

# 2018



## The Year In Review

A look back at some of the memorable moments of this year.

### Land Acknowledgement

As part of PHCHF's commitment to truth and reconciliation, we begin our meetings and events by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on this land.

## GROWING

### New & Improved Web Presence

PHCHF made great strides in 2018 refacing and improving our online presence with a completely redesigned website and updated tools to assist our members.

The [new site](#) is fresh, streamlined, interactive and welcoming to anyone seeking more information about co-operative housing in the Peel/Halton Region. If you haven't seen it yet, please enjoy!

The new site also features a brand new [explainer video](#) that talks about who we are at PHCHF and what we do as a local federation.

While we were at it, we rebooted the 4-part [Co-operative Living video series](#) for new applicants. It is now available for viewing on our website and YouTube channel.

The [Resources & Links](#) section of our site has also been updated and simplified, including a new version of our Co-op Netiquette Guide and other communications materials.



### Strengthening Our Team

In 2018, we successfully recruited a 30 years and younger director to be a part of the PHCHF governance.

We are very happy to welcome Davin Thornborrow to the team.



## WORKING

### Speaking up for Co-op Housing

In partnership with CHF Canada, PHCHF has participated in numerous co-op meetings, and/or tours for MP's & MPP's to raise awareness about the need for more affordable housing. PHCHF participated in Co-op Day at Queen's Park – meeting with several MPP's.



### At Your Service

The Federation has provided more than 30 outside chair persons /consultants and more than 20 portable workshops in 2018.



# WORKING

## Community Development

PHCHF was contacted by Habitat for Humanity Halton Mississauga to help them find a community to launch their Brush with Kindness Program. Alert...feel good story!

On November 2nd, in just one day Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga and Panasonic Canada teamed up to transform Springfield Co-op's Seniors building from the inside out through A Brush with Kindness (ABWK). More than 100 volunteers from Panasonic Canada rolled up their sleeves to participate in Canada's first A Brush with Kindness Event. ABWK is a home preservation program that provides painting and minor repair services for homeowners, co-ops and non-profits. For all the photos and video of the day, click on the link at the bottom of the [post](#).



Thanks to Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga and Panasonic Canada volunteers. Thanks to the Springfield Co-op Seniors for taking a leap of faith and welcoming Canada's first Brush with Kindness into your homes. @HabitatHM @PanasonicCanada

## Looking Ahead to 2019

For the remainder of this year and into the next, we are continuing to work on:

- developing tools and services to help co-ops with small business planning
- exploring new partnerships to provide education to staff and members
- continuing to work with the five Ontario Federations on improving our member services and best practices



# SHARING

## Education Day & GMM

In partnership with CHF Canada - Ontario Region, the Region of Peel and Halton Region the Federation hosted our 8th Annual Co-op Learning Day. The theme focused on "HR 101 – The Board's Role As An Employer" presented by HR Downloads and board governance – "Don't Get Sued – 10 Tips for Good Governance".



## Community Giving

The Federation donated to the following sector affiliates in 2018:

- Rooftops Canada
- CHF Canada Legal Fund
- Ontario Co-operative Association (Co-operative Young Leaders Camp)

The Federation sponsored the following bursaries and scholarships:

- Co-operative Young Leaders Camp recipient was Una Isherwood, Tecumseh Co-op and Mathew Dumas, Frank G. McLoughlin Co-op. Both recipients completed all three years of camp.
- 2018 Diversity Scholarship recipients are Jovante Owen and Jaden Owen, Frank G. McLoughlin Co-op and Aiman Khan, Britannia Glen.
- CYL Quote – After learning more about co-ops at CYL, I know I want to get more involved in the co-operative sector... *CYL Participant, Una I.*

# CELEBRATING

## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> CHF Canada

The five Ontario Federations celebrated with CHF Canada for their 50th Anniversary in June.



## Diversity Scholarship

Congratulations again to our 2018 Diversity Scholarship recipients! The [2019 application](#) can now be filled out on-line. Deadline for applications is March 20, 2019. Approximately \$70,000 in scholarship money has been awarded for the PHCHF Diversity Scholarship recipients to date.



## Century of Co-operation

We celebrated 30 recipients for 2018 at our Co-op Learning Day.



## Our Thanks!

To our chairpersons, workshop facilitators, consultants, mediators and mentors, thank you for sharing your knowledge, skill and expertise.

- Tania Amaral
- Sonia Byrne
- Kathy Long
- Dave McFarlane
- Jo-Anne McNamara
- Jackie O'Hearn
- Scott Stager Piatkowski
- Alan Pickersgill
- John Wilkinson
- Anjala Kulasagram
- Sharon Bunce

*Thank You!*

*Happy Holidays*  
from



## Holiday Hours

The federation office will be closed from December 21, 2018 to January 4, 2019 inclusive. We thank you for your continued loyalty and support.

We wish you and your families all the best of the Holiday Season. *See you in 2019!*