

2025-2026

# COMMUNITY NEEDS GUIDE



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# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Each fall, the [Burlington Community Foundation](#) provides grants to local charitable organizations through its annual [Community Granting Program](#). In 2025, BCF received applications from 75 organizations seeking more than \$920,000 in funding.

We are humbled to have received so many applications from charitable partners sharing about their important and meaningful work. Our Grant Review Committee, made up of community volunteers and BCF leadership, adjudicates the grant applications. This year, we are able to support 35 organizations.

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide funding to every organization that applies. But we can share with you these important initiatives and draw your attention to these funding needs.

This guide has been created to serve as a resource that will allow you to learn about projects and initiatives we were not able to fund in 2025. We hope you enjoy learning about the great work happening in our community. When making charitable donations, it is recommended that you engage and build relationships with charitable organizations as part of your due diligence.

If you would like to support the work of BCF, consider making a donation to our [Sustainability Fund](#), which is one of our Cause Funds.

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# ArtHouse for Children and Youth

ArtHouse Halton provides arts-based programming to kids and youth to help enhance their creativity, confidence, curiosity, imagination and resilience. They also help provide the tools for success that can take them beyond graduation into a world of opportunity. Current goals in Burlington include: growing attendance at its existing locations, adding new program sites, and continuing to seek qualitative feedback from parents and participants.

Project/Initiative: **ArtHouse Goes for Gold**  
Funding Requested: **\$15,000**

[www.arthousehalton.com](http://www.arthousehalton.com)

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## Best Buddies Canada

Best Buddies Friendship Programs support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) by fostering inclusive school and community environments where students and adults with IDD can develop meaningful one-to-one friendships with peers without disabilities. The proposal is to start with four new friendship programs in Burlington which would impact more than 70 participants.

Project/Initiative: **Best Buddies Friendship Programs**  
Funding Requested: **\$15,000**

[www.bestbuddies.ca](http://www.bestbuddies.ca)

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# Burlington Gymnastics Club

Through the BGC Athlete Well-Being Project, BGC aims to nurture its athletes' development inside and outside the gym. The program offers guidance and education on mental health, social connections, social media safety, and healthy nutrition. There is a growing need to support athletes beyond their physical training. This project will support all of the athletes within the organization, including recreational and competitive programs.

**Project/Initiative:** BGC Athlete Well-Being Project

**Funding Requested:** \$10,500

[www.bgcmgym.com](http://www.bgcmgym.com)

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# Canadian Institute for Advancements in Mental Health

Strengthening Families Together is a four-session education and support program offered by the Institute for Advancements in Mental Health. It is designed for family members and friends who are caregivers to individuals living with complex mental health challenges, especially psychosis and schizophrenia. Delivered by registered mental health counsellors, the program provides participants with knowledge, tools, and ongoing support to navigate caregiving with confidence, compassion, and resilience.

**Project/Initiative:** Strengthening Families Together

**Funding Requested:** \$7,500

[www.iamentalhealth.ca](http://www.iamentalhealth.ca)



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# Canadian Mental Health Association Halton

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Halton offers the Coping Skills for Change program to help community members aged 16+ build mental health and wellness strategies, cope with challenging emotions, and enhance resilience. As the demand grows, CMHA is seeking funding to increase staffing for the program and cover venue costs. Funding would increase workshops to about 90 per year, with the option of virtual or in-person delivery.

**Project/Initiative:** Coping Skills for Change  
**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.halton.cmha.ca](http://www.halton.cmha.ca)

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## Capillary Wave Community for Men

The New Wave Forward Project is a total well-being initiative designed to support men in Burlington who are struggling with mental health challenges, isolation, and a lack of direction in their lives. This initiative offers a comprehensive, holistic program that combines peer-led support groups, mental health education, physical wellness activities, skill-building workshops, and community connection events. The program will provide men with practical coping strategies, access to resources, and opportunities to build strong social bonds that reduce isolation and foster resilience.

**Project/Initiative:** The New Wave Forward Project  
**Funding Requested:** \$13,250

[www.capillarywave.org](http://www.capillarywave.org)



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# Carpenter Hospice

Carpenter Hospice is an 11-bed facility providing dignified and compassionate end-of-life care at no cost to residents. The kitchen, which supports more than 300 residents a year, is not funded as part of core funding. It also provides support to the families and loved ones of residents. Carpenter Hospice is looking to expand the range of meals offered, build partnerships for sourcing food in the local community, and hire two additional part-time cooks to be present in the evenings and on weekends.

**Project/Initiative:** Nutritional Support for Residents at End of Life  
**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.thecarpenterhospice.com](http://www.thecarpenterhospice.com)

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# CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind)

The Adjustment to Sight Loss (A2SL) program is a peer-led initiative that empowers individuals who are navigating the emotional and practical challenges of vision loss. A2SL combines emotional support, practical guidance, and systems navigation in a community-based setting. Currently, A2SL is offered virtually across Ontario and in-person through CNIB's London and Toronto Hubs. With funding, CNIB aims to expand A2SL to offer local, in-person cohorts within Burlington.

**Project/Initiative:** Adjustment to Sight Loss  
**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.cnib.ca](http://www.cnib.ca)

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# Community Development Halton

Community Development Halton (CDH) is seeking funding for NEET Voices: Creative Expressions for Belonging and Change, an initiative designed to amplify the lived experiences of youth in Burlington who are not in Employment, Education, or Training (NEET). Among these youth, racialized youth are disproportionately represented. This project will create an opportunity for 10 NEET youth to share their voices and ideas on how they may be better supported and engaged in community through creative projects.

**Project/Initiative: NEET Voices: Creative Expressions for Belonging and Change**

**Funding Requested: \$14,725**

[www.cdhalton.ca](http://www.cdhalton.ca)

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## Halton Environmental Network

The Halton Environmental Network is seeking to expand the delivery of free, youth-focused workshops on food sustainability and climate change, while also supporting youth environmental leadership in Burlington. Workshop focus will be on topics important locally, including climate action, local food systems, food miles/foodprint, food sustainability, food waste, food security and environmental wellness. Students and community members will grow to understand the potential of their personal and local impact.

**Project/Initiative: Amplifying Burlington Climate Impact and Environmental Sustainability Through Engagement**

**Funding Requested: \$15,000**

[www.haltonenvironment.ca](http://www.haltonenvironment.ca)

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## HIPPY Halton

Home Instruction Program for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is a program that provides isolated and vulnerable families with a free 30-week preschool literacy program. Home Visitors visit families once a week for one hour. Then, HIPPY parents prepare their children for success in the Canadian school system and learn how to support their learning. Since parents teach their own children, they are able to include children who are often precluded from other programs (speech-delayed, autistic, and medically fragile children).

**Project/Initiative:** Home Instruction Program for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)

**Funding Requested:** \$10,000

[www.hippyhalton.org](http://www.hippyhalton.org)

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## Huntington Society of Canada

The Huntington Society of Canada is seeking funding to implement an innovative and much needed 8-week support group designed for young adults who have been impacted by Huntington's Disease in Burlington. These individuals often find themselves in a uniquely challenging position of caring for loved ones affected by a progressive, neurodegenerative illness, while simultaneously navigating critical life transitions such as pursuing post-secondary education, launching careers, forming relationships, and making long-term plans for their own futures. In total, four 8-week groups will be offered annually. Sessions will be held weekly and run for 90 minutes each.

**Project/Initiative:** Burlington Young Caregivers Support Group

**Funding Sought:** \$10,000

[www.huntingtonsociety.ca](http://www.huntingtonsociety.ca)



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# I Have Resolve Foundation

The Classroom of Resolve Project is an innovative program developed by the I Have Resolve Foundation. The project responds to a clear and growing need in Halton schools: accessible, inclusive classrooms that support the success and well-being of students with diverse learning needs. Classrooms are equipped with essential resources, such as sensory tools, adaptive seating, and communication devices, allowing children to regulate emotions, manage stress, focus on learning, and engage with peers. In 2026, the goal is to support 10 additional schools in Burlington.

**Project/Initiative:** Classroom of Resolve Project

**Funding Requested:** \$12,000

[www.ihaveresolve.com](http://www.ihaveresolve.com)

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# JA Central Ontario

JA Central Ontario is seeking support to deliver JA Dollars with Sense to 200 Grade 7 students across Burlington. This interactive, in-class program equips young people with essential financial knowledge and decision-making skills to build a secure and sustainable future. Studies show that fewer than half of Canadian youth feel confident managing money, and many leave school without understanding key concepts such as budgeting, saving, credit, and the cost of living. This gap is particularly evident among students from underserved or lower-income communities.

**Project/Initiative:** JA Dollars with Sense: Empowering Burlington Youth for a Brighter Financial Future

**Funding Requested:** \$10,000

[www.jacentralontario.org](http://www.jacentralontario.org)

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# Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation

At Joseph Brant Hospital, having the right imaging at the right moment can be life-saving. It's often the key to uncovering the illness, injury, or condition that brings a patient through the hospital's doors. CT scans use advanced X-ray and computer technology to generate detailed cross-sectional images of the body. The need for CT imaging continues to rise. In 2024, their team performed more than 22,000 CT scans. The goal is to have a new CT scanner operational by June 2026.

**Project/Initiative:** **Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner**

**Funding Sought:** **\$15,000**

[www.jbhfoundation.ca](http://www.jbhfoundation.ca)

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# Juno Beach Centre Association

The Voices of Remembrance project is a new initiative of the Juno Beach Centre that invites students of Burlington in their final year of high school to answer a simple but profound question: "What does Remembrance and the Poppy symbol mean to you?" Through short, 60–90 second videos, students are encouraged to explore themes of remembrance, sacrifice, and citizenship in their own words and styles. Four winning submissions will receive \$2,500 bursaries and be showcased nationally and at the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy, France.

**Project/Initiative:** **Voices of Remembrance: Juno Beach Centre Video Bursary Contest**

**Funding Requested:** **\$15,000**

[www.junobeach.org](http://www.junobeach.org)



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# Learning for a Sustainable Future

Learning for a Sustainable Future (LSF) and the Halton District School Board (HDSB) are partnering to empower Halton students to become drivers of climate action. The program consists of a Climate Action Youth Forum, a teacher professional development workshop, and funding and support for student-led Action Projects. In the past two school years, LSF has supported 28 student-led climate Action Projects in Burlington. These Burlington projects reached 17,185 students, 520 teachers, and 6,200 parents/community members.

**Project/Initiative:** LSF & HDSB: Empowering Burlington-Area Youth for Climate Action

**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.lsf-1st.ca](http://www.lsf-1st.ca)

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## Let's Talk Science

Let's Talk Science is seeking funding to enhance and deliver free, bilingual, in-person and virtual STEM programming that reaches youth, educators and caregivers across Burlington. The in-person STEM programming will be delivered by a diverse network of post-secondary volunteers. These volunteers will visit schools and community settings in Burlington to engage youth in experiential learning opportunities, providing them with valuable role models who inspire them to learn and foster a sense of belonging in STEM.

**Project/Initiative:** Engaging Burlington Youth Through STEM Learning Programs

**Funding Requested:** \$10,000

[www.letstalkscience.ca](http://www.letstalkscience.ca)

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# LifeNet Ministries Incorporated

LifeNet 4 Hope is seeking funding to implement a comprehensive youth suicide prevention initiative in Burlington and the broader Halton Region. This initiative is inspired by the urgent need to address rising mental health challenges among young people. The project will focus on proactive, community-based interventions that equip youth with coping strategies, emotional resilience, and access to trusted support systems. It will include educational workshops, peer mentorship, and outreach campaigns.

**Project/Initiative:** Hope Connect With LifeNet

**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.lifenet4hope.com](http://www.lifenet4hope.com)

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## LIFT Church

The Serve Our City Community Meal provides healthy, weekly meals to individuals experiencing food insecurity and social isolation in downtown Hamilton, while fostering authentic, trusting relationships. Each week, the meal welcomes about 70 people, including youth and families with young children. The program provides warm, nourishing meals and offers kid-focused activities. They also create space for meaningful conversation by eating dinner together at tables, helping build a sense of community and belonging. Funding would increase the quality of the meals provided and reach more people suffering from food insecurity.

**Project/Initiative:** Serve Our City - Community Meal

**Funding Requested:** \$8,000

[www.liftchurch.ca](http://www.liftchurch.ca)



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# Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

The scholarship program at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG) was built to cover the cost of ensuring a Dog Guide graduates from their advanced training and is matched with a Canadian living with a disability. Each Dog Guide costs \$35,000. LFCDG receives no government funding for their operations. Funding would support essential day-to-day operations involved in training and placing a Dog Guide through one of seven specialized programs.

**Project/Initiative:** Dog Guides Scholarship Program  
**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)

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# Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada)

Impaired driving takes a disproportionate toll among youth. While those ages 16-24 accounted for 11% of the population from 2016-2020, they represent 16% of all drivers killed in fatal crashes. Fatalities involving drugs now exceed those involving alcohol. More than 145,000 students in up to 1,000 schools across Canada will attend the 2025-2026 MADD program. Each presentation is expected to cost \$1,000 to deliver. With the loss of a long-term funder in 2023, MADD Canada decreased the number of presentations in Ontario, impacting their reach in Burlington from 15 presentations annually to four.

**Project/Initiative:** MADD Canada's 2025-2026 School Program  
**Funding Requested:** \$5,000

[www.madd.ca](http://www.madd.ca)



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# Muscular Dystrophy Canada

Muscular Dystrophy Canada's Equipment Program provides essential mobility and accessibility equipment, such as wheelchairs, lifts, and mobility aids, to Burlington residents with neuromuscular disorders. This support enhances independence, safety, and quality of life while reducing caregiver strain. Funding gaps and rising costs can delay access to vital equipment. The requested funding will ensure timely support, enabling residents to fully participate in daily life and fostering a more inclusive, connected Burlington community.

**Project/Initiative: Personal Support Program - Equipment Program**

**Funding Requested: \$15,000**

[www.muscle.ca](http://www.muscle.ca)



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# No One Goes Hungry

This funding is being sought to launch "Starts With the Gut," a joint initiative between No One Goes Hungry and LifeNet to address the critical link between nutrition, gut health, and youth mental wellness. This program is designed to support youth, especially those at risk of suicide, living with food insecurity, or facing social and economic barriers. This initiative will provide nutritious meals and snacks designed to support gut-brain health; workshops on food, mood, and self-regulation; and support groups and safe spaces facilitated by LifeNet and more.

**Project/Initiative: Starts With the Gut – A Collaboration Between No One Goes Hungry (NOGH) & LifeNet**

**Funding Requested: \$15,000**

[www.noonegoeshungry.ca](http://www.noonegoeshungry.ca)

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## O.E.I. Onsite Education Inc.

This project will bring our onsite, interactive and experiential curriculum enhancement workshops and demonstrations to schools in Burlington free of charge. Through O.E.I.'s three active programmes, schools in Burlington who participate will pick which programme best suits their needs and we will plan a customized curriculum enhancement experience. With this funding, between 10 and 20 schools can be visited. The three programs include a focus on dramatic arts, bringing history to life, and Zumba.

**Project/Initiative:** Burlington Curriculum Enhancement Project  
**Funding Requested:** \$10,000

[www.onsiteeducation.org](http://www.onsiteeducation.org)

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## Relay Education

Relay Education is seeking support to deliver 20 curriculum-aligned energy and environmental education workshops in schools across Burlington. These interactive workshops engage students in Grades K–12 with hands-on learning about renewable energy, climate change, and green career pathways. While some Burlington schools have the resources to bring in enrichment programs, others—particularly in lower-income or equity-deserving communities—do not. By providing these workshops free of charge, Relay ensures equitable access and reduce barriers to high-quality, experiential learning. They aim to reach approximately 500–600 students in Burlington.

**Project/Initiative:** Sustainability Education - Burlington  
**Funding Requested:** \$10,000

[www.relayeducation.com](http://www.relayeducation.com)

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# Scientists in School

Scientists in School envisions a future where every child in Canada actively engages in the seeing, doing, and understanding of science, not just once, but at least once a year. Its workshops are designed to be the spark that ignites scientific curiosity, transforming STEM learning from passive observation into hands-on, inquiry-based exploration. Through this project, Scientists in School aims to support 480 children in Burlington by delivering 15 classroom workshops and five community-based workshops. In the 2024–25 school year, we reached 1,200 students through 50 workshops in Burlington.

**Project/Initiative:** **Advancing STEM Education in Burlington**  
**Funding Requested:** **\$6,500**

[www.scientistsinschool.ca](http://www.scientistsinschool.ca)

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# Shakespearience Performing Arts

Shakespearience is a popular, critically acclaimed, 27-year-old initiative which visits schools affiliated with more than two dozen boards of education all over Ontario, including the Halton and the Halton Catholic District School Boards. Teachers are invited to select a date between September and June for a 75-minute visit which is provided at no charge. With the guest artist assuming a leading role in a scene, students fill in the supporting roles using basic acting exercises to demonstrate how a professional performer analyzes classical text to reveal all that it has to offer.

**Project/Initiative:** **The Shakespearience In-Class Experience**  
**Funding Requested:** **\$5,000**

[www.shakespearience.ca](http://www.shakespearience.ca)



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# Small Change Fund

The Small Change Fund is a charitable organization that helps grassroots groups and individuals with crowdfunding. Burlington homeowner Karen Barnes faces up to \$400,000 in fines for her naturalized garden and will be appearing in court in March 2026 to face the city's lawyers. She is in a dispute with the City of Burlington over growing a pollinator garden. A portion of the funds have been raised to cover legal fees. This funding will help offset legal costs.

**Project/Initiative:** Supporting Burlington Residents with Naturalized Gardens

**Funding Requested:** \$10,000

[www.smallchange fund.ca](http://www.smallchange fund.ca)



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## STRIDE

**(Supported Training and Rehabilitation in Diverse Environments)**

The Inclusive Employment Support Initiative is designed to help individuals living with mental health and addiction challenges access meaningful and sustainable employment. This initiative provides individualized, wraparound employment support. Participants will receive assistance with job readiness, interview preparation, workplace accommodations, and skills development tailored to their unique circumstances. The program also fosters connections with local employers willing to embrace inclusive hiring practices. This funding would be used to cover essential program costs.

**Project/Initiative:** Inclusive Employment Support Initiative

**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.stride.on.ca](http://www.stride.on.ca)

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# Support House

Support House is opening a new Community Health Centre site at 760 Brant Street in 2026. It is a welcoming and fully accessible space where individuals facing housing instability, mental health or substance use concerns, and other health or social needs, can find caring, coordinated support. This funding would be used to enhance safety and security features, work with Grandmother's Voice to guide the design and ongoing work of the centre, and support operational requirements for the site as a trauma-informed, inclusive space that reflects Burlington's diversity and commitment to health equity.

**Project/Initiative:** Support House Community Health Centre  
**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.supporthouse.ca](http://www.supporthouse.ca)

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# The Darling Home for Kids

Children served by The Darling Home for Kids often face multiple medical challenges, such as severe physical and cognitive disabilities, life-limiting genetic conditions, and neurological disorders. By promoting adaptive physical activities, social inclusion, emotional health, and creating opportunities for meaningful community participation, The Opportunities Fund promotes community well-being. Funding will help provide recreational activities for our respite, residential and palliative children; family events; opportunities for children to participate in activities and outings in the community along with their able-bodied peers; and therapeutic programs.

**Project/Initiative:** The Opportunities Fund  
**Funding Requested:** \$10,000

[www.darlinghomeforkids.ca](http://www.darlinghomeforkids.ca)



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# The Hamilton YWCA

Operating under the YWCA Hamilton's Youth Services, Speqtrum offers mental health supports, peer supports, and a variety of activities to foster safety, skill-building, and social inclusion for queer youth. This project aims to pilot a Burlington expansion, including: expanding in-person safe(r) drop-in spaces; partnering to offer monthly workshops for trans/nonbinary youth experiencing mental health issues; partnering to offer workshops and more for families/caregivers to learn about 2SLGBTQ+ identities and how best to support queer youth in their lives; and expanding the low-barrier peer check-in program.

Project/Initiative: **Speqtrum Burlington Expansion**

Funding Requested: **\$15,000**

[www.ywcahamilton.org](http://www.ywcahamilton.org)

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# The Lighthouse for Grieving Children and Families

The goal of The Lighthouse for Grieving Children and Families is that no child grieves alone. This funding will allow Lighthouse to provide free, open-ended peer grief support for 12 Burlington children for one year through bi-weekly support groups. These groups offer children a safe space to share their stories, connect with peers who understand their grief, and build coping skills that strengthen their emotional well-being as they move through life's milestones.

Project/Initiative: **Grief Peer Support for Burlington Children and Youth**

Funding Requested: **\$15,000**

[www.lighthousegriefsupport.org](http://www.lighthousegriefsupport.org)



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# The Parish Church of St. Luke

St. Luke's Church is working to create a community-accessible greenspace on the land they own between Spencer Smith Park and the Church. This will significantly contribute to the quality of life in Burlington for many generations to come. A new, accessible walkway will connect Elgin Street to Lakeshore Drive, transforming an empty lot into a welcoming community space. The space will include park benches, a Gathering Space, a Meditative Space, and signage highlighting the historical and cultural aspects of the land.

**Project/Initiative:** Church Avenue Project

**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.stlukesburlington.ca](http://www.stlukesburlington.ca)

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# The Psychology Foundation of Canada

This project aims to expand mental health and resilience support to 100 Burlington youth and 100 adults surrounding them by scaling The Psychology Foundation of Canada's stress management programming. This project will reach youth aged 12-18, and adults, directly through its two-hour stress management workshop, helping them understand, reflect on, and manage their stress. The Foundation would run two trainings for caring adults, with 50 caring adults per session, and four workshops for youth, with 25 youth per session.

**Project/Initiative:** Strong Minds, Strong Futures: Equipping Burlington Youth for Mental Well-Being

**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.strongmindsstrongkids.org](http://www.strongmindsstrongkids.org)

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# Tottering Biped Theatre Inc.

Since 2016, Tottering Biped Theatre has presented its original takes on Shakespeare in the Hamilton/Burlington area. Its team gathers each August to present contemporary issues they care about with flair to the words of the immortal Bard. Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can, in a fully accessible space. Every year, they engage emerging local artists and play to more than 2,000 audience members during a three-week run. This funding would cover the work of three artists.

**Project/Initiative:** Shakespeare by Nature 2026 -  
The 10th Anniversary Festival!  
**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.totteringbiped.ca](http://www.totteringbiped.ca)



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## Up With Women

Up With Women/Exponenti'elles (UWW/EXP) empowers women and gender-diverse individuals to build a sustainable pathway out of poverty and realize their full potential. Their program model is rooted in professional coaching. Over the course of a year, professional volunteer coaches certified by the International Coaching Federation provide high quality coaching services to clients at no cost. Through a non-judgmental, creative, strengths-based and trauma-informed approach, coaches help clients identify their personal, employment and financial goals.

**Project/Initiative:** Up With Women Core Coaching in Burlington  
**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.upwithwomen.org](http://www.upwithwomen.org)

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# Wellington Square United Church

The Community Food Program at Wellington Square United Church supports the most vulnerable populations in Halton, through providing free nutritious food at its weekly full day Lunch & Hub for 200 plus people, all year long. During the Friday program, additional support is offered through prepared packaged food, produce, bread and other grocery items. The program also provides participants access to critical services such as medical care, emergency housing supports, and mental and emotional health resources.

**Project/Initiative:** Community Food Program

**Funding Requested:** \$15,000

[www.wsquare.ca](http://www.wsquare.ca)



## 2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- **Acclaim Health:** to support a program that enhances connection and well-being for those living with dementia through art instruction.
- **Alzheimer Society of Brant, Haldimand Norfolk, Hamilton, Halton:** to support the Out and About sub-group of the Social Café, where participants will visit local community locations during warmer months.
- **Burlington Community Robotics:** in support of bursaries to ensure all students can participate in hands-on STEM learning.
- **Burlington Performing Arts Centre:** in support of the Onstage Arts Education Series, including at least 15 matinee performances to engage at least 10,000 students. Free tickets are also offered to students who cannot afford the cost.
- **Burlington Public Library:** to support the pilot BPL Social Connection Project, which seeks to engage community members in opportunities to create social connection through interactive shared experiences at select Burlington library branches.
- **Burlington Symphony Orchestra:** to record sound and video of two concerts and share with all senior residences in Burlington that wish to participate.
- **Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton:** to support the Harmony in the Classroom program's expansion into Burlington schools.
- **Camelot Centre:** in support of continued art therapy programming.
- **Camp Quality Canada:** in support of bursaries for Burlington children experiencing cancer to attend camp.
- **Centre for Diverse Learners:** in support of the Mastering Mathematics Program.
- **Community Living Burlington:** to support individuals with developmental differences participate in CLB programming, including helping to cover fees and create programming that will be free for low-income individuals supported by CLB.
- **Conservation Halton Foundation:** in support of the From the Ground Up Program, which blends experiential learning for youth with community and environmental impact through hands-on programming.



## 2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- **Distress Centre Halton:** to support on-going free, confidential services to individuals facing emotional stress, crisis and loneliness.
- **FeedHalton:** to support a driver to ensure a more consistent food and supply delivery schedule to numerous charitable partners.
- **Food4Kids Halton:** in support of the Weekends Without Hunger Program, providing food to children in need for the weekend, when there are no school programs.
- **Food for Life Inc:** in support of continued programming that supports more than 1,300 households per week.
- **Front Line Outreach:** to expand the Safe Haven for Youth program to Burlington.
- **Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga-Dufferin:** in support of the Youth Skilled Trades Program (formerly Tiny Homes Program), where secondary school students build homes that are delivered to local families and First Nations communities.
- **Halton Black History Awareness Society:** to support the Halton Emancipation Gala and Festival during the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the HBHAS.
- **Halton Food for Thought:** in support of nutritional programming in Halton schools.
- **Halton Learning Foundation:** to support school engagement grants through HLF and enable schools to fund educational experiences and purchase resources, including programming at four Burlington schools to address human rights, equity and inclusion.
- **Halton Women's Place:** to help ensure nutritious and culturally-appropriate food for clients and provide those leaving the shelter with a \$100 gift card for groceries.
- **Home Suite Hope:** to provide Community Socials and help reduce isolation and build social connection for single-parent families helped with housing and support in HSH programming.
- **Myriad Ensemble:** in support of free admission for youth and newcomers for Myriad's spring concert, Spellbound, as well as bursaries for choir participation.



## 2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- **Next Door Social Space:** in support of on-going community programming that includes a community garden, youth ball hockey and free lunches/breakfasts.
- **Repeat Champions Foundation Inc.:** to expand the Super Saturday program, where youth and seniors come together to refurbish, prepare and polish donated trophies and medals to redistribute them to youth organizations.
- **Restorations Second Stage Homes:** in support of a program manager at Nancy's House, which provides housing and support to survivors of human trafficking.
- **Royal Botanical Gardens:** in support of the Green Angels program, specifically providing 25 underserved children and youth with the opportunity to attend a one-week camp.
- **Scouts Canada:** to fund urgent meeting space for the 1st Port Nelson Scouting group.
- **Shifra Homes Inc.:** in support of existing programming as the only maternity residence in the Halton area, providing wraparound support for young, pregnant women without homes.
- **St. Christopher's Church (Open Doors):** in support of a seasonal staff person to handle increased holiday demands.
- **STEM Camp Foundation:** in support of STEM camp bursaries for underserved Burlington children and youth.
- **Thrive Counselling Services Halton:** in support of a project to provide free psychotherapy and counseling sessions for seniors.
- **Wesley:** to support the purchase of bunk beds at Halton's only shelter for unhoused families.
- **YMCA Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford:** in support of the Social Prescription program, targeting isolated seniors who can be prescribed participation in YMCA programming to promote belonging and connection.



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