

## **NEWS RELEASE**

United Way Waterloo Region Communities

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### **United Way Waterloo Region Communities distributes \$1,240,000 to local organizations through Emergency Community Support Fund**

#### ***Funds to support COVID-19 Frontline Services***

On May 19, United Way Waterloo Region Communities (UWWRC) 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, UWWRC is pleased to share an update on the recipients of this funding. Over the past month, UWWRC has received over 125 applications for community programs and services that support vulnerable community members. To date, 42 local organizations have been approved for a total of \$1,240,000.

[Adventure4Change](#)

[ACCKWA \(AIDS Committee Of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo & Area\)](#)

[Argus Residence for Young People](#)

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[Bridges to Belonging](#)

[Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank](#)

[Cambridge Shelter Corporation \(Mental Health Support\)](#)

[Cambridge Shelter Corporation \(Financial Support Literacy\)](#)

[Cambridge Vineyard Christian Fellowship](#)

[Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo Wellington](#)

[Carizon Family and Community Services \(Financial Wellness in Vulnerable Communities\)](#)

[Carizon Family and Community Services \(Nourishing Neighbourhoods\)](#)  
[The Church of St. John The Evangelist Anglican](#)  
[Community Care Concepts of Woolwich, Wellesley and Wilmot Townships](#)  
[Extend-A-Family Waterloo Region](#)  
[Family Counselling Centre of Cambridge and North Dumfries](#)  
[Fiddlesticks Community Centre](#)  
[The Food Bank of Waterloo Region](#)  
[Highland Stirling Community Group](#)  
[Interfaith Counselling Center](#)  
[Kinbridge Community Association](#)  
[Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre/Sanctuary](#)  
[Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre](#)  
[Kitchener-Waterloo Counselling Services Inc](#)  
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[The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region](#)  
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[Victims Services of Waterloo Region](#)  
[Volunteer Action Centre Waterloo Region](#)  
[Wilmot Family Resource Centre Inc.](#)  
[Woolwich Community Services](#)  
[The Working Centre \(St. John's Kitchen\)](#)  
[The Working Centre \(Uptown Waterloo Discovery Team\)](#)  
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[YWCA Cambridge](#)  
[YWKW](#)

UWWRC is proud to support the important investment of \$1,240,000 into our local communities.

“This fund is critical and allowed us to support local organizations that are still working to help so many people in our community that have been affected by the pandemic”, says Joan Fisk, UWWRC CEO.

“Our community partners have been pivotal in helping us recognize where the support was needed most. We realize this crisis has created more than one problem and we are proud to be working with The Government of Canada so we can help provide more than one solution. It is our hope that we can continue to provide support where needed most as we build a stronger future for Waterloo Region together”.

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The logo for Canada, featuring the word "Canada" in a serif font with a small Canadian flag icon above the letter "a".

### **Digital Assets:**

Please visit [www.uwaywrc.ca/communications](http://www.uwaywrc.ca/communications) to download our digital assets and further information, including photos, CEO bio and photo, and United Way backgrounder.

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### **About United Way Waterloo Region Communities**

United Way Waterloo Region Communities is dedicated to helping people live better lives in every one of the seven communities we serve. We are fundraisers who support a network of agencies whose programs and services are locally focused, informed, connected, and deeply invested in helping people reach their full potential.

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