

MEDIA RELEASE

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CASE Community Services Celebrates \$295,700 in Ontario Government Funding Through 2 OTF Grants

Brampton, ON – On Monday, local MPP Prabmeet Sarkaria met with the team at CASE Community Services as they celebrate the impact of \$295,700 in funding from the Ontario Government which they received through two Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grants in 2022 and 2023. The funding allowed CASE to enhance and expand their program delivery through the purchase of new equipment and hiring new staff.

“Our government will always support organizations like CASE that work tirelessly to uplift vulnerable and underserved communities, so together we can build a brighter future for all,” said Prabmeet Sakaria, MPP for Brampton South. “Through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, grants like this are not just investments in programs but investments in people. These funds will play a crucial role in fostering a more supportive, connected, and resilient community here in Brampton”.

In 2022, CASE Community Services received a \$191,200 Resilient Communities Fund grant from OTF to help them expand their Digital Literacy program for marginalized seniors in the community. The funding allowed CASE to hire a computer instructor and a part-time project coordinator to expand the program and provide weekly digital literacy training sessions over 24 months. The project was completed on September 5, 2024, and seniors experienced an improved means to connect with their community, increase their social connection, and enhance their abilities to breakdown the digital walls, thus reducing their social isolation.

In 2023, CASE Community Services was also awarded a \$104,500 Capital grant from OTF to purchase and install new equipment for their community kitchen. These improvements will enhance the organization’s capacity to address food-insecurity faced by racialized vulnerable seniors and families in the Peel region.

“The impact of these Ontario Trillium Foundation grants cannot be overstated,” said Peace Okpara, the Executive Director of Case Community Services. “Thanks to this support, we’ve been able to expand our digital literacy program and boost our efforts to provide weekly hot meals and groceries towards eliminating the food crisis among the marginalized in our community. “

Case Community Services (CASE) is a not-for-profit and grassroots organization located in Peel Region. CASE was established in November 2005 and conferred the charitable status in August 2007. Our mandate is to partner with individuals, groups and agencies in building socially stable inclusive communities by providing support and services to the marginalized groups who face multiple barriers in accessing services within their communities. We seek and target populations include at-risk youth, low-income seniors, and their families of Black-African and Caribbean descents and newcomers with complexities of needs to thrive and achieve fulfilled life in their

community. Seniors (60+) wishing to register for Digital/Computer Literacy classes with CASE Community Services can visit www.casecommunity.org or call 905-216-2244.

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

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