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Alectra provides funding for Outward Bound to offer leadership adventure programming to underserved youth in Hamilton

HAMILTON, ON – Alectra Inc. is providing \$75,000 over a three-year period to Outward Bound Canada for the expansion of its Urban Adventure Program for Underserved Youth into the Hamilton area. This initiative is part of the company's AlectraCARES Community Support Program.

Planned activities that will be funded by Alectra's investment include:

- An afterschool program offered through the Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton that will provide an opportunity for youth to get a taste of Outward Bound experiential adventure programming while building connections and developing new skills.
- New programs with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation centered on high school retention through the development of land-based learning.
- An initiative through the Six Nations Polytechnique, Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Knowledge that will focus on school credit accumulation, leadership building workshops and expeditions to encourage school retention.

"At Alectra, we're proud to support not-for-profit organizations and programs, such as Outward Bound, that will contribute to the communities we serve," said Brian Bentz, President and CEO, Alectra Inc. "We are building a brighter tomorrow by investing in the youth of today."

Alectra's investment helps create healthy, diverse and sustainable communities in the Hamilton area by providing an opportunity for local youth to develop skills that will help them succeed.

"Outward Bound Canada is so grateful for Alectra's partnership, which is allowing us to expand our urban programming into the Greater Golden Horseshoe area," said Sarah Wiley, Executive Director, Outward Bound Canada. "This funding provides access for underserved youth from the local community to our life-changing outdoor experiential educational programs. Our programming helps cultivate the critical skills and attributes that are necessary for the future of work, helping youth succeed in school, employment and in life. Thank you, Alectra, for making this possible."

Outward Bound Canada has been successfully running extensive wilderness programming since 1969. The funded programs support individual growth, healing and personal development for underserved youth, Indigenous youth and adults; women survivors of violence and trauma; and military veterans.

Alectra is an Imagine Canada "Caring Company". To learn more about Alectra's Community Support Program please visit: alectrautilities.com



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