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37th Annual Lieutenant Governor Games: A Celebration of Excellence, Sportsmanship, and Community Spirit

Scarborough, ON – March 3, 2025, Variety - the Children's Charity of Ontario. The 37th Annual Lieutenant Governor Games concluded February 28th, drawing over 400 students from 15 different schools for a remarkable celebration of competition, community, and teamwork held at Variety Village, Scarborough, Ontario.

The event brought together students, schools, and community groups from the Greater Toronto Area to celebrate inclusivity, empowerment, and the transformative power of sports. The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and a former teacher, presided over the day's festivities, making the occasion a perfect fit for Her Honour. "The Games offered a wonderful opportunity to empower young people and develop their abilities through teamwork," said Mme Dumont. "When athletics became accessible, competition—and collaboration—created community."

This year, we were honoured to have Paralympic gold medalist Jeff Tiessen as our emcee. Jeff is a double-arm amputee, a three-time Paralympian, a gold medalist, and a world record holder. He is also the founder and president of Disability Today Publishing, bringing valuable experience and passion to his role. Beyond his athletic achievements, Jeff is a committed advocate for disability rights and education.

"The enthusiasm and dedication of the participants, volunteers, and organizers continue to make this event a true success year after year. We are incredibly proud of the spirit of competition and camaraderie among everyone involved" stated Charlie Johnstone, President & Chief Executive Officer of Variety – the Children's Charity of Ontario & Variety Village. "It's an event that continues to inspire and connect people, and we look forward to seeing this tradition grow in the years to come."

The success of the Lieutenant Governor Games would not have been possible without the support of dedicated sponsors, including Toronto Football Club (TFC), Jays Care Foundation, The National Ballet of Canada, Special Olympics Ontario, Golf Canada, First Tee, BAM Dance, Variety Village Taekwondo, Lacrosseing Barriers, Rock Solid Productions and ParaSport Ontario whose contributions helped make the event seamless and memorable.

The Lieutenant Governor Games continue to foster a spirit of excellence and inclusion, leaving a lasting impact on the students, teachers and the community at large.

For photos from the event click [here](#).

To learn more visit in learning more about the event to visit our website at varietyontario.ca/lieutenantgovernorgames/

About Variety – the Children's Charity of Ontario and Variety Village:

Variety – the Children's Charity of Ontario provides equal opportunities for participation in recreational and sports activities for individuals of all ages and stages. Its flagship project, Variety Village, is a world-renowned sports training and fitness center that offers specialized programs and services aimed at



creating a level playing field for people of all abilities. With over 30 years of experience, Variety has established itself as a leader in integrated recreational programming, serving a diverse audience that includes individuals, school groups, corporations, and community organizations. This makes it a cornerstone in promoting accessible fitness and sports training. To learn more visit www.varietyonario.ca.

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