



# 2026 ANNUAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT



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# COMPANY OVERVIEW

## Vision

To be a charity in good standing and leader in the development of individual health and community wellness through Truly Inclusive access to fundamental life experiences.

## Mission

Community Connect is a registered charity that promotes individual health and community wellness by providing barrier-free access to programs in athletics, competition, and other community events. In collaboration with our members, their caregivers, and other organizations, we create resilient communities interconnected by genuine relationships rooted in shared interests.



## President Message

In the last year, Community Connect has grown beyond all of our expectations. Thanks to the tireless work of Morgan Cooper and her leadership team, and to the astonishingly generous support of all of our volunteers, donors, sponsors, and both community and corporate partners, we are proud to present this year's Impact Report. It is important to us that Community Connect remains both transparent in its operations and accountable to the communities, families, and individuals who take part in our programs and events. Therefore, this Impact Report is not only a celebration of our accomplishments - all of which are only made possible in community - but a doorway to an ongoing dialogue about the needs of our communities and their most vulnerable members, and how we can continue to work together to meet those needs.

Gratefully yours in True Inclusion,  
Tricia George

# PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

## 2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Port Colborne joined International World Singing Day
- First inclusive baseball team in over 15 years
- Port Colborne hosts 1000 Ball Challenge
- True Inclusion in action
  - LETR Badges on the Border
  - Clover Cup Golf Series
- Community Report & Monthly Program Calendar launch



**606**  
Enrollments  
(registrants & guests)



**27**  
Programs/Events



**306**  
Direct Hours  
of Service



**111**  
Registered  
Participants



**16**  
Registered  
Volunteers



**10**  
Communities  
Connected

“Raising a child with disabilities means nurturing a belief in their limitless potential, even as they grow into a world that too often tries to define their limits. But when others get to know him, they see what he has to offer, opening doors to volunteer and apprenticeship opportunities.”

Julie & Ron  
Myles' Parents



# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Community Connect and the True Inclusion Model allow us to say ‘yes’. Yes, I can. Yes, you can. Of course, we can.

I believe our world is searching for glimpses of purpose, hope, peace, logic, security, affection, and calm. But we cannot find it. It is not on social media or in the news. It cannot be found by posting a selfie or doomscrolling through video clips directed at you by your algorithm.

What we are searching for is primal. It cannot be found on a screen; it can only be found with people.

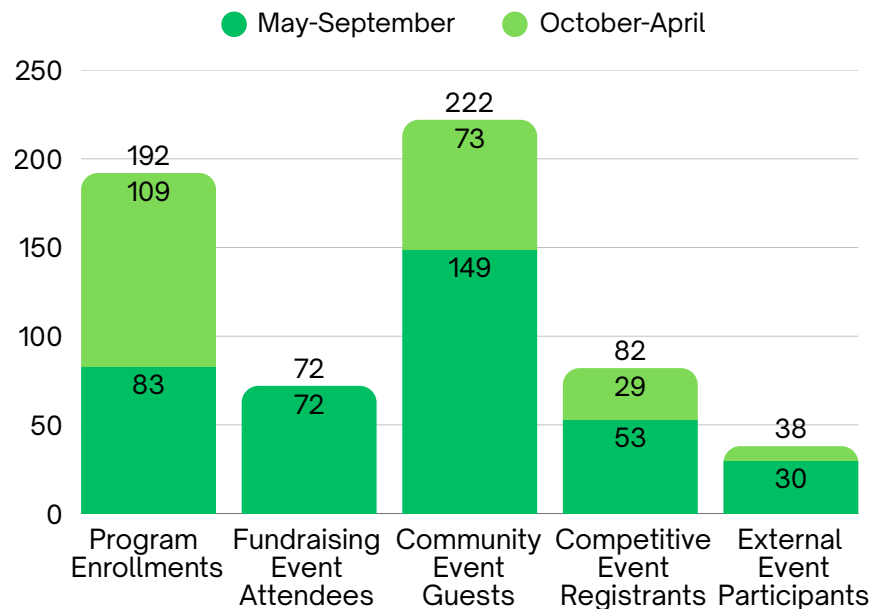
When we say ‘yes,’ we create a space where everyone is welcome and represented. There is no ‘you’ or ‘us;’ we are all just people immersed in an activity we enjoy.

When we lead with ‘yes,’ we become united in likeness and our differences fade away.

This is True Inclusion, and it is where magic happens.

Morgan Cooper  
Founder & Executive  
Director

## 606 Enrollment Opportunities



“Morgan, can I try golf? I’m not sure if I’ll like it, I’ve never had the chance to try.”

Senior Participant  
January 2026



# WE ARE GROWING

With funder support, we have strengthened our team to meet community needs.



**Morgan Cooper**

*Program Coordination*

Morgan was drawn to service at a young age. She finds joy in her roles as a mother, wife, and advocate. With a background in kinesiology, education, and business, Morgan brings a diverse skill set to Community Connect. As Program Coordinator, she is eager to continue providing barrier-free access to high-quality community programs to residents of the Niagara Region.



**Kristen Levac**

*Event Coordination*

Kristen is a mother of two, raised in the Niagara Region. She is excited to use her combined background in hospitality and skills as a certified interior decorator to bring a creative and thoughtful approach to community-focused experiences.



**Jen Culp**

*Social Media & Promotions*

Jen is a certified Peer Support Worker who loves helping people and animals. She enjoys travel, writing music and other creative outlets. Jen is excited to collaborate with the caring, dedicated team at Community Connect and to contribute to a culture where everyone feels valued and respected.



# FUTURE OUTLOOK

"When no one is turned away, and no one is required to justify why they want to play, our community is strengthened through its diversity"

-Community Connect Leadership



## 2026-2027 Community Impact Targets

Enrollments

700

Programs/Events

27

Locations

Port Colborne  
Fort Erie



1366

Cumulative Enrollment  
Target 2024-April 2027

## Expansion

Transportation is a major barrier to healthy living for Niagara South residents. To improve equitable access to community programs, Community Connect aims to offer Truly Inclusive opportunities along Niagara's South Coast by 2029.

**2026** Community Connect  
Fort Erie

**2027** Community Connect  
Crystal Beach

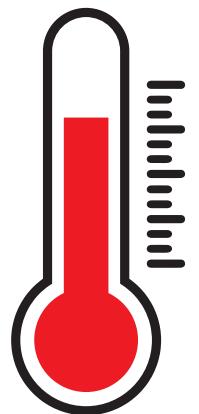
**2028** Community Connect  
Wainfleet

## 2026-2027 Funding Target

\$50 000

Program Support  
Volunteer Appreciation  
Organizational Growth

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# THANK YOU

Without government funding we rely on the generous contributions of donors, sponsors, successful fundraising events, and in-kind contributions to deliver Truly Inclusive community programs.

Your support breaks barriers and help to ensure no one is left on the sidelines.

## Community Partners



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## Unsung Supporters

Dr. Brian Van Arem  
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