

## ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION 2009 GREAT GRANTS AWARDS

The 2009 Great Grants Awards showcase outstanding examples of Ontario Trillium Foundation grants that exemplify the Foundation's mission of building healthy and vibrant communities.

Introduced in 2002, Great Grants Awards celebrate remarkable organizations that use OTF funding to make a difference in their communities and across the province.

OTF strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector, through investments in community-based initiatives. OTF grants build support for good ideas, foster community connections and help groups work together to improve the quality of life for the people and communities they serve.

### Categories

Great Grants Awards recognize outstanding results in OTF's four funding sectors: Arts and Culture, Sports and Recreation, Environment and Human and Social Services.

Three other awards to be presented are:

- The Minister's Award - For the Province-Wide Program grant that demonstrates a significant impact across the province.
- The Chair's Award – Chosen by the Chair from all the Great Grant nominees
- The CEO's Award – Chosen from all the Great Grant nominees

### Eligibility

- Great Grants Awards finalists were selected from among 4,500 OTF grant recipients whose grants were approved between April 2005 and December 2008

### Selection of finalists and awards recipients

Finalists and awards recipients were selected by a committee comprised of OTF Board members and Grant Review Team Members, external community organization members and OTF staff.

### Selection criteria

Grants that:

- Enhance the quality of life in the community through improved services, programs or events
- Represent innovation, diversity, creative partnerships or collaboration, systems adaptability
- Demonstrate exceptional results
- Demonstrate potential for lasting impact after the grant is over
- Demonstrate one of OTF's granting priorities

### OTF's granting priorities

The Foundation places priority on supporting organizations that work in the following areas to help Ontarians achieve their potential:

- Enhanced success for students and learners
- Healthier and more physically active Ontarians
- Enhanced employment and economic potential for workers and their families
- More effective volunteers and more people engaged in their communities