



Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes is proud to deliver \$302,000 in funds to local community service organizations through Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund



IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August 17, 2023 Today, the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes is pleased to announce \$302,000 in funding to support seven community services in Kawartha Lakes through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund. The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million by the Government of Canada to help community service organizations including charities, non-profits, Indigenous governing bodies adapt, modernize and be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility and sustainability of the community services that they provide through the pandemic recovery and beyond.

The following projects are being supported in Kawartha Lakes:

- \$69,800 was invested to fund the KAWARTHA LAKES FOOD SOURCE, to support the implementation of fundraising strategy halted by the pandemic
- \$72,500 was invested to fund the ACADEMY THEATRE FOUNDATION, to modernize communications, marketing and fundraising strategies to build back and better deliver services
- \$18,500 was invested to fund the MISHKODEH CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE to support the organization's accounting and presentation of in-person consultations with local indigenous and non-indigenous communities to move to truth, reconciliation and relationship building
- \$56,750 was invested to fund the BGC (Boys and Girls Club) KAWARTHAS to cover cost to purchase new technology to improve overall operations
- \$29,450 was invested to fund A PLACE CALLED HOME to support the development of a 5-year Strategic Plan to focus priorities for long-term sustainability in support of mandate to support the homeless
- \$10,000 was invested to fund KINMOUNT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY to purchase and implement new system to support cashless transactions and point of sale, training, and maintenance
- \$45,000 was invested to fund FENELON FALLS SENIORS CENTRE to hire a volunteer recruiter to develop program and re-energize training and outreach to grow volunteer base to pre-COVID level

Community service organizations are at the forefront of addressing communities' needs. Since the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have struggled with increased demand for their services, reduced

revenues, declines in charitable giving due to the rising cost of living, and a greater need to make use of digital tools. Many organizations are struggling to recover and adapt their services to the changing needs of Kawartha Lakes.

“Community service organizations are at the heart of communities like Kawartha Lakes, creating a sense of belonging from coast to coast to coast. The Community Services Recovery Fund will enable organizations that serve our diverse communities to adapt and modernize their programs and services and to invest in the future of their organizations, staff and volunteers. Together, we can rebuild from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic and build a more just and equitable future for those in Kawartha Lakes.”

Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

In Kawartha Lakes, our local community service organizations benevolently step up to support and assist those in need. As one of three national funders, the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes is honoured to play a key role distributing funding to these eligible community service providers in Kawartha Lakes.”

Laurie Dillon-Schalk, Executive Director, Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes

From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, community service organizations across Canada and in Kawartha Lakes have shown impressive stamina and creativity in their response to the diverse and increasingly challenging needs of their communities. The Community Services Recovery Fund responds to what community service organizations need right now and supports them as they adapt to the long-term impacts of the pandemic. The Government of Canada supports a more inclusive model of economic growth, one that creates opportunities for everyone in Canada, as the long-term recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

For more information, visit the [Community Services Recovery Fund website](#). To learn more about the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes, visit our website www.kawarthafoundation.ca or contact us at info@kawarthafoundation.ca.

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