



MEDIA RELEASE

The YMCA of the National Capital Region Awarded a \$122,600 Resilient Communities Fund Grant from Ottawa Trillium Foundation

OTTAWA, ON, January 27, 2023 – MPP Joel Harden joined the YMCA of the National Capital Region (the Y) for a special online celebration today to acknowledge a \$122,600 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This grant will help the Y rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19 by implementing an advanced human resources information system to support employee communication and engagement.

"In Ottawa, we rely on support from the YMCA to provide support for neighbours in need. I want to thank the Ottawa Trillium Foundation for helping to make this happen," said Joel Harden, MPP for Ottawa Centre.

With over 300 people currently employed by the Y in the National Capital Region, it is critical to have the ability to manage administration as well as the needs of staff while building meaningful relationships. This comprehensive tool will better equip the Y to create a culture of excellence by welcoming and training new employees more effectively, providing a platform for easier and direct communication between employees and supervisors, and conducting surveys to help identify staff needs.

"We are very grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for selecting our Y to receive a Resilient Communities Fund grant," says Bob Gallagher, President and CEO at the YMCA of the National Capital Region. "This support has allowed us to invest in foundational upgrades in how we communicate, educate, and engage with our staff. As our organization is recovering from COVID-19, securing funding for infrastructure investment like this is important to our ability to grow and continue supporting the needs of our community."

About the YMCA of the National Capital Region

Founded in 1867, the YMCA of the National Capital Region is a registered charity dedicated to building healthy communities. The organization is committed to nurturing the potential of children, teens and young adults, promoting healthy living and supporting vulnerable people within the community. The Y serves thousands of people across the Ottawa region each year. A focus on inclusiveness and accessibility means people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities are served through all stages of life; and through its financial assistance programs, the Y is accessible to all. To learn more visit ymcaywca.ca.

About the Ottawa Trillium Foundation

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grantmaking in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario's Resilient Communities Fund. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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