

## 2015 Port Hope Civic Awards Recipient List

### Outstanding Citizen

#### Outstanding Citizen: Marielle Lambert

This year's Outstanding Citizen is an ambassador who continually promotes Port Hope within the community and beyond. She is an example of leadership, excellence, and dedication, and regularly encourages everyone to support as many groups and organizations in the community as they can.

As a 4 year volunteer at the Port Hope Archives, including two years as Chair, and now currently serving as Past Chair, she has always been a forward thinker, and under her capable guidance, and design background, the Archives reading room took on a new look which is more functional, and welcoming.

She began volunteering at The Canadian Fire Fighters Museum over five years ago where she is the current chair, and juggles several portfolios as secretary, and sits on the executive committee. She has been described as invaluable in her ability to attract, train, and manage volunteers, and done very well at identifying and recruiting potential board members.

This year's citizen of the year has volunteered for many years at Beyond the Blue Box. She designed the Boutique renovation in 2008, and helped the organization qualify for a Trillium Foundation Grant. She has been a steadfast volunteer in the Christmas Store, where she sorts, prices, arranges, and helps with all other aspects. She also helped at the Art Auction this past November, working hard to make this first event a huge success.

She was a valued committee member for Estival, serving as Co-Chair for two years, and has also served two years in Port Hope as Volunteer Coordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society, Walk for a Cure.

She has worked with the Architectural Conservancy Ontario, Port Hope Branch, for the last six years, currently sitting as a member of the house Tour committee, in charge of sponsorship, and opened her own home to the public as a part of the 2012 House Tour.

She is also being recognized tonight as the originator and driving force behind the Blooms Grove Street Sale, which raises funds to various worthy causes.

Congratulations to **Marielle Lambert**

### Outstanding Youth

#### Outstanding Youth: Mercedes Cahill

This year's Outstanding Youth is a natural leader with a passionate commitment to her community as demonstrated by her involvement in school activities, as well as numerous other ones outside of school. She is a French immersion student who has maintained her position on the honour roll throughout her academic career, and she gives back to the program by volunteering as a classroom assistant two afternoons a week at Ganaraska Trail Public School, helping students with their French skills.

She is currently a member of the Port Hope High School Student government as the Arts Representative.

This year's outstanding youth is a competitive dancer who volunteers as an assistant at her dance school in the classroom. Interested in the physical, emotional and social benefits of dance, she took the initiative to start the Port Hope High School's first competitive dance team. The team meets twice a week, and she oversees the administration of participating in dance competitions, acts as Dance Captain and Choreographer, all with minimal teacher involvement. As a result of her tireless efforts, students are learning new skills, developing teamwork, participating more in the school community, and experiencing the benefits of dance, while raising awareness of the arts in the school.

In preparation for attending York University in the fall to complete a BFA in Dance, she is completing a full course load, works at Jennifer's Jazz it up, and a staff member at the Town Park Recreation Center.

Congratulations to **Sadie Cahill**.

### **Environment Award**

The Environment Award is presented to someone who has raised awareness for environmental issues, provided benefit to the environment in increased conservation, or is a leader using environmentally sound practices.

This year's recipient is **Dr. Stan Blecher**. In 2008, when an application to build an incinerator in Port Hope was proposed, he chose to act, fighting against the application because of his in-depth understanding of the potential environmental and health concerns for the people of Port Hope and the surrounding area.

He put in countless hours of work, and appeared before all seven of the municipal councils in Northumberland County, as well at the county itself, giving presentations, or serving as an expert witness for the council of Canadians. His successful fight has ensured that area residents will not be exposed to the health risks and environmental downfall associated with the incinerator, and has ensured the safety of the residents for Port Hope for future generations.

### **Inspiration Award**

The Inspiration Award is presented to an individual who inspires those around them to serve more, to think bigger, who encourages action, or let those around them believe in themselves.

**Debbie Beattie** since moving to Port Hope has dove head first into becoming a valuable and uniting member of the community. Her dreams of a culturally rich, engaging community have inspired people to dedicate more of their own time to the town, benefiting everyone who lives here. She spearheaded the Ganaraska Trail playground build by facilitating a TV show to come to Port Hope and feature several local children, giving them a unique and unforgettable experience, and showing them what can be possible when you work together. She was a driving force behind the fairy doors that can still be seen at some of the local downtown businesses, much to the delight of children and adults alike. Debbie spent countless hours putting together Slidestreet, an event by Critical Mass. Her goal was to give the citizens of Port Hope a fun, unique, and free experience that everyone could take part of. Debbie comes up with ideas that are bigger than big, and shows us how to turn them into reality. She is the very definition of inspiration!

### **Agriculture Award**

The Agriculture award is presented to an individual who has had considerable impact or leadership in sustainable agriculture, represented Port Hope in an agricultural competition, or has promoted agricultural awareness in the Municipality of Port Hope.

**Jamie Ferguson** is a diverse, agriculturally sustainable farmer, maintaining a large field crop, tapping trees and making his own maple syrup, and market gardening, providing locally grown vegetables to residents of Port Hope. For the past two years, he has volunteered his time to participate at the local farm fest, where consumers can learn about the diversity of agriculture, and food production. He also participates in the Ganaraska Forest Centre's Maple Fest.

Jamie is a community minded farmer who takes the time to sponsor different exhibits competitions at the Port Hope and District Agricultural Society. He enters his own produce in the farm and field crop competitions, over the years where he has received many 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons.

Jamie, we appreciate your Agricultural leadership within our community.

## **Philanthropy Award**

The Philanthropy award is given to an individual or group who provide a leadership role in fundraising, encourages others in philanthropy, or benefits the residents of Northumberland County through donations.

The members of **Storm the Palace**, a local band, is made up of **Christian McFadden, Tim Fleming, and Adam Weatherup**. Together they work to continuously use their artistic talents to give back to the community. In 2015, the band contributed their time and talent to a number of fundraising efforts, including, the TCS's Charity Staff Concert, a charitable golf tournament to benefit 5 Counties Children's Centre, a benefit for Goodwood Coalition, an evening of entertainment to support YMCA Strong Kids, a benefit for Slidestreet, an event by Critical Mass, a performance to support the Humane Society's Bow Wow Ball, and held a contest at their Halloween concert to raise fund for Northumberland County's Giving Tree Program. The funds that this band has raised over the past year for these numerous charities and non-profits has been outstanding.

## **Mayor's Commendation**

**Mike and Arlene Pettipas**, are receiving a special commendation this evening for saving the life of a Grace Goheen, their neighbour and friend who had fallen and broken her hip while walking her dog, Skylar, through a secluded wooded valley. Badly injured, and unable to get help herself, she let her dog loose, hoping that someone would find the dog, and perhaps her.

Mike Pettipas found Skylar, and sensed that something was off. He followed the animal through a kilometre of tall grass where he found his neighbour, soaking wet, shaking uncontrollably, and suffering from a broken hip after the devastating fall. He and his wife immediately went into action caring for Grace, and bringing help. Grace is quoted as saying, "Mike's...good heart saved my life," and he and his wife, "Worked together as a fantastic team to bring help for me...I can't find words to say how grateful I am." Thank you Mike Pettipas and Arlene for your service.

## **Community Service**

### **Mary Jane Broughton**

### **Community Service**

Mary Jane Broughton is an integral part of the Port Hope Archives Organization, working to diligently to preserve our history. For the past seven years, she has volunteered weekly, helping to process donations, researching, and creating data basis for 19<sup>th</sup> century school registers. In addition, she has transcribed oral history videos, worked on the reference desk, and helped with fundraising.

**Bud Lynch****Community Service**

For over 40 years, Bud Lynch has been an active member of the Port Hope Rotary Club, a member of The Burton and Helen Philp trust committee, as well as local fundraising committees, and a board member of a committee that provides bursaries to local students who require financial assistance in pursuing post secondary education. In addition, he has been involved in both Provincial and Federal election campaigns.

**Brodick Ewing****Community Service**

Brodick Ewing, who will be turning 8 tomorrow, has already been serving Port Hope for several years. Yearly, during the Canada Day festivities, he helps with the games and activities put on by the Rotary Club of Port Hope. During the summer movie nights in the park, you can find him helping with games and handing out popcorn to the movie watchers. Brodick has been a Rotarian in Training since he was two, and has been a willing and patient helper while attending meetings for several of the committees that his Mom participates in.

**Derek Hill****Community Service**

Derek Hill has been a member of Northumberland's St John's Medical First Responder Unit since July of 2014. He has attended many community service event throughout Northumberland County including, the Port Hope Fair, and the Remembrance Day Service, to name a few. He is also being recognized for his recruitment efforts.

**Ken Martindale****Community Service**

Ken Martindale is an active member of Northumberland's St John's Ambulance Medical First Responder Unit, attending many events such as the Float your Fanny event, Slidestreet, and several other events. He was also a key player to assist St. John's raise funds to help bring in new equipment, and restock medical supplies.

**York Bell-Smith****Community Service**

York Bell-Smith is described as an exceptional community ambassador with his unwavering support of community events. He dedicates countless hours to participating in, promoting, and supporting charitable and non-profit organizations alike, and can be seen volunteering his emcee talents at many events such as Slidestreet, always adding a layer of professionalism.

**Bree Nixon****Community Service**

Bree Nixon is a positive force in this community supporting numerous community events and causes. In the summer of 2015, she helped to coordinate and support various events through Rotary, and volunteered throughout the day of Slidestreet. Her dedication, attention to detail and positive attitude were a tremendous asset to all the causes she supports.

**Stella Pitcher****Community Service**

Stella Pitcher can be seen volunteering regularly throughout the community. Her dedication to Port Hope is apparent as she spends several hours a week at a Charity thrift shop, volunteers at the Port Hope food bank, the blood donor clinics, and the capitol theatre.

**Paul Laing and Bob Cranley****Community Service**

Paul Laing and Bob Cranley are past members of the Civic Awards committee. Both of these men were valuable active members, serving for several years each. They contributed to the creations of the

new bylaws, guidelines and structure that we still use today. Paul Laing is a past committee chair, and tonight we would like to recognize their many years of service.

**Margaret Kosmala**

**Community Service**

Margaret Kosmala has been part of the Port Hope Figure skating club for over 16 years, holding numerous positions including Skater development chair, Canskate Chair, and Test Chair. You can find her at the rink 2-3 days a week, insuring that the young skaters enjoy their time on the ice.

**Blake Holton**

**Community Service**

Blake Holton spearheaded a project liaising with the St John's Anglican Church, and the Rotary Club to bring needed winter clothes to Nunavut. He also worked with the Friends of Wesleyville Village. His Christmastime carolling event raised hundreds of dollars for the organization, pivotal in helping them with continued projects.

**Felicity Corelli**

**Community Service**

Felicity Corelli has volunteered at the Port Hope Jazz Festival, the Fall Fair, and the Municipal Advisory Committee on accessibility. Currently she's involved in the Northumberland Syrian Lifeline Woman Refugee Sponsorship Project. She has also been active for many years in the ACO auction, and the Home and Garden Tour.

**Dorothy and Harold Hosking**

**Community Service**

Dorothy and Harold Hosking are active volunteers within the community. For several years, their valued efforts have been put towards Coats for Kids, helping with pool therapy, the Capitol theatre, and the Salvation Army Food Boxes.

**Bryan Sherry (Posthumous Award)**

**Community Service**

We would like to posthumous recognize Bryan Sherry for the tremendous work and effort that he put into this community over many years. Bryan was a lifelong member for St Paul's Presbyterian Church, spending much of his time serving in many capacities, and was active member on the Board of Stewards.

Bryan's wife Joan Sherry, and their two daughters, Kim and Patricia received the award.

**Kevin Cotter**

**Community Service**

Kevin Cotter volunteers his time throughout the community. He is a regular volunteer driver with community care, a math tutor at the Port Hope Public Library, and he is an active member at the Port Hope United Church. Kevin also volunteers at the Tower of Port Hope Retirement Residence, and volunteers with the Victoria Operetta Society.

**Avril Ewing**

**Community Service**

Avril Ewing is a dedicated volunteer, volunteering for the town in many capacities. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Port Hope, she organizes the games, prizes, and popcorn for the Movies in the Park program, hosted by the Municipality 3 times every summer. We would also like to recognize her work organizing and running the Kids Carnival Games on Canada Day on behalf of the Rotary Club of Port Hope.

**David Goodfellow**

**Community Service**

David Goodfellow is an active volunteer in the community, and can be seen taking pictures at all the major community events, giving event organizers full access to use his photos for future promotion and to capture the spirit of the events. In 2015 he volunteered to shoot, sometimes 12 hour days, at

Slidestreet, Cultivate, Float your Fanny, the Fall Fair, the Jazz Festival, and the Santa Claus Parade, to name a few.

**Michelle Small**

**Community Service**

Michelle Small is an enthusiastic member of the Port Hope community. She is a dedicated big sister at Trinity College School, where she has taken on a leadership role. She is an active volunteer, helping in Athletic therapy, physical education, Guidance, and scoring basketball and hockey games. Michelle was also part of Halloween for Hunger collecting food for Northumberland fare Share.

**Luke Churchill**

**Community Service**

Luke Churchill is a dedicated community member and spent his summer vacation working alongside Michel Bourque on the downtown revitalization project. He is also an avid member of Trinity College School's Chapel Choir and a committed member of the school's Masteykey team touring potential students and parents around the campus.

**Robert Wheatley**

**Community Service**

Robert Wheatly is a volunteer at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church's Souper Thursdays, and is a valuable member of the team. He also helps with food fundraisers for the United Church, and helps with the Greenwood Coalition Suppers. He furthers his contributions to the community by helping to cook food for the food bank, and fundraising dinners for the Rotary Club and the Legion.

**Brodick Ewing and Rod Ewing**

**Community service**

Brodick and his Father Rod have been an exceptional example of what it means to volunteer. Not only did both of them volunteer for multiple shifts during the Slidestreet event, but much to the delight of the Slidestreet organizers, they took it upon themselves to do additional promotion by entering an prize winning sand sculpture of the slide at the Cobourg Sandcastle Festival.

**Capitol Theatre Volunteers**

**Community Service**

We would like to recognize the Capitol Theatre volunteers, who make many of the programs possible here at the theatre. The volunteers are vital to keeping this cultural asset to Port Hope alive and well. These dedicated recipients have five or more years of service.

Joanne Stewart – 5years

Linda Goldie – 5 years

Sharron Ware – 5 years

Beatrice Patterson – 5 years

Blake Harris – 5 years

Graeme Patterson - 5 years

Pauline Harris – 5 years

D. Lacey Ingram – 5 years

Cassie Lamont – 5 years

Felicitas Hansen – 6 years

Lynne Echevarria – 5 years

Shirley Dobie – 13 years

Carol Branigan – 5 years

Bert MacMillan – 15 years

Janis McCaig – 5 years

**St John's Ambulance Therapy Dog Northumberland Unit**

**Community Service**

These members, both human and canine, volunteered a total of 925 hours in 2015, greeting the public at many community events across Northumberland, including the Port Hope Fall Fair, the

Santa Claus parade, and also made special visits to several of the local schools. Together they also help in fundraising, therapy dog evaluations, and mentoring new team members. The kindness and community spirit of these volunteers' touch everyone they meet.

Lynda Biffin and her Labradoodle, Elliot

Jennifer Brady and her Pudelpointer Gideon

June Byk and Walter Byk with their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Lucie

Marybeth Convery and her blind Border Collie, Duncan

Catherine Hazell and her blind Jack Russell Terrier, Tucker

Brian Llewellyn and Joan Llewellyn, with their Golden Retriever, Emma

Pamela Russell with her Golden Retriever, Ben

Robert Robertson, with his Coton de Tulear, Franky

Christine Spence, with her Greyhound, Claire

Joan Stalker with her two Golden Retrievers, Woody and Sophie

### **Float your Fanny Down the Ganny Committee**

This dedicated committee has been working together to bring this event to life in Port Hope for the past 5 years. Planning this annual festival is a year round endeavour, requiring countless hours to make it a success. The committee is imaginative, hardworking, and brings new and interesting enhancements to the event every year, making a valuable contribution to the personality and prosperity of our community. They pulled off another excellent event just last weekend! The committee members are: Barry Adamson, Barriliegh Price, Richard Price, Todd Ames, Jeff Lees, Jenny Gilmer and Brenda Adamson

### **Athletics**

The Athletics award is given to athletes who have placed at a national or provincial championship, qualified for national funding, or chosen to represent Ontario or Canada in a competition. These are incredible athletes, and we are pleased to honor them here tonight.

#### **Kallaway Mercer**

#### **Athletics**

Kallaway Mercer was honoured with an invitation to represent Team Canada in the Desert Cup in July In Las Vegas, where his team won silver in the finals. He was honored with winning player of the game during the first game, and at the end of the week, he was awarded Player of the Tournament. Kallaway competed at the Montreal Meltdown in the summer, where his team won the championship, and he was also asked to play in Boston here he was named Forward of the Tournament.

#### **Charlotte MacNeil**

#### **Athletics**

Charlotte MacNeil had been a provincial Gymnast for several years. In 2015 she received a silver metal for her beam routine, scoring a 9.8 out of a possible 10 at the Ontario Provincial Gymnastics Championships.

**Andrea Elliot****Athletics**

Andrea Elliot achieved tremendous cycling success in 2015, extending her provincial high standing to place in high standing in the world and international amateur cycling levels. She competed in the amateur world cycling championships qualifying event, finishing second in both the time trial and the road race. For this she won a spot in the international cycling competition in Denmark, representing Canada on an international cycling level.

**Hannah Genich****Athletics**

Last year, Hannah Genich swam with Team Ontario at The Ontario Junior International, held in Toronto, and swam at the Pan Am trials making the finals. She also represented Canada at the Summer Nationals.

**Charlotte Grimshaw****Athletics**

Charlotte Gimshaw is the 2015 Canadian Novice Juvenile 2-Baton Champion for the second year in a row. She also won silver in the Beginner Canadian Overall Championship. Last year she participated in the International Baton Twirling Competition in Walt Disney World, and won 6 individual awards.

**Port Hope Panthers****Athletics**

The Port Hope Panthers were Empire B – Junior C Regular Season Champions, Empire B – Junior C Playoff Champions, finished second overall as Schmaltz Cup Finalists. This team has brought great pride to the Municipality of Port Hope. The team members are: Josh Cameron, Connor Turland, Cameron Lowery, Hunter Baker, Matthew Hunt, Cameron McGill, Jacob Spicer, Liam Rowe, Dylan Baxter, Rory Milne, Chays Ruddy, Tyler Davey, Dan Lagrois, Chandler Gillespie, Nathan Snoek, Braeden Kublick, Brandon Baks, Kallen McFarland, Dalton Lawrence, Mike Smith, Shawn Mackie, Devan Tremblay, Alec Brown, and Branson Schell. Their coaches are Mat Goody, John Foley, Mark Sokay, Ian Green, Tim Whitehead, Caitlyn McCuaig, Graeme Whitehead.

**Arts and Culture Awards**

The Arts and Culture Award is given to recognize individuals or groups for high achievement in the Arts, or promote arts and culture within the Municipality of Port Hope. Hollywood star and arts promoter Lucy Liu said, "Art can transform lives. It gives us the power to question, to confront, to explore, and to challenge how we think about the world."

**John McGuirk****Arts and Culture**

John McGuirk has served as the Artistic Director for the Port Hope All Canadian Jazz Festival for the past 12 years, attracting large audiences, and bringing some of the finest Jazz Musicians in the country to Port Hope. John's contributions have helped to make this festival a favourite stop for many musicians. The festival also features at the Young Jazz Showcase, a program bringing young musicians from across the country to perform at the Festival.

**Victor Svenningson****Arts and Culture**

Victor Svenningson has passionately volunteered for 14 years as the Sound and Production Manager at the Port Hope All Canadian Jazz Festival. He donates his professional time to the festival, working tirelessly to set up systems, and adjusting them for each musician. Victor also

coordinates a number of volunteers to assist him, making sure the Festival goes on with no hitches in the quality of the sound.

**Lou Pamenter**

**Arts and Culture**

Lou Pamenter has worked quietly and diligently for the past 14 years fulfilling the role of Director, Chair and Past Chair for the Port Hope All Canadian Jazz Festival. She is an amazing woman who feels passionate about this festival, and is a huge source of information, always seeming to be in the right place at the right time. She also volunteers with the ACO Port Hope, helping with the house tours, and the Antiques and Artefact Auction, as well as other events, and has served as the Garden tour chair.

**Anna Gray**

**Arts and Culture**

Anna Gray has been the Chair of the ACO House Tour Committee for the past three years. She has worked hard to make this annual event a success with sold out audiences, which raises funds to be put towards the restoration of heritage buildings. This year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the House tours.

**Margaret (Peggy) Bennett**

**Arts and Culture**

Peggy Bennett has served a Director and Membership Secretary for the Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario, working tirelessly to ensure the accuracy of the membership records and tax receipts, brought in new members, and helped out with the annual house tour. In addition, Peggy has volunteered at many special events at the Canadian Fire Fighters Museum, and hosts a successful annual fundraiser in her home. After the passing of her husband, Peggy created the John Bennett Memorial Acquisition fund at the Port Hope Archives that helps to ensure they will have the funds to acquire antiquities specific to Port Hope.

**Jack Jodrell**

**Arts and Culture**

Jack has been involved with the Canadian Firefighters Museum for many years, spending hours diligently working away at improving the museum space by building new displays, plugging holes in the building, spending time with visitors, helping kids with the interactive displays, and fundraising. He is particularly commended for restoring a fire tower and donated it to the museum, which now plays a part in the telling the story of all aspects of fire fighting in Canada.

**Hsiu Liao and Mark Vining**

**Arts and Culture**

Hsiu Liao, the music teacher at Dr. M.S. Hawkins Senior Public School, and Mark Vining, the music teacher at Port Hope High School, both provide exceptional after School hour programming. Together, for the past two years, they have developed a collaboration between the two schools resulting in an orchestra, teaching students to go beyond the regular curriculum, to work together, gain confidence as musicians, and improve their musical abilities.

**Joan Tooke**

**Arts and Culture**

Joan was an early participant in the Antiques and Artefacts Auction held as a fundraiser for the Port Hope ACO, and has taken a leadership position. She works hard throughout the year to organize, find items, produce programs, coordinate volunteers, and countless other things to make the event a success.

**Blake Holton**

**Arts and Culture**

Blake Holton graciously puts on the Thursday evening musical entertainment at the Memorial Park Band shell throughout the summer. He is responsible for all the fundraising, booking, and set up of the site, and provides Port Hope with quality entertainment, free for everyone to enjoy.

**Phil Goldsmith****Arts and Culture**

Phil Goldsmith is the current President of the Port Hope chapter of the ACO, and volunteers countless hours, as he uses his expertise to guide local arts, heritage, and cultural organizations and boards, such as The Pier Group, the Waterfront Planning Committee, and Critical Mass: A Centre for Contemporary Art. Phil's contributions in Port Hope is laying a foundation for future generations to preserve and appreciate our community assets, which helps ground our community, and gives us a sense of place. He has been quoted as saying, "Art and Culture make life worth living. Life without art and culture is just existence".

**Luke Despatie****Arts and Culture**

Luke Despatie, in an effort to support local charitable and non-profit organizations in his community, has quietly designed countless promotional material and branding for events and fundraising efforts. In 2015 alone he volunteered his professional design services to promote events for Green Wood Coalition, Cultivate, the Art Gallery of Northumberland, and Critical Mass: A Centre for Contemporary Art.

**Cultivate: Jeffrey Bray and Amelia Bray****Arts and Culture**

Cultivate is a food initiative celebrating Northumberland County through promotion, collaboration and celebration. Jeff and Amelia created a two-day festival that brought together Northumberland based breweries, farms, musicians, and visual artists. They also brought many experts to Port Hope to discuss the impact of food and beverage on individuals and communities in informative workshops. The festival hosted many Juno award winning bands and musicians for 12 hours of diverse music to the pleasure of over a 1000 festival goers.

**Slidestreet Committee****Arts and Culture**

The committee of Slidestreet - an event by Critical Mass: A Centre for Contemporary Art, brought a unique, free, and engaging artistic experience to Port Hope, by turning the main street into a giant waterslide. The members of this committee spent months of intense planning and organizing to make this event come alive. The committee members are Debbie Beattie, Stacy Doherty, Avril Ewing, Dave Vasey, April Day, Kim Russell, Nikki Porter, Brook Mullins, Diana Pearson, and Keri-Lee Kroeger, Aurlie Collings

**Jennifer's Jazz it Up! Performance Team****Arts and Culture**

Jennifer's Jazz it Up! Performance Team consists of 28 talented dancers ranging in age from 6-17. Together they have participated in many community events such as, hike for hospice, run for the cure, the Northumberland Father Daughter Ball, and often have food drives for the local food bank. Recently they have proudly represented Port Hope as they performed for at a Toronto Raptors NBA Basketball game in front of over 20, 000 people.

Many of the older dancers on this team teach and mentor the younger dancers, and several have started dance programs in their schools, giving back and spreading the love of dance. These dancers are positive civic minded leaders that consistently give back to our community.

The members are, Dominic Angelo, Isabella Angelo, Kennedy Bastie, Max Battersby, Mercedes Cahill, Kaley Clark, Emerson Coleshill, Sofia Cooksey, Gillian Desormeaux, Annie Dykstra, Faye Dykstra, Katie Gomes, Victoria Gomes, Sidney Goodwin, Jessica Lee, Kiona McColl, Byranna McGregor, Brooke Roberts, Ella Rose Robinson, Maci Anne Robinson, Baillie Roy, Rylee Speake, Madison Taylor, Katie Traugott, Rylee Whyte, Teighan Whyte, Jasmine Wilson,

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.  
You vote in elections once a term, but when you volunteer,  
you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

Author Unknown