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Burlington Foundation Pandemic Response Fund Granting Tops \$307,000 With Announcement of New Gifts Paying Special Tribute to Local Givers on National Philanthropy Day

Burlington, ON, November 12, 2020 – Burlington Foundation today announced \$82,500 in Phase 3 grants from their Covid-19 Pandemic Response Fund. These new grant gifts will help charities rise to meet local challenges brought on by the global pandemic. Previously through Phases 1 and 2 granting, over \$224,000 was awarded, with this announcement bringing the new funding total to over \$307,000.

To-date, 39 grants have been made possible through the wonderful philanthropic giving of the Burlington community. The Foundation is grateful to several local donors as well as the following fundholders: The Paletta Family, Pioneer Energy, Randy & Denise Reeve Family Fund, Milne Family Foundation Fund, Pieczonka Family Foundation Fund, Dalton Timmis Group Fund, LKH Spirit Fund, BDO Burlington Community Fund, and the Ralph and Susan Sgro Family Fund.

“In this year of extraordinary adversity, we are humbled by the outpouring of financial gifts provided by community givers — everyday heroes who continue to rally together with us to deliver critical supports to our most vulnerable neighbours and charitable partners,” says Colleen Mulholland, President and CEO of Burlington Foundation. “Today, as we celebrate National Philanthropy Day, we pay special tribute to the contributions that philanthropy has, and will continue to make, in our community. The future is brighter because of the generosity of these selfless givers.”

Phase 3 grants have been provided to charities in the Arts, Heritage and Environment sectors who are experiencing unforeseen challenges as a result of this pandemic. Here are a few of the charities receiving support in Phase 3:

- \$8,000 to Burlington New Millennium Orchestra to deliver virtual and live parking lot performances for isolated seniors
- \$9,000 to Joseph Brant Museum to deliver dynamic educational opportunities through an interactive Travelling Exhibition Program
- \$7,000 to BurlingtonGreen to support new Nature Friendly Burlington online resources that strengthen connections between community well-being and nature

To see the complete list of Phase 3 grants visit https://burlingtonfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/list-of-grants_bfdn_prf3-grants.pdf

One charitable agency who received a \$10,000 Phase 1 grant to support important mental health work was Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK).



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Kirsten Dougherty, CEO of ROCK, shares, “During this pandemic, we’ve seen upwards of a 60% increase in children’s behavioural changes. Anxiety is the number one issue, with a new ‘stable’ anxiety becoming normalized that is crippling children and youth. It has been imperative for ROCK to shift our supports immediately to virtual so we could be there for families suffering. Burlington Foundation’s generous grant has helped us tremendously to respond quickly and safely with life-impacting help our families need.”

Looking ahead to the coming months, the Foundation will continue to monitor needs across the community and looks forward to awarding an additional \$147,000 in upcoming granting.

Burlington is a caring, giving community – and the Foundation is proud to recognize the community’s long history of outstanding philanthropy by honouring Distinguished Philanthropists. Past recipients include Don Smith, Kevin Brady, Doug Leggat, Murray and Diana Hogarth, Ralph and Susan Sgro, Gary DeGroot, Ron Joyce, Dr. Wally Pieczonka, Dorothy Borovich, Angelo Paletta, and Pasquale (Pat) Paletta honoured posthumously.

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About Burlington Foundation

Burlington Foundation is a registered charity with over 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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