

# BECOME AN ONN CONNECTOR



**ONN Connectors are organizations, foundations, companies, and individuals who support ONN's work to strengthen the nonprofit sector.**

Connectors know that Ontario's nonprofits and charities are incredibly busy with their missions and work in their communities – and need a collective voice at the provincial level when it comes to policy, advocacy, and shared opportunities and trends. Someone who has their back.

Connectors understand that policy and systems change takes time, energy, and resources; that busy individual nonprofits need to be supported at the sector level in order to create that needed change; and that it's vital ONN, the only province-wide network, needs to be supported.

## SHOW YOUR SECTOR LEADERSHIP

This is a unique opportunity for you to demonstrate your support of a strong nonprofit sector through a creative, inclusive, and province-wide network that mobilizes for action.

- Help ensure there is a convener of voices, independent of government, to advocate on the issues, policies, and legislation that impact public benefit nonprofits and charities in Ontario.
- Provide financial flexibility for ONN to identify and respond to emerging issues and opportunities for the sector.

**ONN CONNECTOR OPPORTUNITY: \$5,000**

## CELEBRATING OUR CONNECTORS

You'll be recognized year-round through prominent events and communication platforms:

- Your logo and website link on ONN's site
- Invitation to the *ONN Connector Salon*, a unique networking and policy and strategy session, held annually just for Connectors. This is a space for you and other leaders to meet with special guests and the ONN policy team to talk trends and opportunities for the sector.
- 2 complimentary passes to Nonprofit Driven, ONN's annual conference.
- Recognition at ONN's annual conference – this includes recognition in stage remarks, printed program, signage and more.
- Logo recognition in ONN's Annual Report.
- Highlight in an ONN e-bulletin to 8,000+ subscribers across Ontario.

SOUND LIKE YOU? **BECOME A CONNECTOR**

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## A STRONGER SECTOR FOR THRIVING COMMUNITIES

The nonprofit sector is unique – 58,000 public benefit organizations making communities vibrant, innovative and more inclusive places to live, work, and play. Together they contribute \$50 billion to Ontario’s GDP and employ over 1 million people. Harnessing the collective knowledge, leadership, and on-the-ground experience of these inspiring organizations means stronger and thriving Ontario communities for us all.

## A PROVINCIAL NETWORK FOR A STRONGER SECTOR

Ontario's nonprofit sector is a key pillar of society and the economy. ONN is successfully convening and engaging nonprofits around the province in order to make the sector even stronger so that communities can thrive.

## SNAPSHOT OF OUR CURRENT POLICY PRIORITIES

- Leading the charge on the **Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act** to work with the Ontario government to communicate the impact on the sector, share information, and secure support for nonprofits to transition under the new Act
- Shaping a **labour force strategy** and championing a **decent work movement** for our 1 million paid employees
- Working with the provincial government to **improve funding practices and processes**, including cost-of-living increases, standard contracts, greater access to government funding
- Inspiring the **creation of regional networks** for nonprofits, like the Chatham-Kent Nonprofit Network, the Toronto Nonprofit Network and a Peterborough-area network, to work together on common opportunities and issues
- **And much more– read our policy priorities to find out what else we’re working on!**

## HIGHLIGHTS

### NETWORK ADVANCES

- Brought about the creation of a **sector-wide pension plan**
- Helped win an exemption for charities under federal **anti-spam legislation**
- Jointly advocated for a **community benefits principle** in Ontario’s Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act
- Created the first registry of its kind for nonprofits to **access surplus Ontario Government land** before it goes public
- Mobilized a call to action to get the **Accounting Standards Board** to reconsider proposed changes to principles which would be costly and time-intensive for nonprofits
- Secured access for all provincially funded organizations to the **Ontario Vendor of Record Program**

#### ONN'S VISION:

A Strong and Resilient Nonprofit Sector. Thriving Communities. A Dynamic Province.

#### ONN'S MISSION:

To engage, advocate, and lead with and for nonprofit and charitable organizations that work for the public benefit in Ontario.

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**This is an annual contribution and we hope Connectors will renew each year.**

Please note that Connector benefits do not include ONN membership. We welcome you to join: [theonn.ca/membership](https://theonn.ca/membership).

The Ontario Nonprofit Network is a registered not-for-profit organization. ONN is not a registered charity and therefore does not issue charitable tax receipts.