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## **Burlington Foundation announces first 17 grants from Covid-19 Response Fund \$163,500 to support charities on the front-line**

Burlington, ON, April 23, 2020 – Burlington Foundation today announced the first round of charities that will receive \$163,500 from the Covid-19 Pandemic Response Fund since the Foundation announced the fund on March 31.

Through the generosity of donors, the Pandemic Response Fund has grown to over \$400,000 to support both community-based response efforts through two phases of granting, and a third phase that will assist charities in their recovery efforts recognizing that this pandemic will have long-term implications for the non-profit sector.

“The Covid-19 Pandemic Fund is designed to be a rapid response solution to the immediate and on-going challenges facing our front-line charities as they struggle to meet the growing demand of community members impacted by Covid-19,” says Colleen Mulholland, President and CEO of Burlington Foundation.

The first phase of grantees provides a range of much-needed supports to high need, vulnerable people and families including those experiencing food insecurity; isolated seniors; community members with disability or mental health challenges; medical assistance; and safe housing. Second phase of granting will open on May 1.

“We are humbled by the care these front-line charities are providing to our friends and neighbours in great need during these unprecedented times. We are also honoured to partner with our fundholders and donors who are sending a loud caring message that *we are all in this together*,” Mulholland says.

Here are just a few of the grants being distributed to front-line charities:

- \$10,000 to Burlington Food Bank & Open Doors of St. Christopher’s to purchase fresh food and staples for over 135 households weekly, increasing at a rate of 20% per month
- \$10,000 to Compassion Society of Halton to acquire non-perishable food and hygiene supplies to help support over 1,200 clients a month and increasing
- \$10,000 to ROCK (Reach Out Centre for Kids) to adapt virtual therapy programming to support over 300 clients with need escalating
- \$10,000 to YMCA to adapt seniors’ programming to virtual platforms addressing isolation issues for nearly 900 Burlington seniors
- \$15,000 to Halton Women’s Place to provide safe housing and healthy meals for 3 families
- \$15,000 to Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation to aid in the purchase of PPE, equipment and related supplies as the hospital continues to battle Covid-19

To see the complete list of awarded grants please visit [https://burlingtonfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/list-of-grants\\_burlington-fdn\\_rd1pandemic-response-fund-grantsfinal.pdf](https://burlingtonfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/list-of-grants_burlington-fdn_rd1pandemic-response-fund-grantsfinal.pdf)



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To learn more about the Foundation's Covid-19 Pandemic Response Fund, and how to support your community through a donation, please visit [www.burlingtonfoundation.org](http://www.burlingtonfoundation.org).

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### **About Burlington Foundation**

Burlington Foundation is a registered charity with 20 years of experience helping 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 such as the global Covid-19 pandemic.

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