



NEWS RELEASE

United Way Waterloo Region Communities

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Over \$3 Million provided to 64 Waterloo Region organizations through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund

WATERLOO REGION, ON (August 22, 2023) – Today, United Way Waterloo Region Communities (UWWRC) and Waterloo Region Community Foundation (WRCF) are pleased to announce \$3 million in funding to support 64 projects across Waterloo Region through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund. In addition, there will be funding announced through the Canadian Red Cross.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million by the Government of Canada to help Community Service Organizations, charities, non-profits, and Indigenous governing bodies located in Canada. This funding is in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, United Way Centraide Canada, and the Canadian Red Cross.

Community service organizations are at the forefront of addressing communities' needs. Since the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have struggled with increased demand for their services, reduced revenues, declines in charitable giving due to the rising cost of living, and a greater need to make use of digital tools. Many organizations are struggling to recover and adapt their services to the changing needs of Waterloo Region.

For more information, visit the [Community Services Recovery Fund website](#).

The following organizations are being supported in Waterloo Region:

- A Better Tent City Waterloo Region
- ACCKWA (The AIDS Committee of Cambridge Kitchener Waterloo and Area)
- Adventure4Change
- African Women's Alliance of Waterloo Region
- Anishnabeg Outreach Employment and Training Inc.
- AONation
- Bereaved Families of Ontario – Midwestern Region
- Bridges to Belonging
- Cambridge Cultural Association
- Cambridge Food Bank
- Cambridge Shelter Corporation
- Cambridge Symphony Orchestra
- Cambridge Vineyard Christian Fellowship
- Cambridge Rowing Club
- Canadian Aweil Youth Association
- Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo Wellington

- Central Ontario Developmental Riding Program
- Child Witness Centre of Waterloo Region
- Camino Wellbeing + Mental Health formerly Carizon Family and Community Services (Children and Youth Planning Table of Waterloo Region)
- Coalition of Muslim Women of KW
- Community Care Concepts of Woolwich, Wellesley & Wilmot Townships
- Community Support Connections
- Epilepsy South Central Ontario
- Extend-A-Family Waterloo Region
- Family and Children's Services Foundation
- Freedom in Christ Pentecostal Assembly
- Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre
- Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region Inc.
- Hope for Community Development
- Hospice of Waterloo Region
- Interfaith Community Counselling Centre
- Islamic Centre of Cambridge
- John Howard Society of Waterloo-Wellington
- Kitchener Rangers Community Fund
- Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery
- Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre
- Lincoln-Road Chinese Training Association
- Lisaard & Innisfree Hospice
- Marillac Place
- MennoHomes Inc.
- MINT Memory Clinic
- Multicultural Theatre Space (MT Space)
- Muslim Social Services Waterloo Region
- Neruda Arts
- Nutrition for Learning
- Porchlight Counselling and Addiction Services
- Rare Charitable Research Reserve
- Reception House Waterloo Region
- Sanguen Health Centre
- SHORE Centre
- Smart Waterloo Region Innovation Lab
- Somali Canadian Association of Waterloo Region
- St. Stephen Lutheran Church and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services
- The Healing of the Seven Generations
- The Working Centre
- Thresholds Homes and Supports
- Unwrap Theatre
- Volunteer Waterloo Region
- Waterloo Region Family Network
- Wilmot Family Resource Centre
- Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region
- Woolwich Community Health Centre
- YW Kitchener-Waterloo

Quotes:

“United Way WRC quarterly funding keeps us closely connected with the critical needs of organizations in our community. It was an honour to collaborate with the WRCF and the Red Cross in the allocation of the Community Services Recovery Fund, funded by the Government of Canada, across Waterloo Region. This additional funding stream has allowed for much needed investments in innovation and resilience building in local Community Service Organizations.”

– Joan S Fisk, CEO, United Way Waterloo Region Communities

“We hear from local organizations that funding to support their capacity is difficult to find. And the need to strengthen internal operations is now more critical than ever due to the pandemic. We are pleased WRCF could play a part in bringing funding to local charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies.”

– Eric Avner, President & CEO, Waterloo Region Community Foundation

“Community service organizations are at the heart of communities like Waterloo Region, creating a sense of belonging from coast to coast to coast. The Community Services Recovery Fund will enable organizations that serve our diverse communities to adapt and modernize their programs and services and to invest in the future of their organizations, staff and volunteers. Together, we can rebuild from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic and build a more just and equitable future for those in Waterloo Region.”

– Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

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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, and we focus on understanding issues and solutions unique to our community. Thanks to generous donors and partners, we are privileged to collaborate with people, non-profits, and businesses to empower multiple innovative, impactful and measurable solutions. We are fundraisers and local community builders that support a network of agencies whose programs and services are locally focused, informed, connected, and deeply invested in helping people reach their full potential. To ensure critical agencies, programs and services get the funding they need, and to ensure donors have a clear line of sight to the work we do, we have focused on cause-based giving. Campaign for a Cause is a targeted community campaign that provides the opportunity for you or your workplace to give back in a way that aligns directly with your values and goals. To learn more, connect with us at www.uwaywrc.ca

About Waterloo Region Community Foundation

Waterloo Region Community Foundation (WRCF) collaborates with partners to create sustainable, equitable and thriving communities. We connect regionally and locally, with our three cities and four townships, to include the people and places across our region. We make philanthropy easy for individuals and companies to support organizations and issues they care about. WRCF is focused on Granting, Investing and Convening to make measurable and sustainable impacts. Gifts are directed to WRCF's endowed funds that drive positive change through grants with the income generated being distributed in partnership with Fundholders to support a wide range of charitable causes within our community. We are growing our assets in a socially-responsible way without compromising financial returns, and transitioning to a 100% mission-aligned portfolio. These investments include directing at least 10% of our portfolio to impact investments. As a leading community-building organization we also work to amplify voices and issues of importance by convening conversations and sharing information, while approaching our work with an equity mindset. www.wrcf.ca

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