



NEWS RELEASE

ENERSOURCE AND ERINOAKKIDS PARTNER TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION

May 30, 2016 – (MISSISSAUGA, ON) – Through the Enersource Spirit of Giving Program, the local electricity utility is helping to introduce the arts to children with physical and/or developmental challenges.

By donating \$20,000 to ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment and Development, Enersource is supporting programs for children with disabilities and special needs that include interactive instruction in theatre, dance, music and visual arts. The donation was presented at this year's annual drama production, *The Hopeful Hearts* performed by the ErinoakKids Theatre Arts group and ErinoakKids Players.

The Hopeful Hearts is a lively DramaWay stage production about overcoming obstacles with a positive spirit, and the value of true friendship. The production is one of many activities within ErinoakKids' arts and participation programs. These programs are designed to reinforce safety concepts, develop social skills, improve communication and increase self-esteem for children and youth with differing abilities.

For more information, please visit www.erinoakkids.ca.

Quotes

"There are many exceptional young people who benefit from the ErinoakKids programs," said Enersource President and CEO Peter Gregg. "By supporting organizations like ErinoakKids, we are helping to build a stronger social foundation throughout the community."

"Arts and participation programming allow children and youth with disabilities the opportunity to learn and master new skills, build confidence in themselves, and acquire important life and social skills," said ErinoakKids President and CEO Bridget Fewtrell. "We are grateful to organizations like Enersource, whose commitment to funding programs like this, are helping children and youth with special needs stretch beyond their limits to reach new goals and milestones."

About Enersource

The Spirit of Giving program reflects Enersource's commitment to the local community. Enersource is one of Ontario's most reliable energy providers, serving over 200,000 residential and commercial customers across Mississauga. It is a diversified energy and technologies company that serves customers through the distribution of electricity and the delivery of services related to the design, operation and maintenance of electrical systems.

About ErinoakKids

ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment and Development is Ontario's largest children's treatment centre, serving more than 15,000 children and youth annually who have physical and developmental disabilities, autism, communication disorders, blindness/low vision and hearing loss. Our mission is to help our clients achieve optimal levels of independence, learning, health and well-being. Serving Halton, Peel, Dufferin — and, for some services, Waterloo and Wellington — ErinoakKids has approximately 600 staff and 11 sites from which we provide a comprehensive array of assessment, medical, therapy and support services that help children and their families. For more information about ErinoakKids please visit www.ErinoakKids.ca.

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