





<p>African Diaspora Community Co-operative</p>	<p>The African Diaspora Community Co-operative was created to promote self-help, job creation and community development. ADC Co-op is a community-based non-profit organization that aims to build a network of social and economic linkages among members of the African Diaspora community.</p> <p>The co-op's three main community economic development activities are Co-op Coaching, Public Information and Education and exotic juices.</p>
 <p>Ag Energy Co-operative www.agenergy.coop</p>	<p>Ag Energy was formed in 1988 to provide natural gas and other forms of energy to greenhouses. Since then the Co-operative has opened its membership to all agricultural producers and processors in Ontario and now provides about 1/3 of all heat and about 1/3 of all electricity consumed by agriculture in Ontario.</p> <p>Ag Energy Co-operative, once dubbed "the best kept secret in agriculture," has grown into Canada's largest farm energy co-operative.</p>
<p>The Association of Community Co-operatives</p>	<p>In existence since 1997 and incorporated in 2000, the Association of Community Co-operatives is an umbrella organization that promotes the education and development of community co-operatives across Canada.</p> <p>The community co-op model identifies local needs, creates local solutions, provides an incorporated structure that can partner with agencies and political bodies, and applies for funding where needed.</p>
 <p>Co-Auto Co-operative Inc. www.co-auto.com</p>	<p>Co-Auto is a co-operative buying group for the Ontario New Car and Truck Dealerships. Co-Auto is a true co-operative, in that all of Co-Auto's earnings are returned to its shareholders based on their shared participation.</p> <p>Tremendous growth in membership has occurred since its inception in 1979; today, Co-Auto has 470 shareholders and 580 associate members.</p>
 <p>Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada</p> <p>CHF Canada Ontario Region www.chfc.coop</p>	<p>The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada, Ontario Region, promotes the successful operation of housing co-operatives in Ontario by offering services, including education, to meet their unique needs.</p> <p>The Ontario Region defends the interests of their members by intervening with the provincial government and work with regional federations to help co-ops build links with municipal governments.</p>
 <p>Concentra Financial* www.concentrafinancial.ca</p>	<p>Established in 1952 as the Co-operative Trust Company of Canada, Concentra Financial is a nationally chartered trust company that was created by credit unions and other co-operatives to expand member services, particularly in the areas of personal trust services and mortgage funding.</p> <p>Today, Concentra Financial provides financial, intermediary and trusteeship services nationwide to credit unions, corporate clients, mortgage brokers, and deposit agents.</p>



**Credit Union Central
of Canada**

www.cucentral.ca

Credit Union Central of Canada (Canadian Central) is the national trade association and central finance facility for credit unions in Canada.

Canadian Central provides its owners, (the provincial Centrals and other partners) and Canada's credit unions with a forum in which to work together on these challenges at the national level and an instrument to help build and implement national services.



CREDIT UNION CENTRAL OF ONTARIO

**Credit Union Central
of Ontario**

www.ontariocreditunions.com

Credit Union Central of Ontario (Ontario Central) is the only organization in the province that provides a full range of operational, financial and trade services to credit unions. Ontario Central's mission is to lead and enable the growth and evolution of the province's credit union system.

In partnership with its members, Ontario Central develops and delivers innovative products, services and strategies to ensure credit union strength, stability, and growth.



A Better Place For You™

www.cooperators.ca

The Co-operators Group Limited is the largest wholly Canadian-owned multi-product insurance company, with assets exceeding \$6 billion. It is a group of Canadian companies, owned by 31 Canadian co-operatives and like-minded organizations, which provides insurance protection to more than two million Canadians.

The Co-operators has been named one of the 50 best employers to work for in Canada by the Globe and Mail Report on Business, and one of Canada's Top 100 employers by Maclean's.



The CUMIS Group Limited

www.cumis.com

The CUMIS Group markets a diverse portfolio of insurance and financial products and other services to Canadian credit unions, caisses populaires, other financial co-operatives and their members. Its principal companies are: CUMIS Life Insurance Company, CUMIS General Insurance Company, and Canadian Northern Shield Insurance Company.

The CUMIS Group also holds a 50-per-cent interest in Credential Financial Inc. The CUMIS Group is a partner in the Credit Union Insurance Services (CUIS) program, a joint marketing venture between the CUMIS Group and The Co-operators.



First Ontario Fund*

www.firstontariofund.com

As a labour sponsored investment fund, First Ontario Fund was established to fulfill the true spirit of the legislation enacted to encourage the growth of venture capital through the participation of trade unions and co-operatives.

The sponsors of the Fund are six trade unions, the Ontario Federation of Labour and the Ontario Worker Co-operative Federation representing members throughout the province of Ontario.



**Gay Lea Foods
Co-operative Ltd.**

www.gayleafoods.com

Gay Lea Foods is a leader in the dairy industry in Ontario and Canada. Founded in 1958, the co-op manufactures and markets a variety of dairy products that are sold provincially, nationally and internationally.

The co-op's product line includes award-winning butter, milk, cottage cheese, sour cream, dips, aerosol whip creams, and a variety of milk powders. Through this, they manufacture and distribute through the retail, industrial and food service sectors the brands most preferred by the country's top chefs.



GROWMARK[®]

www.fssystem.com

GROWMARK, Inc. is a regional farm supply and grain marketing co-operative. It provides manufacturing, processing, and wholesale purchasing of farm supplies (feed, seed, fertilizer, consumer goods, and fuel) for local supply member co-operatives in Ontario and the Midwest United States.

In Ontario, there are 24 member co-operatives with more than 90 locations providing FS branded products to more than 50,000 producers and rural residents.



**Hearthmakers
Energy Cooperative**

**Hearthmakers Energy
Co-operative Inc.***

www.hearthmakers.org

Incorporated as a non-profit co-operative in 1999, Hearthmakers is a co-operatively owned and community-based business that works to provide renewable energy and environmental services to members.

Hearthmakers Energy Co-operative also offers their members energy cost savings, community education, and the opportunity to be owners of a renewable energy technology.

I L E R C A M P B E L L
BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS

**Iler Campbell
Barristers and Solicitors***

www.ilercampbell.com

Iler Campbell is a six-lawyer firm, based in Toronto, that provides legal services to many of Ontario's co-operatives - including housing, worker, food, agriculture, and energy co-ops.

Iler Campbell is also counsel to On Co-op.

LERNERS

Lerners LLP*

www.lerners.ca

Founded in 1929, Lerners LLP is a full service law firm offering advice to businesses and individuals throughout Ontario. With over 100 lawyers operating in two offices—Toronto and London—Lerners offers comprehensive Business Law and Commercial Litigation services to Co-operatives across the province.

Ian Shewan, a Partner in the London Office, practices Co-operative Corporation Law, Corporation Law, and Commercial Law.



Lind Design*

www.linddesign.ca

Gareth Lind formed Lind Design in October 1992 to provide a complete range of graphic services. His client base expanded quickly to include a wide range of organizations and small businesses in south-western Ontario.

Gareth is an Ontario Registered Graphic Designer (R.G.D.) and a member of the Society of Graphic Designers of Canada.



**Mitigaawaaki Forestry
Marketing Co-operative Inc.***

www.onlink.net/~coopwood

Mitigaawaaki Forestry Marketing Co-operative Inc. is a non-profit, First Nation-owned co-operative that was established in 1997 to increase First Nation access and marketing of forest resources harvested by its members.

The co-op works to create an environment that promotes economic growth through diverse use of forest products and integrated management planning in order to help reduce social dependency in First Nations communities.



**Mornington Heritage Cheese
and Dairy Co-operative Inc.***

www.morningtondairy.com

Building on a tradition of local excellence and community involvement, Mornington Heritage Cheese and Dairy Co-operative is committed to producing the finest goat's milk products possible and are known for their "awesomely good goat cheese."

Mornington's co-op members all joined the co-operative to enhance the viability of their independent family farms.



**Mountain Equipment
Co-operative Inc.**

www.mec.ca

Originally conceived in 1971 with only six members, Mountain Equipment Co-op has become Canada's largest supplier of quality outdoor equipment with more than two million members.

With two stores in Ontario (Toronto and Ottawa) MEC's spacious structures have kept with the company's objective of becoming a leader in environmental sustainability and social responsibility. Each building's design and construction follow the guidelines of the four Rs - reduce, reuse, recycle, and reclaim.



**The North American Students
of Co-operation: NASCO**

www.nasco.coop

The North American Students of Co-operation (NASCO) is an association of co-operatives in Canada and the United States that provides operational assistance, encourages development, and serves as an advocate for students and other young adults.

NASCO believes that by strengthening the student co-op movement, their efforts enhance the future of the co-operative sector as a whole.



**Niagara Peninsula Homes
Inc.***

www.nphcr.ca

Established in 1980, Niagara Peninsula Homes is a community economic development organization which has provided leadership in the development of: co-operative housing throughout the Niagara Region and Hamilton area; management services to area co-operative and non-profit housing; and a Community Economic Development strategy in the food sector in Niagara. Through this, NPH has been responsible for the development of more than 2,700 housing units.



North Central Co-op Inc.

North Central Co-op Inc. is a Community Basics Co-operative providing the necessities to the town of White River, Ontario. Its services include a Co-op-managed grocery store & bulk food supplier, self-managed Royal Bank outlet and a self-managed LCBO.



**OntarBio Organic Farmers'
Co-operative Inc.**

www.ontarbio.com

Founded in 1989, OntarBio Organic Farmers' Co-operative Inc. (OntarBio) is an organic farmers' co-operative and Canada's largest organic producer. OntarBio's brand of certified organic dairy products, Organic Meadow, includes organic fluid milk, butter, yogurt, cheese, eggs, and frozen vegetables.

Organic Meadow is the only organic brand with national distribution through leading retail outlets.



**Ontario Natural Food
Co-operative**

www.onfc.ca

Since its incorporation in 1976, Ontario Natural Food Co-op (ONFC) is a not-for-profit co-operative that currently distributes natural and organic food to member buying clubs, co-operative retail stores, and independent natural food stores from Ontario to the Maritimes.





Through a joint consumer/retail co-operative structure, ONFC is committed to fostering sustainable agriculture, healthy food, ecologically sound practices, and the co-operative movement.

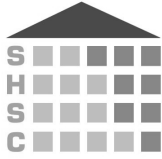


**Ontario Student
Co-operative Association**

www.osca.coop

The Ontario Student Co-operative Association (OSCA) came into being when the five existing Ontario student housing co-operatives began working together to continue providing and promoting cost-effective housing for students in Ontario. OSCA goals include networking amongst member co-operatives, lobbying, education, and development. OSCA draws its strength from both its membership and the co-operative principles.

<p>Ontario Sustainable Energy Association*</p> <p>www.ontario-sea.org</p>	<p>The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association is a provincial non-profit that is an umbrella association of local renewable energy organizations and co-operatives. OSEA members are developing sustainable energy projects in and for their communities, including wind power projects, energy efficiency education, solar hot water heater projects, etc.</p> <p>OSEA catalyzes, facilitates and supports the work of community-based sustainable energy organizations and co-operatives across Ontario. OSEA is working to ensure that policy, funding and training tools are available to enable the development of a sustainable energy economy through community power.</p>
 <p>Ontario Worker Co-operative Federation</p> <p>www.ontarioworker.coop</p>	<p>The Ontario Worker Co-op Federation (OWCF) helps in the development of new and existing worker co-ops. It also lobbies governments on behalf of established worker co-ops, and disburses information about the benefits and goals of co-operatively owned businesses.</p> <p>The OWCF was incorporated September 22, 1992, as a co-op without share capital and has 18 member co-ops through its organization.</p>
 <p>Organization for Parent Participation in Childcare and Education</p> <p>www.oppceo.org</p>	<p>Approximately two-thirds of all childcare co-ops in Ontario are members of local councils of OPPCEO. They have 205 members, helping more than 300 childcare co-ops that serve approximately 8,000 families.</p> <p>OPPCEO serves as the voice for childcare and nursery school co-ops in the province, as well as providing its members with insurance benefits, support services, and training.</p>
 <p>Options for Homes Non-Profit Corporation*</p> <p>www.optionsforhomes.ca</p>	<p>Options for Homes is a non-profit consultant group that helps develop co-op housing for its members to own. They have been creating homes in the Toronto area since 1993 and have built five housing developments providing new homes for 895 people.</p> <p>Options for Homes believes that home ownership should be available to everyone.</p>
 <p>Positive Power Co-operative Inc.*</p> <p>www.positivepowerco-op.com</p>	<p>With a commitment to leadership and innovation, Positive Power Co-operative promotes the generation of clean, renewable energy through the development of community-based projects and education. Positive Power Co-operative serves the Hamilton, Halton and Haldimand areas and currently has two community wind energy projects underway.</p> <p>Incorporated in October 2002 as a result of work stemming from an Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) workshop about community power, Positive Power Co-operative has grown to include one full-time staff person, an active Board of Directors, over 100 members and an active volunteer base of 35.</p>



Social Housing Services Corporation*

www.shscorp.ca

Social Housing Services Corporation supports housing co-ops and other affordable housing in Ontario with province-wide programs and services. SHSC offers energy, investing, bulk purchasing, and continuous improvement programs to help co-ops and others manage their housing more easily and effectively.

Social Housing Services Corporation is committed to supporting the success of the social housing community with innovative, cost-effective programs that build on strong partnerships with co-ops and others who manage and fund affordable housing province-wide.



**Toronto Renewable Energy Co-operative/
The WindShare project***

www.windshare.ca
www.trec.on.ca

The Toronto Renewable Energy Co-operative (TREC) is a non-profit co-operative providing co-op management services, advocacy, and public education on renewable energy.

WindShare was a project originally developed in 1999, by TREC, to provide an opportunity for people to generate Green Power in Ontario's newly deregulated marketplace. WindShare currently has 427 members that have invested in their high-profiled turbine located at Exhibition Place.



Ontario Co-operative Association

The Ontario Co-operative Association

www.ontario.coop

The Ontario Co-operative Association (On Co-op) is one of eight affiliated regional offices serving provincial and national co-op member organizations across Canada. A co-operative, its member organizations include agriculture, finance, insurance, energy, consumer, and supply and services co-ops.

Since 1989, the Ontario Co-operative Association, previously known as CCA Ontario Region, has provided important programs, services and support to its diverse group of members.

Through membership in On Co-op, Ontario co-operatives, credit unions and supporters have access to benefits and programs in these four strategic areas:

LIFE LONG CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING

sewing the seeds of co-op education and participation, and teaching future co-op leaders

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

facilitating the establishment of co-ops, and helping established co-ops grow

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

forging and strengthening relationships between the co-op sector and all levels of government

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBER RELATIONS

enhancing the understanding of co-ops, and providing networking opportunities within the sector.

On Co-op works closely with its francophone counterpart - Conseil de la Cooperation de l'Ontario. The Ontario Co-operative Association is associated with the Canadian Co-operative Association, which is a trade association of co-operatives that focuses on the promotion of national and international co-operative enterprise.

In Ontario, there are more than 1900 co-ops, credit unions and caisses populaires, with over 2.3 million members.

* indicates On Co-op Supporter