

Burlington Foundation launches \$100,000 Pandemic Response Fund **Fund will support local charities on the front-line helping those most vulnerable**

Burlington, ON, March 31, 2020 – In response to the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, Burlington Foundation with generous support from Pioneer Energy, has announced the creation of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund with an initial \$100,000 commitment.

This vital emergency fund will provide much-needed grants to local charities supporting vulnerable community members who are the most affected by the Covid-19 crisis and will expand local capacity to address severe impacts of the pandemic.

“Our focus at Burlington Foundation, as always, is on uniting people and resources necessary to meet our community’s most pressing needs” says Tim Hogarth, chair of the Burlington Foundation Board of Directors. “This pandemic is evolving every day, creating greater challenges for those in our community, especially our most vulnerable citizens. But as past events have proven, it’s our ability to rally around a common issue that defines Burlington as a giving and supportive community.”

Pandemic Response Grants will be provided to local agencies on the front-line that are serving high need, vulnerable people and families including those experiencing food insecurity; isolated seniors; community members with disability or mental health challenges; and to charities answering critical needs for childcare support or safe housing. The goal of the grants given is to enable these local charitable partners to adapt, expand, or initiate vital services to the Burlington community as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak.

“These are unprecedented and challenging times for all of us. We appreciate that many of our grassroots organizations already operate day-to-day on very limited budgets. Our goal is to assist our local charities by providing new financial resources that they need so they can focus on meeting the urgent needs of people most affected by the Covid-19 crisis,” says Colleen Mulholland, President and CEO.

“We want our community members to know that although they may be alone in their home, as so many of us are, they are not truly alone. They are surrounded by a caring, generous community ready to lift them up in this time of great need,” Mulholland said.

To learn more about Burlington Foundation’s COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund and how to apply for assistance, visit www.burlingtonfoundation.org.



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About Burlington Foundation

Celebrating our 20th anniversary in 2019, we are proud to help people accomplish their charitable goals and address our city's most pressing needs. We are dedicated to having a significant impact in Burlington by building legacy endowment funds, providing vital charitable grants, and bringing people together to address important community issues. Burlington Foundation currently manages approximately \$17 million in assets and over 106 donor funds. Since inception, we have gifted over \$6 million in grants.

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