

## Union Donates \$12,478 Through the UPSE Has a Heart Campaign

Over the past forty years, UPSE members have donated more than a quarter of a million dollars to non-profit community organizations in PEI through the UPSE social fund. The social fund was adopted at the 1984 Annual Convention to demonstrate the Union's caring and active involvement with its members and the community. In 2001, the Union decided that the annual donations made through the social fund would be called the **UPSE Has a Heart** campaign. This year, the Union donated \$12,478 through the campaign.

Karen Jackson, President of UPSE, said "The **UPSE Has a Heart** campaign is dedicated to supporting community organizations that make a significant impact for Islanders - organizations like the Air Cadets, Santa's Angels, Kits of Kindness, Joy Riders Therapeutic Riding Association, and the PEI Special Olympics, to name a few."

Jackson expressed gratitude to UPSE members for their contributions to the campaign, explaining that a small portion of their union dues goes directly towards these charitable efforts, enabling the Union to give back to communities throughout the province. She remarked, "Unions play a vital role in helping others and strengthening our communities."

UPSE supported fifteen organizations in this year's campaign with donations ranging from \$250 to \$1,500. "These organizations engage in remarkable work, often driven by volunteers who include our members. UPSE is proud to assist these outstanding groups that provide essential support to Islanders," Jackson added.

### 2025 Recipients:

Santa's Angels	\$500
Lennon Recovery House	\$1,000
The Trustees of the Legislative and Public Library	\$628
Joyriders Therapeutic Riding Association	\$550
Meals on Wheels PEI	\$1,000
Southern Kings Air Cadets	\$750
Camp Abegweit	\$1,000
PEI Special Olympics	\$1,000
The Nice Boys	\$500
Silver Threads Seniors Club	\$250
Air Cadet League of Canada PEI Committee	\$1,000
Kits of Kindness	\$1,500
St. Peter's Circle Club	\$500
The lady Auxiliary CNIB	\$1,300
St Peter's Bay and Area Community Cupboard	\$1,000

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