

Media Release TSSA Wins Outstanding Employer from Learning Partnership

TSSA Receives Outstanding Employer Award for Take Our Kids to Work

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (**Toronto, ON, January 17, 2016**) – Hundreds of companies across the country participate in <u>The Learning Partnership's</u> Take Our Kids to Work - <u>Outstanding Employer Awards</u> – and the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) won!

"To be chosen is quite an accomplishment," says Brenda Buchanan, TSSA's Vice President of Human Resources and Training. "Thanks to the coordinated effort of staff and a video that we produced, featuring safety moments from participating students, TSSA was chosen from contenders across the country."

To put that into perspective, over 250,000 students participate in Take Our Kids to Work each year, spanning every province and territory in Canada.

<u>The Learning Partnership</u> celebrates 15 organizations as Canada's Outstanding Employers for their support of Take Our Kids to Work Day, held in November each year. Winners are recognized for their exceptional efforts in guiding and inspiring Grade 9 students to get an early start on career planning.

Candidates are chosen on four criteria:

- creativity and innovation in developing engaging and exciting activities for students on Take Our Kids to Work Day:
- demonstrating the importance of career choices and the benefits of early career exploration to students;
- promoting the importance of staying in school and the consideration of different educational pathways; and
- feedback from participating students, parents/guardians and staff members about their Take Our Kids to Work Day experiences.

Based on this criteria, The Learning Partnership chose TSSA and published its rationale as well as a full list of Canada's Outstanding Employers in 2016 (see below).

"We believe TSSA has an obligation to our youth," adds Buchanan. "Sharing exciting career paths in the technical trades and with our safety mandate was a big hit, and hope this recognition goes a long way to inspiring others."

TSSA Wins

Technical Standards & Safety Authority - Toronto, Ontario

For providing students with an educational, engaging opportunity to learn about public safety in the workplace. As a safety organization, TSSA incorporated "safety moments" throughout the day to educate students about the importance of promoting and enforcing public safety. Students were able to film and share their own "safety moments." They explored how elevators, escalators and amusement rides are operated; learned how to inspect them; and were able to ride some of the amusement devices.

Canada's Outstanding Employers

- Alberta Health Services
- CBC/Radio-Canada
- Ceridian
- City of Vaughan
- Collingwood General & Marine Hospital
- DarkVision Technologies
- Henry Schein Canada Inc.
- Hydro Ottawa
- Jazz Aviation LP
- Ripley's Aquarium of Canada



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- RTL-Westcan Group of Companies
- Saskatchewan Research Council
- Technical Standards & Safety Authority
- TransLink and Family of Companies
- The Miller Group



About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario's public safety regulator mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization's vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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