



Burlington Foundation Delivers 2nd Round of Emergency Community Support Funding Over \$476,000 Through Two Funding Rounds Awarded to 28 Charities

Burlington, ON, December 9, 2020 – Today, Burlington Foundation announced it has awarded \$141,000 in funding to 10 charities through the second round of the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF), funded by the Government of Canada. Echoing the previous round, this funding supports charities who are addressing critical needs affecting vulnerable community members in Burlington greatly impacted by COVID-19. Through the first round, the Foundation was pleased to deliver \$335,370 to 18 front-line charities serving Burlington, bringing the total funding delivered between Rounds 1 and 2 to over \$476,000.

With the second wave of Covid-19 striking communities and driving an unrelenting demand for emergency relief, the second round of the ECSF has been a critical way that support has continued to flow to charities serving our most vulnerable. Established by the Government of Canada as a \$350 million fund in May, the fund has been implemented with Community Foundations of Canada, in partnership with local foundations across the country, the Canadian Red Cross and United Way Centraide Canada.

“It is anticipated that one-third of charities may not survive the financial destruction of this pandemic,” says Colleen Mulholland, President and CEO of Burlington Foundation. “That distressing potential reflects why Burlington Foundation continues to monitor community closely and is committed to bringing vital, rapid relief to our charities and the most vulnerable community members they serve.”

Charities Awarded Round 2 Funding:

Art Gallery of Burlington	\$20,000
The Darling Home for Kids	\$5,000
Dare to Be You	\$20,000
Food for Life	\$20,000
Halton Food for Thought	\$16,000
Learning Disabilities Association of Halton-Hamilton	\$15,000
Restorations Second Stage Homes	\$20,000
Open Doors of St. Christopher’s	\$6,000
St. Luke’s Anglican Church, Palermo	\$7,000
The Willow Foundation	\$12,000

Imagine Canada, an advocacy and research group that aims to strengthen the charitable sector, released a report earlier in the pandemic that vividly describes the devastating impact that Covid-19 is having on our charitable sector, with many charities struggling to stay open while having to rapidly pivot services and programs. As reported in May, 69% of charities have experienced decreased revenues with nearly three quarters of charities (73%) reporting that donations are down. In September, Imagine Canada shared that our charitable sector is expected to suffer a loss that could reach upwards of \$15 billion in revenues this year.

“The staggering loss of revenues that we have experienced is likely to continue well into the immediate future - and at a time when the need for the services of many charities is on a steep rise,” says Colleen. “Since the start of this pandemic, Burlington Foundation has been honoured to partner with generous fundholders, donors and our federal government to deliver rapid relief – providing \$783,540 to 65 charities working tirelessly to support our community.

“As this challenging year comes to a close, we continue to monitor our most pressing needs and are pleased to currently have \$150,000 in remaining Pandemic Response Funds for a further granting initiative early in the new year. Never has the support of community been more important than right now. Please considering giving what you can – 100% of your gift supports our local charities.”

Visit Burlington Foundation’s [website](#) to learn how you can donate to the Burlington Foundation Covid-19 Pandemic Response Fund.

To learn more about Community Foundations of Canada’s participation in the ECSF fund program, please visit the CFC [website](#).

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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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