

\$70,000 OTF GRANT GIVES THE LDAWC A CHANCE TO MEET LEARNING NEEDS IN WELLINGTON COUNTY

Guelph, ON - On Thursday, the Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County (LDAWC) hosted their 2nd Annual Rise and Shine Breakfast at the GrandWay Events Centre. At the event, LDAWC to celebrate a \$70,200 Resilient Communities Fund grant they received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Local MPP Mike Schreiner was on hand to congratulate the Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County and hear more about how the grant impacted youth and families in the area.

“As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph, I want to congratulate the Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County (LDAWC) on receiving the Resilient Communities Fund Grant,” said MPP Mike Schreiner. “LDAWC has played a vital role in our community by creating spaces and opportunities to help those with learning disabilities reach their full potential. The Resilient Communities Fund Grant will allow the organization to rebuild and recover from impacts of COVID-19 and continue the important work they do in our community. I want to thank the LDAWC for their continued commitment to promoting the education, employment, social development and inclusivity of those with learning disabilities in our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved grant!”

The funding allowed LDAWC to hire a Project Specialist to research and evaluate current programs as well as developing new ones. Thanks to this OTF grant, the Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County is moving forward with more community consultations, data-based tools to monitor how their programs are making an impact and possibly introduce additional programs to meet the growing and changes needs over the next year.

The fall line up of programs is set to start in late September and will include their flagship Reading Rocks program as well as small group programs including Social Skills, Executive Skills and Study Skill.

“With the challenges students have faced however over the last few years, it important that we take a look at what we are currently doing as well as the barriers families face to ensure we are providing the right skills to the right populations and in ways that can best reach those that need our program the most,” said Patricia Townson, Executive Director of the LDAWC.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County is a charitable, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, youth and adults with learning disabilities so that they can reach their full potential. Through outreach, education, advising and advocacy, the Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County’s mandate is to advance the education, employment, social development, legal rights and general well-being of individuals with learning disabilities.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grant-making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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