



COG staff helped to raise more than \$8,000 for charitable causes in 2019 supporting Habitat for Humanity Durham Region and the Canadian Red Cross.

## Collaborating for good

*In 2019, the COG Charity Committee raised approximately \$8,500 in support of the Canadian Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity – and showed that COG collaboration benefits our members as well as those in need.*

CANDU Owners Group staff rolled up their sleeves, put on their hard hats and got to work in support of charitable causes in 2019.

From a Habitat for Humanity Build Day in June to a charity bingo event in support of the Canadian Red Cross in November, COG employees supported these organizations with their dollars and their time over the last year.

The charitable activities were organized by COG's 2019 Charity Committee. The committee is comprised of COG employees: Sonia Qureshi, Rachna Clavero, Kelsey Rodger, Esther Sun-Lee, Jullaine Hardinge, Donna Tuck, Amanda Nascimento and Tania Rose. The charity committee supports several worthwhile causes throughout the year hosting events the proceeds of which all go to charitable causes.

"For the charity committee, and for most COG staff, supporting the causes that we do, in the ways that we do, demonstrates the power of excellence through collaboration to truly be a force for good," says Qureshi, COG's Director, Joint Projects & Services. "We know COG collaboration benefits our members, suppliers and participants – our charitable work extends beyond that and reminds us that collaboration also has the power to positively change the lives of society's most vulnerable people."

In 2019, the charity committee, with the help of COG staff, raised more than \$8,000 for Habitat for Humanity Durham Region and the Canadian Red Cross.

On June 22, twenty people made up of COG staff, their partners and children sported tool belts and safety glasses as they contributed to Habitat for Humanity Durham Region's CentreTowne Build located in the community where COG member utility Ontario Power Generation (OPG) operates two of its nuclear plants. This was the first year COG supported Habitat Durham, with staff raising \$6,500 for the charity, surpassing the \$5,000 required to be eligible for the Corporate Build Day program.



COG staff sport smiles and hard hats at the Habitat for Humanity Durham Region Build Day on June 22, 2019.

At functions held throughout the year, approximately \$2,000 was raised for the Canadian Red Cross. This included a silent auction and a charity bingo event in November that raised more than \$400. It was followed by emergency preparedness training for COG staff presented by Red Cross instructors.

"COG has so much to be proud of in 2019. Our work makes an impact on a global scale," Qureshi adds.

"Our charitable work this year is definitely a great source of pride."