

## With summer in full swing, MCAHN and the UA Local 67 are using members' skills to give back to the children and youth of Hamilton!

For many years, MCAHN and UA Local 67 have supported community organizations and not-forprofits through generous monetary donations. This year, we wanted to take it one step further with a hands-on approach that supports the most vulnerable in our communities.

Resources are often limited for many of these organizations and building improvements can't be advanced as quickly due to stretched budgets. It's no secret that our members possess top tier skills and expertise in our trade, so we knew it was time to step in and step up.

## Now, thanks to MCAHN and UA Local 67, the Eva Rothwell Centre in Hamilton has a new and improved art room.

Building, maintaining, and elevating communities is at the heart of what we do, which is why MCAHN and the UA Local 67 were thrilled to donate time and resources to upgrade the art room at one of Hamilton's most cherished charitable organizations, the Eva Rothwell Centre.

For those of you who haven't heard of it, the Eva Rothwell Centre provides free after-school programs for Hamilton youth. Catering to over 420 children and youth each week, these essential educational programs include an arts program that encourages children and youth to express their creativity while embracing inclusivity and, of course, fun.

As of June 2023, those children and youth can now enjoy a completely revamped art room thanks to our associations. In just over one day, members piled into the art room to demolish, clean, and install a brand-new dual sink, including all new plumbing. Might we add, the plumbing was decades old...



What does that mean for the organization? According to Sam Campanella, the organization's executive director, this transformation will not only allow children of all ages to reach the sink, but it will also help them develop motor skills, self-esteem, and hand-eye coordination, all while supporting healthy hygiene habits. It doesn't get much better than that.



It didn't stop there. Together, we donated thousands of dollars to restock the organization's emergency food pantry, including everything from soap and dental hygiene products to non-perishable food items like pasta and soup. The smiles on these volunteers' faces are enough to tell you how well this was received!





We are so thrilled to have partnered with Sam and the Eva Rothwell Centre to bring this project to life. We look forward to seeing the contribution it makes to young people and their families. In addition to contributing to the vital infrastructure that brings our cities to life, it is crucial that we find ways to thoughtfully and positively contribute to the communities we operate in. And we are proud to have done just that.



We'd like to give a special shout out to Chris Rajnak of CR Plumbing Inc and his team for donating their time to bring this important project to life.

## Keep an eye on the MCAHN LinkedIn for some video footage of the project:

https://www.linkedin.com/company/mechanical-contractors-association-hamiltonniagara?originalSubdomain=ca

