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\$10,880 COVID-19 technology grant to the Township of Wellington North in partnership with the Mount Forest Family Health Team to facilitate the Mennonite and Amish communities' access to virtual medical services

Centre Wellington, July 1, 2020 - Today, the Centre Wellington Community Foundation (CWCF) awarded a **\$10,880** grant to the Township of Wellington North. The grant enables the township to provide support to the Mount Forest Family Health Team (MFFHT) enabling the MFFHT to obtain appropriate technology and support services to support Old Order Mennonite, Old Order Amish, and Dave Martin Group Mennonites access to health services that must be delivered virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The MFFHT catchment area includes approximately 5,217 Old Order Mennonites, Old Order Amish, and Dave Martin Group Mennonites. They rely on in-person visits to local health care services, as their beliefs do not permit them to have access to technology, or can only access technology in a limited way.

"It's crucial to find new ways to serve vulnerable populations in our community that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This initiative achieves that in spades. CWCF is excited to be able to support this community initiative, said CWCF Executive Director Raymond Soucy."

The grant announced today is part of the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF), funded by the Government of Canada and administered locally by CWCF. The ECSF is a \$350 million fund that is being implemented with Community Foundations of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, and United Way Centraide Canada, in partnership with local foundations across the country. Its goal is to provide support to charities and non-profit organizations serving vulnerable Canadians.



CWCF is encouraging organizations servicing Centre Wellington, North Wellington, Minto and Mapleton to apply for grants by going to www.cwcfoundation.ca. The granting program closes July 27, 2020, or before if all available funding is granted. The Centre Wellington Community Foundation is reviewing and awarding funding weekly to support projects that help ensure no one is left behind in COVID-19 recovery measures.

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About the 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 helping donors to achieve their giving goals, and by helping local non-profit organizations find resources to support their important work.

About the Township of Wellington North

The Township of Wellington North encompasses rural communities south of Mount Forest, and North of Arthur and is the most northerly Township in Wellington County. The township provides municipal services to all residents and works with community partners to provide access to health care and other community services. For more information, please contact Dale Small, Economic Development Officer.

About the Mount Forest Family Health Team

Located in the Claire Stewart Medical Centre, the team provides a full range of primary health care services focused on family and community health and coordination of patient care to assess and treat injuries or illness. The team includes family physicians, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, health promoters/kinesiologists, occupational therapists, registered dietitians, mental health therapists, and admin. staff. For more information on this grant, please contact; Suzanne Trivers, Executive Director.

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