

Ontario celebrates nonprofits in annual week of appreciation

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Toronto, ON: Every day, nonprofits and their workers across the province provide vital care, support, programs, and services to Ontarians.

Since 2021, Ontario has celebrated [Nonprofit Appreciation Week](#), recognizing the nonprofit sector as a major contributor to innovation, job creation, and the economy.

Supporting millions of people every year, nonprofit workers are experts in delivering care-centred programs and services. Annually, Ontario's 58,000 nonprofits contribute \$65 billion to the economy, and employ almost 850,000 people.

Premier Doug Ford shares the impact nonprofits have across the province: "From youth sports and children's camps to shelters and senior organizations, nonprofits support us all at critical times in our lives. This week, and every week, I encourage the people of Ontario to recognize the importance of this vital sector and explore ways to contribute, helping them build a stronger province for all of us."

Ontario Nonprofit Network's (ONN's) latest [nonprofit sector survey](#) showed an 85 per cent increase in demand for services for nonprofits in 2025, while nonprofits contend with shorter times between crises, the uncertain economy, the rapid evolution of AI, polarization, and a required focus on ensuring ongoing stability for funding and fund development. The moment in time captured by the survey revealed a dichotomy: 30 per cent of nonprofits were hopeful, while 24 per cent were feeling stressed, tired, and/or fatigued.

Danielle Griffin, Interim Co-Executive Director at ONN, notes: "Through tough times, and good ones, nonprofits lead the way in providing care to our communities and working to create change for a better, greener, more equitable economy and inclusive society. Nonprofits are everywhere, staffed by hundreds and thousands of Ontarians. Many of us connect with nonprofits on a daily basis. Your neighbourhood coffee shop may be a nonprofit, or your running club, Indigenous Friendship Centre, or the local theatre. Times are difficult, and every day more people are turning to nonprofits for critical services and programs. So take a moment this week to thank nonprofits and their workers for doing this important work in our communities."

Throughout the week, Ontarians are encouraged to learn more about local nonprofits and celebrate all the organizations and workers enriching the quality of life of people across the province by promoting mental and physical health, social equity, education, the arts, sports and recreation, the environment, and much more.

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About [Ontario Nonprofit Network](#):

ONN is the independent nonprofit network for the 58,000 nonprofits and charities in Ontario, focused on policy, advocacy, and services to strengthen the sector as a key pillar of our society and economy. We work to create a public policy environment that allows nonprofits to thrive. We engage our network of diverse nonprofit organizations across Ontario to work together on issues affecting the sector and channel the voices of our network to government, funders, and other stakeholders.