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## Press Release

### **May 14, 2020, Oakville: We Love Oakville (WLO) Collaborates with the Oakville Community Foundation to support the Oakville Resiliency Fund and Priority Needs**

[We Love Oakville](#) (WLO) is a collective of residents' associations throughout Oakville who come together in times of crisis to work for the good of the Town as a whole. WLO wanted to find a way to help support the local efforts and needs during the COVID-19 emergency. When learning of the work of the Oakville Community Foundation and their Resiliency Fund, WLO felt it was a great fit.

"We knew this would be a great collaboration. For us, it's all about local, and helping our residents understand where the needs are and how they can help. When speaking with The Foundation, we were intrigued by how they have come to identify the needs, and more over, how they are nimble in getting the funding to those in need quickly," says WLO chair Doug McKirgan.

WLO is collaborating with the [Oakville Community Foundation](#) (The Foundation) and is recommending residents consider donations to the [Oakville Resiliency Fund](#). The Foundation established the Oakville Resiliency Fund to support our local community during this State of Emergency and beyond, and has been providing grants to Oakville charities that are operational and provide frontline services at this time in our community since early April. Most recently, funding has been provided to Education heroes who have been retooling their programs, to be able to provide virtual educational programs that are supporting our vulnerable, youth and children. To date, over \$500,000 has been directed to these identified priority agencies.

All donations to the Resiliency fund are tax receipted (a min of \$20 required), and The Foundation is absorbing all transaction fees, enabling 100% of the donation to the priority agencies and charities on the frontlines.

"We are very appreciative and thankful of the interest and leadership of the WLO. In times like this, helping our community come together, working as a group to help others is so important. We appreciate WLO connecting with their resident associations and members, helping to spread the word and share insights on how and where support is needed," Wendy Rinella, CEO.

## **How Can You Help?**

Make a donation – all contributions will help fill the gap - Donate here to the Oakville Resiliency Fund - [bit.ly/weloveoakville](http://bit.ly/weloveoakville)

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### **Oakville Community Foundation**

The Foundation is a registered charity with 25 years of experience Building Community Through Philanthropy. The Foundation has granted more than \$44.5 million to charities since 1994 and supports investments of over \$110 million in charitable assets. We welcome families, businesses and residents into our community and give everyone the opportunity to be a philanthropist. The Foundation is one of the largest members of a national network of more than 190 Canadian community foundations.

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