



**United Way**  
**Peterborough & District**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Headline: United Way Peterborough & District Announces Disbursement of Federal Funding Peterborough, ON July 30, 2020 -**

On May 19, United Way Peterborough & District launched a call for applications for the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). The fund provides financial support to charities and other qualified donees adapting their frontline services to support vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ECSF is funded by the Government of Canada and is being administered in collaboration with United Way Centraide Canada, Community Foundations of Canada and the Canadian Red Cross.

Today, **United Way Peterborough & District** is pleased to share an update on the recipients of this funding. Over the past month, United Way Peterborough & District has received over 40 applications for community programs and services that support vulnerable community members. To date, 35 organizations have been approved for a total of **\$366,079.96**:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peterborough
- Community Care Peterborough
- Community Counselling & Resource Centre
- Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough
- Easter Seals ON
- Elizabeth Fry Society of Peterborough
- Five Counties Children's Centre
- Food for Kids Peterborough
- Friends Reaching Individuals in Every Nation Doing Service (FRIENDS)
- Good Neighbours Care Centre
- Junior Achievement of Peterborough Lakeland Muskoka
- Kawartha Child Care Services (Compass Early Learning & Care)
- Kawartha Participation Projects Foundation
- Kawartha Youth Orchestra
- Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation
- KSAC
- New Canadian Centre
- Nijkiwendidaa Anishnaabekwewag Services Circle
- Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre

- PARN
- Peterborough Green Up Association
- Peterborough Youth Services
- Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
- Sensity
- Special Olympics Ontario - Peterborough & Area
- St. John's Anglican Church - One Roof
- Telecare Distress Centre of Peterborough Inc.
- The Canadian Canoe Museum
- The Council of Persons with Disabilities
- Township of Selwyn Public Library
- Trent Valley Literacy Association
- Victim Services of Peterborough & Northumberland
- VON Peterborough Victoria Haliburton
- YMCA
- Youth Emergency Shelter of Peterborough

United Way Peterborough & District is proud to support the important investment of \$366,079.96 into our local communities.

"The pandemic has been hard on everyone, especially those who were vulnerable pre-COVID. Through our federal government's response, 8 million Canadians are receiving a guaranteed income of \$2,000, 3 million workers have been supported with the wage subsidy, thousands of organizations, including those serving vulnerable women and children, have been able to keep their doors open and keep people safe. Through this investment of \$366,079, our government has partnered with the United Way to provide additional supports to 35 local organizations caring for our neighbours in their hour of need. There is more to be done, to be sure. The Safe Restart agreement with Ontario carves out \$5 billion over the next eight months for the province to support things like putting in place safety measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19, managing public spaces and critical services, and ensuring that public transit is safe to use. Our government will be there with you every step of the way." says Maryam Monsef, Member of Parliament for Peterborough-Kawartha.

"These times of COVID-19 call for leadership. Our Federal Government has demonstrated a commitment to the Not-for-Profit sector and a deep belief in the resilience of local communities. United Way is delighted to partner with the government in supporting leading agencies who are meeting the needs of our vulnerable neighbors now." says Jim Russell, CEO of United Way Peterborough and District.

"Charities and non-profit organizations are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, acting as lifelines for many vulnerable Canadians," says The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. "The Government of Canada is pleased to work with its trusted partners to support these organizations through the Emergency Community Support Fund so they can continue to help those most in need during this crisis."

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