



Our Stories
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Aligning for Youth Success

As a Community Safety Officer in Media Relations for the Ontario Provincial Police's (OPP) Caledon Detachment, Constable Joe Brisebois acts as a vital link between the force and the community. He champions initiatives that make Caledon a better place for all, and while he cares passionately about the well-being of all residents, he is especially interested in supporting Caledon's next generation of leaders.

In 2022, Joe played a central role in relaunching a four-day, annual OPP Youth Leadership Program that had gone dormant during COVID. Program participants develop life and social skills while volunteering their time – an invaluable experience that helps to transform young lives while at the same time fostering a stronger community.

Around the same time, Joe revisited the OPP's prior relationship with Caledon Community Services (CCS) – one that had started through the Exchange Collaborative. The more he learned about CCS programs and services, the more opportunities Joe identified that aligned with his mandate at the OPP.

Through the CCS LIFE for Youth program, Joe met a participant named Nicolas. He was inspired by Nick's passion for pursuing a career in policing, and Joe's natural response was to help make that dream a reality. With Joe championing the effort, and navigating all the necessary internal approvals, the Caledon OPP soon took Nick on as its first LIFE for Youth placement.

By all measures it's a success story. Nicolas learned a lot and the experience has further grown his passion for policing. As well, Nick's on-the-job contributions to the OPP helped make Joe's day-to-day work easier.

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Nick is more excited than ever to complete his education and apply to the police academy.

Joe's work to create a collaboration between two of Caledon's most impactful service agencies – the OPP and the CCS – is a reminder of the power of alignment. Joe serves as an essential connection in the place where public and social service overlap to better serve everyone. “I am passionate about understanding the needs of my community - whether that's guiding youth or just living by example. Thanks to CCS, I can do both,” says Joe.

Ready to join Joe and invest in your community's future by empowering Caledon's next generation? Check out the LIFE for Youth program to discover the benefits it can bring your business. Get ready to positively impact the future today.



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PATHFINDER
JOE BRISEBOIS
Officer Media Relations, OPP

NICOLAS SANGHA
LIFE for Youth Graduate

MARY FALCONE
Youth Programs Manager

COMMUNITY IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS*

*Statistics referencing 2022-2023 Community Impact Report

156

Jobs started

20,899

Transportation rides

47

Youth work placements

Learn more about the LIFE for Youth program and how it can help your organization too!

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