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BRANTFORD STUDENTS WIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION

Submitted Media Release

Sixteen students from MYC Brantford / Corbett Tuttle Music Studios were recognized at the Music for Young Children International Composition Festival.

Congratulations to Bridget King "Rainbow Restaurant" and Lydia Schonewille "Beautiful Light" for taking 1st place and Leah Doel "Summertime" for placing 2nd Internationally in their respective levels!

Ranging in age from 4 to 10, over 2628 students from all levels, and multiple countries had the opportunity to create music and compose their own songs!

Studio owner, MYC Teacher, piano teacher and composer, Heather Corbett Tuttle is quick to bring all of the credit back to her students. "I am proud of all of my students and humbled to be included in a part of their musical journey."

Congratulations also goes out to the MYC Brantford students who also placed at the regional level competing against other students from Eastern Canada (ON, QU, NB, NS, PEI, NFL): Bridget King 1st, Lydia Schonewille 1st, Leah Doel 1st, Levi Memmott 2nd, Dylan Chittenden 3rd, Jhalal Jones 2nd, Aeris Leonor 3rd, Honourable mentions went to Délima Fortin, Harrison Bates, Oliver Memmott, Lincoln Louw, Willem Heikoop, Helen Ayimadu, Jediah Oduyungbo, Leanne Heikoop, and Cedar Fox.

If you would like more information about how these young composers were inspired to write their songs or about Music for Young Children classes at MYC Brantford / Corbett Tuttle Music Studios please contact Heather at 519-771-1810 mycheatherct@gmail.com

Photos: left to right: Bridget King, Leah Doel, Lydia Schonewille



BELL HOMESTEAD NHS RECEIVES OPWA PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Submitted Media Release

The City of Brantford is pleased to share that the Bell Homestead National Historic Site was awarded the 2026 Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) Project of the Year Award in the Historical Restoration/Preservation category. The award was presented at the OPWA Awards Luncheon held Wednesday, May 13 in Mississauga. City of Brantford staff were recognized adding a historically accurate faux chimney to the Henderson House located on the Bell Homestead NHS property at 94 Tutela Heights Road.

"It has been an incredible privilege to accept the OPWA Project of the Year Award," said Robert Stanczyk, Curator at the Bell Homestead NHS. "A lot of

logistics and planning occurred over the past year to bring the Bell Homestead NHS's Henderson Home back to historical accuracy."

In 2025, the Bell Homestead NHS's past curator Brian Wood and City of Brantford's Project Management Specialist, Amanda Anderson, managed the construction and logistics to restore a section of the 19th-century appearance of Henderson House located on the property. The primary goal was to add a chimney that had been lost or removed at some point in the home's history. To ensure historical accuracy, the team researched archival photographs to identify the exact style, height, and placement of the original structure on the Henderson House roofline. In addition, to match the historical fabric of the region, the chimney was crafted using recycled Ontario-size buff bricks sourced from within the region. These local materials were used to create a custom faux chimney that serves as a lightweight, non-functional feature. This restoration mimics the original look while protecting the structural components of the roof.

By returning the Henderson House to its authentic historical profile, this restoration honours the significant legacy as Canada's first telephone office.

The OPWA Project of the Year Awards promotes excellence in Public Works management by recognizing the teamwork required to bring a difficult project to completion. To qualify for the award in the Historical Restoration/Preservation category, buildings or structures must be at least 75 years old and within this award, a specific section recognizes the restoration and preservation of historical sites. The Historical Restoration/Preservation category encompasses a wide range of preservation efforts, including projects that restore original architectural features or creatively adapt existing facilities for modern uses.



CITY OF BRANTFORD ISSUES ARTIST CALL FOR TRAFFIC CABINET WRAPS

Submitted Media Release

The City of Brantford is seeking five artists to create original artwork that will be used to wrap traffic cabinets across the community this summer.

This project builds on the City's existing traffic cabinet wrap program and aims to both deter graffiti and add vibrant, creative touches to public spaces. Expanding this initiative will help curb instances of graffiti on City-owned traffic cabinets while further beautifying the City and celebrating the talent of local artists.

The commissioned artists will be selected through an open, one-stage process. The selected artists will each receive \$1,000.00 (exclusive of HST) which includes all costs directly associated with the artwork including artist fees, design time, materials, and other professional services. This call is open to all artists in Ontario; however, preference may be given to regional artists from the City of Brantford, County of Brant, Six Nations of the Grand River, or Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation based on application numbers, artist skill, and ability to meet the call requirements. Art installation, which will be done by the City of Brantford, is scheduled for summer or fall 2026.

The deadline for submissions is Sun., June 7, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Questions may be directed to culture@brantford.ca until Friday, May 29, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. To learn more about the project, visit www.Brantford.ca/TrafficCabinets.



BRANT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES THE IMPACT OF THIS YEAR'S DONORS AND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Submitted Media Release

On Tuesday May 5, 2026, the Brant Community Foundation's 2026 funders and grant recipients came together to celebrate the impact of their efforts to improve lives and strengthen communities. Grants totaling \$1.5 million were awarded

to charities in Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Celebrating Community Changemakers was the theme of a reception held at the TF Warren Cainsville Community Centre that included inspiring messages from fundholders, donors, local charities, volunteers and community champions.

"I want to be clear about who the changemakers in the room actually are," said Paula Thomlison, BCF Board Member and Grants Committee Chair. "They are all of you!" She underscored how the Foundation's generous donors, hardworking charitable organizations, dedicated volunteers and staff collectively and collaboratively contribute to transformative change.

The Brant Community Foundation has been a major funder of local charitable organizations since 1997. In addition to this year's grant commitment, the Brant Community Foundation has previously awarded a total of \$10 million to vital programs and services. "Every dollar that flows through the Brant Community Foundation is a dollar that someone, somewhere, decided to entrust to the future of this community. That trust is sacred to us," Thomlison said.

Chair Jayne Carman described the ways in how the Foundation has grown in nearly 30 years, including the number of fundholders who "brought enthusiasm, compassion and a deep commitment to the causes and people you care about." They include Donald Wilkin who spoke about why he and his wife Jo-Anne Wilkin opted to support their beloved charities through the creation of three unique funds administered by the Brant Community Foundation.

The \$1.5 million awarded by the Foundation in 2025/26 benefited more than 90 local charities. Representatives of two of these essential organizations – Rita-Marie Hadley of Lansdowne Children's Centre and Heather Vanner of the Community Resource Service – described how the funds they received directly impacted their clients and the greater community.

Executive Director Anne Marie Peirce reiterated the ongoing commitment of the Brant Community Foundation to "show up" where needed: "From shelter and food security, to arts, culture, heritage, mental health, recreation, reconciliation, and the climate changes ahead — wherever this community hurts, and wherever it dreams, we will be there."

She also stressed the importance of listening to the changemakers, researching trends and priorities, and evolving to meet current needs. "The future impact of the Brant Community Foundation will be written by every changemaker in this room, and by the ones you will inspire to follow. "



GRAND ERIE IS LACING UP TO SUPPORT STUDENTS

Submitted Media Release

The Grand Erie District School Board is encouraging students, families, and community members to get active while supporting student success through its inaugural Strides for Students event on June 13 at Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School in Brantford.

"This event reflects our commitment to gathering together and creating a sense of belonging with the Grand Erie community," said Brian Doyle, Chair of the Board.

The Strides for Students event promotes physical activity and community involvement while raising support for programs that enhance student well-being, belonging, and achievement.

"This is the first event in what will become a strong tradition of giving back in Grand Erie, allowing us to direct community support to where it can make the most meaningful difference for students across the region." JoAnna Roberto, Director of Education.

Funds raised will be directed to programming and projects that increase access to experiential learning and field trip opportunities, and emergency needs, working to eliminate systemic barriers and expand equitable access.

"Participants in Strides for Students are encouraged to take part by walking, running, or moving in ways that promote healthy lifestyles, while contributing to initiatives that directly benefit students and schools," said Lisa Munro, Associate Director of Curriculum and Student Achievement.

SOLUTION

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