \$16,500 for the CNIB Foundation.

As a CNIB ambassador, Mike connects with students about sight loss.

“I’m pleased to get back into the classrooms,” says Mike.

He encourages others to seek support from CNIB.

“Everyone will cope differently, but don’t be afraid to speak to others,” says Mike. “You can come to understand your situation better by listening to those around you.”

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Your Impact: Changing the life of someone who is blind

Meet Avesta



Don't underestimate Avesta Alani, an Osgoode Hall law student living with sight loss.

"We need to be proactive," says Avesta. "The onus is on us (individuals with sight loss); we should know what we need and what to ask for. It's a good conversation to have."

While Avesta has faced challenges navigating the school system, it has fuelled her ambition to pursue a career in law.

"I wish someone could have advocated for me when I was a child," she says. "That's why I chose law. I want to be able to help guide others like me. Law is an impactful, purposeful and ever-growing industry."

Avesta became involved with CNIB through SCORE (Skills, Confidence, Opportunities through Recreation and Education), a national youth program that builds pre-employment skills.

"I wish someone could have advocated for me when I was a child," says Avesta. "That's why I chose law. I want to be able to help guide others like me."

"I only became comfortable talking about my vision loss in the SCORE program," she says. "My confidence grew as I interacted with other youth with similar abilities. I felt less isolated and more empowered."

Avesta is a valued participant of CNIB's National Youth Council, where members have an opportunity to influence change and increase awareness of issues facing young Canadians living with sight loss.

She is thankful for community support because it allows her to work alongside Canadians who are blind or partially sighted to smash social and systemic barriers and advocate for an inclusive society.

"We would not have a platform to help individuals with low vision without community generosity," says Avesta. "Their support allows me to help others."

Your Impact: Changing the life of someone who is blind

Meet George



George Quarcoo, 24, is an athlete. In 2014, he broke the Canadian Paralympic record in the T12 category for the 200m sprint. He also represented Canada at the Pan Am Games in 2015 and the World Para Athletics Championships in 2017. What's next? He plans to train for the 2019 Pan Am Games and World Championships.

At 13, he registered with CNIB when he arrived in Canada from Ghana.

"Before I sought services for my vision loss, I was isolated," says George. "The CNIB programs allow people to socialize with others with vision loss. It boosted my confidence to be with all of them."

As a teenager, he took part in social events, cooking classes and mobility lessons, and he travelled the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) on his own. He encourages others to have an open mind.

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"Vision impairment is a barrier, but it should not limit what you want to do," says George. "Don't wait at home for your parents or be afraid to ask for help - you're only hurting yourself."

George is the perfect fit for his job as a youth program facilitator with CNIB. He says the CNIB programs are life-changing.

"Our community tends to hesitate to socialize," he says. "The staff at CNIB put in a lot of work to encourage participants to meet others and have a social life outside of their families. They make a big difference."

George is a DJ in his spare time.

Your Impact: Changing the life of someone who is blind

Meet Megan



“I now know what I can do, not what I can’t do,” says Megan.

Megan Miller, 16, has come a long way with the help of CNIB.

Born without sight in her left eye, she became blind in her right eye before Grade 8.

“Megan was anxious when she lost her sight. She was no longer able to do the things she loved,” says Pauline, Megan’s mom.

They moved from Oakville to Brantford two years ago, so Megan could attend the W. Ross Macdonald School for the Blind (WRMS).

Last year, Megan received a guide dog.

“I was terrified to lose my vision. When I got Luca, he helped me get around the neighbourhood,” says Megan.

Megan is involved with the CNIB Foundation’s youth programs, including art classes. As a result, her attitude has improved.

“I now know what I can do, not what I can’t do,” says Megan.

With support from CNIB, WRMS and self-teaching, learning technology has been ongoing. Pauline is grateful for the support.

“CNIB has become our community”, says Pauline. “We are all bonding together as people going through a similar experience.”

CNIB will help Megan transition into university in a couple years when she pursues post-secondary education to become a teacher.

“It blows me away how supportive CNIB is,” says Pauline. “They’ve given my daughter so much confidence.”

Goldcorp Inc. & CNIB: Improving eye care in Northern Ontario

A visit to an ophthalmologist's office is often a luxury for residents in remote areas of Northern Ontario. But, with support from generous donors, including Goldcorp Inc., CNIB brings ophthalmologists to underserved communities as part of the CNIB Eye Van program.

The CNIB Eye Van, a medical mobile eye care clinic on wheels, travels more than 6,000 kilometres annually to provide service in Northern Ontario. With a commitment from more than 24 ophthalmologists, the program serves 4,500 patients.

Since 2009, Goldcorp Inc. has provided \$195,000 in support of the program. Their ongoing commitment has enabled the CNIB Eye Van to purchase equipment for the screening and treatment of serious eye conditions, including diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration. Together, CNIB and Goldcorp Inc. are providing high-quality eye care for communities across Northern Ontario, including Kenora, Red Lake, Dryden, Sioux Lookout and Chapleau, where many of Goldcorp Inc.'s community partners and employees live.

"The CNIB Eye Van offers critical eye care services in remote areas that would be otherwise unavailable. For this reason, supporting CNIB to deliver this program is a natural partnership - **it's a strategic investment towards the health and well-being of our employees and the**

community members around our mine sites," says Valerie Pascale, Manager, Corporate Responsibility, Goldcorp Inc.

"This program is available to and accessed by our local community and First Nations partners," says James Russell, Sustainability Manager at Goldcorp Inc's Red Lake gold mines. "Living in an area of Ontario where the closest clinic for specialized eye care is a five-hour drive away in Winnipeg, having the Eye Van allows community members in our surrounding area to receive the care they need without leaving home."

The benefits of the CNIB Eye Van are also experienced at Goldcorp Inc's Borden gold mine.

"The community of Chapleau has a growing senior population and the CNIB's Eye Van program has been a huge asset to its residents as well as to the First Nations communities living nearby," says Donna Byce, Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, Goldcorp Inc. "The services are accessed by many in the area who would otherwise have to make arrangements to travel two hours to Timmins in order to access such services."

Goldcorp Inc. is grateful to CNIB for its enduring efforts to bring specialized eye care to those who need it most in Northern Ontario.



Veteran Brit Smith aims to create a barrier-free world

Brit Smith (right) with Vicky Baker, Early Intervention Specialist, CNIB & granddaughter of Colonel Edwin Baker, CNIB founder at CNIB Kingston.

When Kingston's Brit Smith, 98, fought in the Second World War, he had no idea it would spark a lifelong connection with CNIB and lead to a transformative \$1.125 million gift from his company, Homestead Land Holdings.

When he was seriously injured on the battlefields of Normandy, Brit got to know many comrades who lost their sight in action and he never forgot the challenges they faced.

Kingston's community hub is one of the many projects benefitting from Smith's gift. The office is being remodelled to create a modern and inclusive space that'll enhance the happiness, health and confidence of individuals who are blind or partially sighted. The revitalized building will be re-named The Homestead Community Centre.

Rick Hansen Foundation supports CNIB's ShopTalk: BlindSquare Enabled project



Battery-powered beacons (left) are placed inside local shops and businesses. They silently communicate with a BlindSquare mobile app through Bluetooth signals.

CNIB's ShopTalk: BlindSquare Enabled project received a \$26,080 grant from the Rick Hansen Foundation's Access4All Program, aimed at breaking down barriers for people living with disabilities.

ShopTalk is an innovative project intended to help individuals who are blind or partially sighted navigate neighbourhoods safely and confidently, while making communities more accessible and inclusive.

Launched in June 2017, in the St. Clair Avenue and Yonge Street community of Toronto, ShopTalk positions small beacons inside doorways of participating shops and businesses to provide people with verbal descriptions of the layouts and other important information via their smartphones.

"With support from the Government of Canada and the Rick Hansen Foundation, CNIB wants to help ensure that every individual has the opportunity to realize their full potential, and it begins with creating inclusive and accessible communities," says Angela Bonfanti, Vice President, CNIB Foundation (Ontario & Quebec).

ShopTalk will play an important role in building a world without barriers. We would like to thank our community for their ongoing support in realizing this vision.

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Ontario Trillium Foundation funds specialized recreation and sports programs



Thanks to a \$74,000 Seed grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), the Grand River catchment area of Brantford and Simcoe is designing a new recreation and sports program for people impacted by blindness.

“These individuals face financial barriers to physical activity as well as a lack of accessible facilities and inclusive programs,” says Robert Gaunt, Executive Director, CNIB Foundation Ontario West. “This important gift will help facilitate awareness and lead the way for change.”

Ontario West, including the Grand River catchment area, is home to a diverse group of individuals living with disabilities, including sight loss, who want to be physically active.

Thanks to a gift from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, CNIB Foundation Ontario West is designing a new recreation and sports program for people impacted by blindness.

These recreation and sports programs will offer many opportunities for them to get involved.

“Whether it’s a family walking group, indoor spin classes, boxing programs, goalball, yoga or knitting clubs, they will have the chance to try a variety of activities,” says Gaunt.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. OTF awarded more than \$120 million to some 700 projects this year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

CNIB in Your Community

CNIB and TTC bring accessibility to transit

CNIB Advocacy is proud to work alongside Canadians who are blind or partially sighted to eliminate discrimination and advocate for inclusive access to public transit.

Navigating a busy Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) station can be tough for anyone. Imagine the challenges it presents to individuals living with blindness.

Since February 2018, with support from the Rick Hansen Foundation and CNIB, TTC's St. Clair Station has been part of ShopTalk: BlindSquare Enabled, an innovative program that enhances community accessibility for those with sight loss.

"This partnership featuring innovative technology is one way we are eliminating barriers to the TTC," says Josh Colle, Chair, TTC.

Beacons provide verbal descriptions about the station layout, including fare gate locations and whether the gates are PRESTO-equipped. They also provide information about obstacles, such as gaps between the platform and the subway doors.

The TTC joins more than 120 businesses in the Yonge and St. Clair area that are participating in the pilot.



Volunteer spotlight: Roy Klementti

Volunteers are the heart and soul of CNIB.

With a busy lifestyle that includes five grandchildren, living in Florida for six months of the year, golfing and travelling the world, you would think Roy Klementti, 78, wouldn't have time to volunteer. But, giving back is important to him, so he makes the time.

"I have always seen the value in giving back to the community and I have been involved with service work since I was a child," says Roy.

After learning about CNIB through the Lions Club, Roy became a volunteer. As part of CNIB Night Steps in 2017, he raised \$8,000.

"I believe in the great services offered at CNIB. They are a very committed group and I'm pleased to work with them," says Roy. "So, I rallied the troops for support."

Brightening the night at CNIB Night Steps

CNIB Night Steps, a fundraising walk under the stars, raised \$150,000 for the CNIB Foundation's programs in Ontario. These pledged-based community events are

designed to support innovative programs and powerful advocacy that empower people impacted by blindness to live their dreams while tearing down barriers to inclusion.



Dining in the Dark in support of CNIB

Based on a restaurant concept popularized in Paris and New York, Dining in the Dark is a unique fundraiser where guests experience a meal without the benefit of sight.

The sensory experience allows people to

explore textures, flavours and aromas while wearing a blindfold.

It's a memorable way to raise funds for CNIB and boost awareness about living with sight loss.

Why Your Support Matters

Adjusting to life with sight loss is one of the most difficult experiences an individual can ever face, especially if the loss is sudden. The right support, at the right time, can make a world of difference.

With your support, CNIB is transforming challenges into successes.

We are deeply grateful for supporters like you, who choose to invest in limitless possibilities for people impacted by blindness.

In 2017, we invested more than \$7 million into programs in Ontario.

Your Investments - Canada



Administration

Fundraising

Cause related programs

Your Investments - Ontario

Peer Support	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	689,640
Vision Mate	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	768,116
Children and Youth, including SCORE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	770,690
Advocacy	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	768,824
Technology	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	245,311
Employment	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	514,944
Lake Joseph Centre	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	1,452,536
Eye Van	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	879,582
Recreation and Sports	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	494,827
Library Production & Distribution	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	553,728
Research and Scholarships	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	231,948
Total:		7,370,146

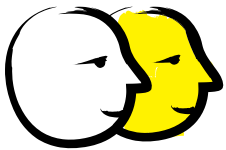
Peer Support



Did you know? It's not unusual to feel depressed, angry or alone when you experience a loss of sight.

Often, people wish they had someone to help them work through these feelings. Peer Support groups give participants the opportunity to connect with others who are living with sight loss.

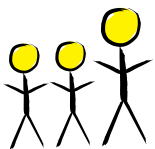
Vision Mate



Did you know? Vision Mate volunteers provide sighted assistance to a person who is blind or partially sighted.

Activities may include reading, organizing things around the home, walking, assisting with errands, an outing or social visit. Vision Mates usually visit a neighbour for an hour or two each week.

Children and Youth

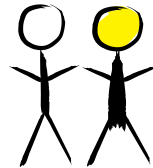


Did you know? Our children and youth programs help participants gain knowledge and develop social skills as

they pursue their education. Working with educators, families and community members, we support students from pre-school through post-secondary to ensure they have the coordinated services, confidence and independence to succeed at every stage.

SCORE

(Skills, Confidence & Opportunities through Recreation and Education)



Did you know? The national SCORE program is a free experience for youth, ages 16-21, living with sight loss. The program helps build pre-employment skills and independence through discussions and activities, such as visiting restaurants and local attractions.

CNIB Lake Joseph Centre



Did you know? At Lake Joe, people living with sight loss and their families can enjoy the same summer pursuits as other Canadians:

canoeing, campfires, kayaking, cycling, waterskiing, swimming, sailing and fishing. Plus, there's skills training, confidence building and support from a community that understands living with sight loss.

CNIB Eye Van



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care clinic on wheels, travels more than 6,000 kilometres each year to provide services in Northern Ontario. With a commitment from more than 24 ophthalmologists, the program serves 4,500 patients.

Giving the gift of independence through CNIB Guide Dogs



Windsor's Mary Weingarden is passionate about guide dogs. She feels so strongly about them and their transformative effects

that she made the first significant donation in Ontario to CNIB Guide Dogs, a new donor-funded program designed to raise and train guide dogs exclusively for people with sight loss.

Mary's connection to the program is somewhat serendipitous.

"I was researching guide dogs online when I came across an article about CNIB Guide Dogs. It happened to be on April 26, 2017 - International Guide Dog Day," says Mary. "I decided right then that I wanted to sponsor one of the dogs. This program is really important. It is my extreme pleasure to support it."

Mary has wanted to sponsor a guide dog ever since she met a woman with sight loss at a course.

"I was dumbfounded at the difference that the dog made in her life," says Mary. "She was able to take the subway independently. Isn't that something?"

Meeting this woman was life-changing for Mary.

"I became more aware of things related to vision loss. And, I became a more vociferous advocate," says Mary. "It's enlightening to meet someone who is different than you. We see that they live their lives differently - we gain insight and learn things we simply didn't know."

In recognition of her gift to CNIB Guide Dogs, Mary had an opportunity to name one of the puppies.

"I chose Ulysses in honour of my cat, a special and well-loved friend. I felt anyone who was paired with this guide dog would be blessed," says Mary.

Ulysses has begun formal training. Mary is so pleased with Ulysses that she is sponsoring another dog in honour of her husband, Bud, for his 80th birthday.

"We're still figuring out the name!" says Mary.

"I chose Ulysses in honour of my cat, a special and well-loved friend. I felt anyone who was paired with this guide dog would be blessed," says Mary.



Must love dogs!

Do you love dogs and want to make a difference? Consider becoming a Volunteer Puppy Raiser at CNIB! Are you...

- Age 18+
- Able to provide a comfortable and secure home environment where dogs can safely learn, play and explore
- Able to invest the necessary time to train and socialize a puppy in a wide range of environments and situations, including work, if you are employed
- Flexible, open-minded and willing to follow our puppy care and training philosophies

For more information, visit cnibguidedogs.ca or call 1-800-563-2642.

Mary Weingarden and future guide dog, Ulysses.

Second Century Capital Campaign in support of Lake Joe



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To kick off a new era of change for individuals living with sight loss, CNIB launched the Second Century Capital Campaign in support of Lake Joe.

Revitalizing the Welcome Centre, Elms Cabin and Recreation Hall, and installing the gifted boathouse are top priorities – this will enrich the life-changing programs and facilitate year-round activities.

The Lake Joe renewal projects will significantly improve CNIB’s capacity to serve people who are blind or partially sighted for many years to come, but we can only do it with your support.

Visit cnib.ca/support-us to join the campaign.

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Canada 150 BBQ: Raising funds to share the magic of Lake Joe

CNIB’s Lake Joe Vision Team raised \$45,000 at the Canada 150 BBQ in support of CNIB’s Lake Joseph Centre (“Lake Joe”).

“Canoeing, campfires, swimming and forging new friendships to create lasting memories – that’s the magic of summer camp. Each year, children, families and adults attend Lake Joe programs, not only for the recreational activities, but for the confidence building and support offered by a community that understands living with sight loss. For most, it’s an experience they’ll never forget,” says Monique Pilkington, Executive Director, CNIB Foundation Ontario North. “With more than 75 neighbours joining us at the Canada 150 BBQ, CNIB’s Lake Joe Vision Team raised \$45,000 for the ‘Buy a Bed’ campaign and the ‘Sponsor a Camper’ bursary program. I’d like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to Lake Joe neighbours Nancy and Steve Simonot for hosting this event as well as all of our guests.”

Nancy is the Founding Partner/Pharmacist and Head of Clinical Group for NKS Heath, one of the BBQ’s main sponsors.

“You only have to spend a short amount of time at Lake Joe before you realize what an extraordinary place it is,” says Nancy.



Enriching Lives, Making Memories

The #s in 2017

- More than 450 guests attended Lake Joe
- Approximately 30% of our campers were children or youth
- The 'Sponsor a Camper' bursary program helped 100 campers experience the magic of Lake Joe

Unleashing the power of technology



A CNIB participant uses the BlindSquare app at the GTA Community Hub.

Technology can level the playing field for people who are blind or partially sighted – but only when it’s accessible, available and affordable. We’ll fight to connect people of all ages with the cutting-edge technology they need and want, and help them build the skills to capitalize on its potential. We’re eliminating financial barriers to technology with new financing and grant programs, advocating to expand and modernize government funding programs for assistive devices and developing innovative apps, tools and training that put the latest tech knowledge at people’s fingertips.

Many people don’t realize the tremendous impact smartphones have in the lives of individuals who are blind. Today, accessible smartphone apps make it possible for people who are blind to do all kinds of things that may have seemed challenging before. Smartphones allow people who are blind to read prescription labels and take medication safely, recognize the faces of loved ones, access emergency assistance from sighted volunteers, travel safely using GPS, and do hundreds of other day-to-day tasks most of us take for granted.

The Tech Bar

Learning about the features and capabilities of a new device on your own can be intimidating. By running free, fun, interactive, hands-on learning sessions at Tech Bars, CNIB helps people who are blind or partially sighted overcome the training hurdles.

The CNIB Foundation’s first Tech Bar, in the Community Hub at Yonge and St. Clair in Toronto, is a dynamic space where staff and volunteers teach participants how to use technologies that can reduce social isolation and improve their quality of life. Community Hubs across Ontario are planning to open Tech Bars soon.

Accessible technology is incorporated into other CNIB projects when possible. The team also draws on the organization’s informal partnerships to host group and one-on-one training sessions.

THANK YOU

Every year we are astounded by the incredible support of our donors.

Whether it was a hosting a fundraising event, leaving a gift in your will or signing up to become a monthly donor, you made it possible for thousands of Ontarians with sight loss to live full, independent lives. Thank you. Together, we are changing what it is to be blind.



Major Gifts

CNIB thanks the following generous individuals, corporations, foundations and service clubs who've made an exceptional gift of \$5,000 or more in the last fiscal year to support Ontarians impacted by blindness.

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Estate Gifts

We wish to honour the caring individuals who've left gifts in their wills to CNIB to support Ontarians impacted by blindness. Our sincerest condolences to their families and loved ones.

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Planned Gifts

Many of our supporters have discovered that you can make a profound difference in CNIB's work with a little planning. We're here to help you explore the donation methods that will ensure your future gift is tax effective while taking your family's needs into consideration. There are many different options besides a Gift in Your Will (Estate Gift), including RRSPs/RRIFs, insurance and charitable gift annuities. CNIB wishes to honour the following individuals for their 2017 planned gifts.

Richard L. Gauvin*

Diane Lavery*

Doris Muckle*

Arthur Peeling*

Margaret J. Sibbick*

*CNIB gratefully acknowledges the generous support of these donors who've passed away since making their gifts. We send our heartfelt condolences to their families.

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CNIB Endowment Program

From its earliest roots in the 1950s, the CNIB Endowment Program was born out of a desire to provide sustainable funding for programs and services that benefit individuals impacted by blindness. Seventy years later, the CNIB Endowment Program totals \$11 million, ranging in size from \$1,200 to \$2 million.

Ontario has 25 province-specific designated funds, totalling just over \$5 million, while reaping the benefits of the remaining funds that are national in distribution. The program categories include: children and youth, adults and seniors, research and technology, literacy and library, and Lake Joe.

In 2017, two funds were created in honour of CNIB's first century, the Guide Dog Fund and The Second Century Fund, an unrestricted pool.

Moving forward: The Second Century Fund

Looking ahead, The Second Century Fund will become a priority as we move toward creating a nationwide campaign to grow the fund. With 4.5 per cent of capital distributed annually, The Second Century Fund provides a secure footing for sustainable resources.

Bold dreams, bright futures

Recent years have found a shift in thinking and planning – from “bequest” creation of endowments to gifts of current assets. Donors are creating endowed funds from gifts of shares, stocks or property to fund the original capital – often, further gifts are added at the time of their death. By creating an endowment in real time, donors are enjoying the benefits of knowing how their capital investment is doing while using it to encourage friends, families and associates to make gifts in their honour. Recent gifts of this type include: Griffith R. Lloyd and Christina Lloyd Fund for Research on Macular Degeneration; Kathleen Elizabeth Ward and E. Neville Ward Fund for Education and Technology for Children; Chanchlani Global Vision Research Award, and the Jane Beaumont Funds for Literacy and at-risk Children and Youth.

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Our Mission

To change what it is to be blind through innovative programs and powerful advocacy that enable Canadians impacted by blindness to live the lives they choose.

Our Values

Empowerment:

We take bold, decisive action to move our mission forward and empower people impacted by blindness to find their courage, raise their voices and realize their dreams.

Inclusiveness:

We are a community that welcomes all. We embrace one another's differences and we break down barriers that would exclude anyone from being meaningfully engaged in our world.

Passion:

We care deeply about what we do, because we know how much it matters. We pursue our goals relentlessly and we don't give up on anyone, or anything.

Innovation:

We think big, take risks and embrace change that can accelerate progress and enable success for our clients/participants, volunteers, donors and employees.

Collaboration:

We believe that to make change happen, we need to bring people, ideas and resources together in new and exciting combinations. Teamwork is fundamental to our success.

Integrity:

We treat others the way we want to be treated. We are kind, fair, honest and respectful, and we maintain open and transparent decision-making in all aspects of our work.





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