

## **Suncor Energy extends commitment to support Canadian Paralympic movement**

Renewed sponsorship agreement directly benefits Canadian athletes

Mississauga, June 19, 2012 - The Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) and Suncor Energy today announced that Suncor, through its Petro-Canada brand, will continue to support Canadian Paralympic athletes, their coaches and their families for an additional four years.

In addition to the renewed sponsorship, Suncor also announced the launch of the Petro-Canada Paralympic Fuel Savings card which will be available at Petro-Canada stations across the country.

"Suncor Energy truly exemplifies passion, dedication, and commitment to the Paralympic movement," said Henry Storgaard, CEO of the Canadian Paralympic Committee. "I am in awe of the caring relationship that has developed between CPC and Suncor over the last 13 years and on behalf of the CPC and our athletes, would like to thank Suncor for your support. The Paralympic movement in Canada would not have been able to grow like it has, without this partnership."

The renewed sponsorship extends a current sponsorship agreement from 2012 to 2016, with an investment in the Canadian Paralympic movement past the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games, the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games and through to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Summer Games.

"Contributing to the development of athletes at the earliest stages, helping their dreams become reality is very important to us" said Deborah Gullaher, Suncor's vice president of Marketing. "We celebrate the achievements of high potential athletes and support the development of these 'up and comers' into Canada's future elite athletes."

"The McGuinty government is proud to support our outstanding para-athletes. They are champions who inspire Ontarians and Canadians on the World stage," said Charles Sousa, Minister responsible for the Pan and Parapan American Games. "Congratulations to Suncor for stepping up to the plate and helping our athletes achieve their dreams."

A Paralympic partner since 1999, Suncor has extended its support beyond athletes to include coaches and families, recognizing that their support is critical to an athlete's success. Programs supported by Suncor include:

- The *Petro-Canada Athlete Family Program*, which provides families with an opportunity to see their loved ones compete, through the purchase of event tickets at Paralympic Games.
- The *Paralympic School Program*, through which young students are able to learn more about people with disabilities, the Paralympic Games and Paralympic sports.
- The *Fuelling Athlete and Coaching Excellence (FACE)* program, which supports Canadian athletes and coaches early on in their careers, at the onset of their Paralympic journeys.

Today's historic announcement at a Mississauga gas station, attended by dignitaries and Suncor employees, was highlighted by the launch of the Petro-Canada Paralympic Fuel Savings Card featuring wheelchair racer Michelle Stilwell. A triple gold medalist at the Paralympics, Stilwell will be chasing more gold in London at the Paralympic Games (Aug. 29 to Sept. 9) in the 100 and 200 metre events.

"It's an honor to be the first Paralympic athlete ever featured in a promotion like this," said Stilwell. "I'd like to encourage all Canadians to purchase the fuel savings card which will not only save them money, but help contribute funds to the Canadian Paralympic Team."

The Paralympic Fuel Savings card is available at Petro-Canada stations across the country. The cards are \$45 for a \$50 card. Using the card at the pump will save customers \$0.10 per litre on 500 litres of fuel. Five dollars from every card sold goes directly to the Canadian Paralympic Team.

#### About the Canadian Paralympic Committee

*The Canadian Paralympic Committee is a non-profit, private organization with 46 member sports organizations dedicated to strengthening the Paralympic movement. The Canadian Paralympic Committee's vision is to be the world's leading Paralympic nation. Its mission is to lead the development of a sustainable Paralympic sport system in Canada to enable athletes to reach the podium at the Paralympic Games. By supporting Canadian Paralympic athletes and promoting their success, the Canadian Paralympic Committee inspires all Canadians with a disability to get involved in sport through programs delivered by its member organizations. For more information, visit [www.paralympic.ca](http://www.paralympic.ca).*

#### About Suncor Energy

*Suncor Energy is Canada's premier integrated energy company. Suncor's operations include oil sands development and upgrading, conventional and offshore oil and gas production, petroleum refining, and product marketing under the Petro-Canada brand. While working to responsibly develop petroleum resources, Suncor is also developing a growing renewable energy portfolio. Suncor's common shares (symbol: SU) are listed on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges. For more information about Suncor Energy, please visit [www.suncor.com](http://www.suncor.com).*

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