

MEDIA RELEASE

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\$20,000 OTF Grant Gives LDAWC Hand Up.

Guelph-Wellington – In May 2022, the Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County (LDAWC) received a \$26,200 *Resilient Community Fund Grant* from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to support our need for a new Strategic Plan to help our organization adapt to the ever-changing non-profit landscape as COVID-19 continues to disrupt the way business is done. The implications of COVID on the non-profits landscape are many and this funding will ensure that the LD community in Wellington County will continue to have the support they need to thrive.

“This investment by the Ontario Trillium Foundation to support the growth and development of our organization is great news for many in our community,” said **Mike Schreiner , MPP for Guelph**. “With the growing knowledge and HROC report on the importance of early literacy intervention, the programs and service that the LDAWC provide are invaluable.”

In addition to providing Strategic Planning, these funds will also help us change and adapt the current fundraising strategies for the LDAWC.

“The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be overstated,” said **Susan Newcombe, President of the LDAWC**. “This grant will allow for a strong and healthy future where all abilities have the opportunity to thrive both scholastically and socially with the benefits our programs provide.”

The LDAWC is dedicated to improving the lives of children, youth and adults with learning disabilities so that they can reach their full potential

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. Last year, nearly \$112M was invested into 1,384 community projects and partnerships to build healthy and vibrant communities and strengthen the impact of Ontario’s non-profit sector. In 2020/21, OTF supported Ontario’s economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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