



MEDIA RELEASE

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YMCA of Oakville Celebrates \$239,700 in funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation

Oakville, ON – On Saturday, local MPP Stephen Crawford met with the team at the YMCA of Oakville as they hosted their Free Community Open House as well as a ribbon-cutting for their new Family Play Centre. At the event, they also celebrated and acknowledged \$239,700 they received through two grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) which funded two new programs and the building of a new facilities at the YMCA.

"I am delighted that our government continues to make investments into important organizations in our community through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. It is a testament to the many ways we can address the unique needs of people at all ages and stages of life in partnership with the YMCA" said Stephen Crawford, MPP for Oakville. "Whether it is helping people prepare and recover from joint surgery and injury; to creating a fresh, fun destination for children and families to play! There are so many people in our community who will benefit greatly."

Thanks to an \$89,700 Resilient Communities Fund, which was first awarded in July 2022, the YMCA was able to create the Physio Aid and Team Training programs, both of which facilitate functional rehabilitation and injury prevention. These programs have already had a significant impact on the community and will continue as a part of the YMCA fee for service programs now and into the future.

A \$150,000 Capital grant was awarded in November 2022 to support the building of the new Family Play Centre at the YMCA. This Centre is already a big hit with local families and the expanded vision, or this space includes the purchase of some specialized equipment to facilitate additional programming for children on the autism spectrum and those who may have complex learning needs. The Family Play Centre will also be available for groups in the community to visit and enjoy.

"The impact of these Ontario Trillium Foundation grants cannot be overstated," Kyle Barber, CEO of the YMCA of Oakville. "These grants facilitated needed, modernizing renovations and innovative new program development through 12 month pilots that the YMCA would not have been able to afford during our post pandemic recovery phase, but which now set us up to deliver even more relevant and sustainable programming for the future. Our facility is more accessible now and we can better support everyone: people with limiting mobility issues and active, growing young families and children. We also want to congratulate the Ontario Trillium Foundation on 40 years of granting and building healthy and vibrant communities across the province."

The YMCA of Oakville is committed to ensuring equity and accessibility. If you wish to enquire about membership, program registration or using the space for your meeting or hosting an event, please visit the website at: www.ymcaofOakville.org.

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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