



Centre Wellington Community Foundation delivers \$272,000 to 8 community service organizations through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund

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Today, Centre Wellington Community Foundation (CWCF) is pleased to announce \$272,000 in funding to support eight projects in Centre Wellington, Minto, Mapleton and Wellington North through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF). The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million to help community service organizations (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:

- \$10,000 to support Mount Forest Curling Club;
- \$38,000 to support the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington;
- \$37,000 to support Elora Community Theatre;
- \$20,000 to support Elora Fergus Arts Council;
- \$69,000 to support Community Resource Centre of North & Centre Wellington;
- \$40,000 to support Elora Festival Singers;
- \$17,550 to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Centre Wellington;
- \$40,000 to support Elora Centre for the Arts;

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.

"CSRF was a unique opportunity to address the operational side of organizations. It's not a side that people often think about or look to support. The increased needs for and types of services now needed have significantly changed since COVID-19 started. We must ensure our local organizations can adapt, which is what CSRF is meant to do. We need operationally strong and healthy organizations to meet the increasing demands for local services," said J. Raymond Soucy, CWCF Executive Director.

"Community service organizations are at the heart of communities like Centre Wellington, North Wellington, Minto and Mapleton, 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 Waterloo Region." – Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

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About Centre Wellington Community Foundation:

Centre Wellington Community Foundation (CWCF) is a public, charitable foundation created for and by the people of Centre Wellington. Our mission is to strengthen the Centre Wellington community by combining community leadership, support for donors, and community-focused granting.

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