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Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes disperse its share of the Emergency Community Support Fund Round 2 on behalf of the Government of Canada

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – December 1, 2020 - The Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes has dispersed \$57,280 from the second round of funding by through the Emergency Community Support Fund, designed to support local charities responding to COVID-19 in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, United Way Centraide Canada and the Canadian Red Cross. The local effort in Kawartha Lakes, including the United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes, aims to continue to support our vulnerable communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

"I'm happy the Community Foundation Kawartha Lakes was able to step in to provide these worthy organizations and projects in our community access to emergency funds," said Harry Stoddart, member of Foundation Board and ECSF Review Team, "each unique application presents extraordinary opportunities for betterment in our community. So proud to be part of the process during these difficult times."

The Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes received applications for funding from qualified charities. Requests include need for support in food security, technology and virtual services to support emotional and socialization needs, PPE and cleaning protocols, additional staffing and more. Available funding has been approved and awarded to the following agencies:

- John Howard Society Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton, \$2,500 for incremental victim support due to effects of COVID
- Community Care Foundation Meals on Wheels, \$4,900 for the purchase of a stove for new kitchen in Lindsay
- Coboconk & Area Food Bank, \$5,050 for purchase of freezer and shelving to support local food security
- Five Counties Children Centre, \$6,000 to cover cost of a new sun shelter in outdoor therapy space
- Women's Resources Kawartha Lakes, \$8,250 for hiring of protocol training monitor to support staff and service users
- Globus Theatre, \$7,000 to support virtual show presentations for seniors at home and seniors' homes
- King Albert Public School, \$9,590 to provide access to iPads for on the spot learning and emotional support
- KL Food Source, \$1,850 to compensate volunteers with travel costs while making much needed deliveries
- St Vincent de Paul, \$7,450 to support the increased need for food cards, PPE and masks for Christmas Baskets
- Tri-County Community Support Services, \$4,690 for increased lending programs for online services and resources

In response to the urgency of this continued need, the Foundation has flowed the funds quickly. Charities and not for profits are always there to help, however the pandemic has presented unprecedented demand. This financial boost will help them be there for those in greatest need, now and in the immediate future.

“Canadian charities and non-profit organizations play a vital role in our communities. However, the COVID-19 pandemic is bringing real challenges to these important organizations. The Government of Canada is pleased to support these organizations through the Emergency Community Support Fund so that they can continue to help the most vulnerable members of our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.” – Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Ahmed Hussen.

“Our local charities and non-profit organizations have stepped up to provide emergency support of all kinds—specifically recognizing our most vulnerable,” states Mike Perry, Foundation President, “Demand for their services has increased significantly, and the Foundation is proud to partner with the Government of Canada to offer the financial support so needed at this time.”

As need for emergency funding continues, charities and community organizations are invited to visit www.kawarthafoundation.ca for information should additional funding becomes available. Thanks to the Government of Canada’s contribution, the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes is proud to be entrusted with the much-needed investment into Kawartha Lakes for the benefit of its residents.

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