



## **TST Overland Express Employees and Management Partner with Autism Society Canada**

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**TST Overland Express**, a division of Transforce – a leading Canadian transportation and logistics organization – has partnered with Autism Society Canada to raise awareness and understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorders within its company, and with its customers and suppliers.

For two weeks in October, during Canadian Autism Awareness Month, the company's 1,100 employees from across the country received a series of educational brochures and posters on autism prepared by TST Overland Express. Employees also participated enthusiastically in a variety of creative fundraising activities: from bingos, candy grams, chili cook-offs, and raffles to dances and pecan pie sales! TST's employees raised \$22,000 from their awareness campaign activities and the company matched that amount for a total donation of \$44,000.

“TST Overland Express is proud to support Autism Society Canada and Canadians with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Our company's history dates back to 1928 and we have always been fully committed to actively supporting the communities in which we live and work,” said TST Overland Express President Rob O'Reilly. He added: “We know that autism directly affects about one in every 200 Canadians; and one in every 166 children born today will have an Autism Spectrum Disorder. We are pleased to support the essential work that Autism Society Canada carries out. And we look forward to many years of partnership.”

Autism Society Canada depends on the support of partners like TST Overland Express to carry out its programs and to advocate for change. “ASC would like to thank all of the campaign volunteers and participants as well as TST Overland's management for their tremendous energy and their generous community support. TST Overland's campaign donation will be put to good use in ASC's programs to further public awareness of autism; to make ASD issues a national priority for government; to improve screening and diagnosis; to improve access to treatment; to increase services and supports; and, to foster autism research. We look forward to developing a continued partnership with TST Overland Express in years to come,” said ASC Executive Director Louise Fleming.

Autism Society Canada is a federation of Canada-wide provincial and territorial autism societies whose collective memberships represent the largest body of persons with ASD and their families in Canada. For more information about Autism Spectrum Disorders, visit ASC's website: [www.autismsocietycanada.ca](http://www.autismsocietycanada.ca).

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