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ONTARIO SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Dare we dream? In the Ontario Speech from the Throne delivered yesterday by the Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, on the opening of the second session of the thirty-ninth Parliament of the Province of Ontario, Ontario's *46,000 non-for-profits*, the '*unsung heroes of Ontario's economy*', are acknowledged and thanked.

The speech lays out the priorities, in general terms, of the Ontario government in the next session of the legislature (which is, by the way, expected to be the last before the next election) along with unveiling the Open Ontario Plan, a 5-year plan for our economy.

Coaches, athletes and sport are acknowledged along with the upcoming *2015 Pan/Parapan American Games*.

The government commits to *strengthening the not-for-profit sector - recognizing that in a time of more limited resources, we all need to work together to move our province forward*. Understandable given the \$24.7 billion deficit. While not specific, this commitment is most welcome and encouraging!

To read the relevant excerpts from the Speech from the Throne, see below.

So, where next? Come to our [March 10th](#) Forum and help us rebuild our 'case for support'! We can't put this off - let's get out of the starting gate first!

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Excerpt from Ontario Throne Speech:

Your government is grateful for the work of Ontario's 46,000 not-for-profit organizations that are the unsung heroes of Ontario's economy.

Nearly five million Ontarians volunteer their services in their communities.

Some are helping your government reach its goal of reducing poverty rates by 25 per cent in five years.

Some are coaching our young people — like Sandy Cooper-Ryder of London.

For 30 years she's been inspiring young people to reach higher, dig deeper and go further — not just on the track, but in all areas of their lives.

Sandy is one of the many dedicated coaches training Ontario's next generation of gifted young athletes, some of whom will compete in the 2015 Pan American games.

On this International Women's Day, your government particularly recognizes dedicated women like Sandy — together with all the volunteers who are making a real difference.

Open Ontario will develop new ways to strengthen the not-for-profit sector - recognizing that in a time of more limited resources, we all need to work together to move our province forward.

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