



Burlington Foundation Awards \$335,370 in Grants Through the Emergency Community Support Fund

Burlington, ON, July 28, 2020 – Today, Burlington Foundation announced it has awarded \$335,370 in grants to 18 charities to address critical needs affecting vulnerable community members in Burlington greatly impacted by COVID-19. The grants announced today are part of the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF), funded by the Government of Canada.

The ECSF is a \$350 million fund that is being implemented with Community Foundations of Canada, in partnership with local foundations across the country, the Canadian Red Cross and United Way Centraide Canada. Its goal is to provide support to charities and non-profit organizations serving vulnerable Canadians.

“The tremendous impact the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on our vulnerable community members and our front-line charities serving them, is truly unprecedented,” said Colleen Mulholland, President and CEO of Burlington Foundation. “We’re proud to have participated in the ECSF partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, the Government of Canada and other community partners, as together, we are stronger in bringing critical support at the local level to those most in need.”

Grants awarded:

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| Alzheimer Society of Brant, Haldimand Norfolk, Hamilton Halton | <i>Alzheimer Society Working Through COVID-19 (Halton Region):</i> Locally supporting people living with dementia and their care partners; adapting services to online programming while still maintaining accessible, safe facilities for families requiring in-person service | \$4,000 |
| BurlingtonGreen Environmental Association Inc. | <i>Grow to Give, COVID Response:</i> Expansion of program to collect local produce from more Burlington gardeners to donate to local food banks; deliver online educational programming about local food security opportunities and solutions to community and clients of food banks | \$30,000 |
| Darling Home for Kids | <i>Enabling Staff to Work Remotely:</i> Purchase new server to have continued confidential access to important documents while working remotely, ensuring that the Home remains operational and ready to serve medically complex children and their families | \$7,000 |
| Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation Canada | <i>COVID-19 and IBD, Webinars and Resources:</i> Project provides latest updates on COVID-19 and recommendations for community members affected by Crohn’s or colitis to provide the community with timely information on how to manage their health | \$2,000 |

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| Diabetes Canada | <i>A Dose of D-Camps: A virtual Diabetes Camp (D-Camp) experience for children, youth and families living with Type 1 diabetes from the Burlington Community</i> | \$5,000 |
| Easter Seals Ontario | <i>Equipment Funding Program: In-home equipment for children and youth with physical disabilities in Burlington who are isolated and under-served as a result of COVID-19</i> | \$7,500 |
| Food for Life Canada | <i>COVID-19 Capacity Building at Halton Food for Life: Increased warehouse capacity, climate controls, and safety/hygiene measures for volunteers and staff; prepare additional food bags to meet increased community need and operate drive thru food program</i> | \$50,000 |
| Forestview Church | <i>Summer Salad Project: Produce and provide 300 16 oz containers of fresh grain and vegetable salads weekly to be distributed to those in need through local partners</i> | \$2,700 |
| Halton Down Syndrome Association | <i>Mental Health Support for People with Down Syndrome: Financial support for local community members to help improve the mental health of people with Down Syndrome to cope through the pandemic</i> | \$5,000 |
| Halton Food for Thought | <i>Food Hubs for Halton Students: Prepare grab and go meals in several hubs across the region</i> | \$10,014 |
| Halton Learning Foundation | <i>Halton Summer School-Eliminating Barriers for Students: To meet the urgent and growing needs of Burlington students arising from the COVID-19 lock-down this year with a special summer school support</i> | \$10,000 |
| Halton Women's Place | <i>Unsafe at Home Halton-Secure Text & Online Chat Service: Support secure text and online chat service for women who may be living through increased violence and abuse at home during the COVID-19 pandemic</i> | \$40,000 |
| Heartache2Hope | <i>Expanding Heartache2Hope Suicide Loss Grief Support Online: Expand and adapt services to virtually respond to the added impacts of social isolation after suicide loss and deliver imperative mental health support and connections through a suicide loss grief support program</i> | \$10,000 |
| Learning Disabilities Association of Halton-Hamilton | <i>Social Skills Programming for Children and Youth with Learning Disabilities: Develop and launch an 8-week small-group social skills program for students with learning disabilities, teaching essential life-skills and reducing social isolation</i> | \$18,656 |
| Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK) | <i>Virtual Response Team, CHAT Box and Crisis Line: Virtual online, quick response and immediate referral providing link to community and families ROCK serves</i> <i>Support the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for Service Provision</i> | \$80,000 |
| Starlight Children's Foundation Canada | <i>Play from Home Packs: Starlight has been helping seriously and chronically ill children and their families for over 30 years; with children's strict isolation due to being strongly immunocompromised, an emergency program executed locally has been created called Play from Home Packs</i> | \$5,000 |

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| <p>St. Christopher’s Church</p> | <p><i>Until We Dine Again, Supporting Hot Meals in Burlington:</i> Provide hot meal provisions to support 220 Open Doors clients by cooking prepared meals distributed through existing delivery and pick-up channels</p> <p><i>Respite in a Pandemic, Activities for Children with Special Needs:</i> Monthly activity kits for over 36 Open Doors Respite Program families</p> | <p>\$23,500</p> |
| <p>YMCA of Hamilton/ Burlington/Brantford</p> | <p><i>LiveWell for Seniors, Virtual Delivery:</i> Engaging local seniors with health and wellness resources in a virtual environment to ensure healthy, active living and reduced social isolation in a COVID-19 environment</p> | <p>\$25,000</p> |

All of these outstanding initiatives support our most vulnerable citizens including seniors, children and youth, community members with disabilities and those suffering from mental health crisis, and persons experiencing food insecurity or unsafe housing situations.

“Since the pandemic began to impact our community in March, Burlington Foundation’s priority has been on helping our front-line charities and our vulnerable community members that they serve,” says Colleen Mulholland. “Together, through the federal ECSF program, as well as Burlington Foundation’s own Covid-19 Pandemic Response Fund made possible by generous Foundation donors and fundholders, we are so pleased to have granted \$560,040 over the past four months to local charities.”

For a full list of grants awarded through Community Foundations of Canada’s network, visit the [CFC website](#).

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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