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MPP Leal Celebrates \$190,000 OTF Grant

Peterborough, ON – On Friday morning, the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough (CFGP) hosted local MPP, Jeff Leal at Artspace, to announce some very welcome news. CFGP has been awarded a \$190,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to undertake a three-year organizational development and capacity building project. To mark the occasion, MPP Leal presented the group with a plaque on behalf of OTF.

"The Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough offers a unique service to many groups in our community. They will reach out to a wide range of agencies, and working with donors, support innovative community projects that strengthen our community. This is an important and welcome service for our local organizations. I am glad to see them receive this support from our government." said MPP Leal.

The funding from OTF will be used over the next three years for staff and program costs. This will help build the capacity and infrastructure of the organization and enable it to establish endowment funds and grant programs that will benefit the residents of Peterborough City and County.

"We are very pleased and grateful to have received support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to assist with the development phase of our organization. This grant will help the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough hire an Executive Director, and establish an administrative framework that will build endowment funds to support and sustain the vitality of our community for years to come. We have received enthusiastic support for creating a community foundation in our region and this grant will assist our Board of Directors make it a reality." said Foundation Board Chair, Bill Lockington.

The CFGP will provide financial support through charitable giving, deliver advice and capacity building, to foster the environmental, social, cultural and economic sustainability of the community through charitable means. Initiatives in a number of areas including: Arts, Culture and Heritage, Recreation, Health Care, Child Care, Child Development and Literacy, Environmental Protection and Sustainability, Community Involvement, Accessibility for the Disabled, Economic Development, Human Rights, Safe Communities, Seniors and Aging, Food Security and Affordable Housing are among the many potential projects the CFGP and partner agencies will undertake.

The CFGP will work directly with donors who wish to give back to our community philanthropically through “donor-directed” funds. Donors and the Foundation will partner to access financial resources, grant funds to new initiatives and provide support for concepts and projects that may not fit existing programs or funding criteria.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For over 25 years, the Foundation has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. OTF continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.



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