



Oakville Community Foundation grants \$200k to local gender-equity charities

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Oakville, Ont., January 27, 2023 - Today, the Oakville Community Foundation announced funding totalling **\$200,000** to seven charitable organizations that are leading initiatives to support women, girls, Two-Spirit and gender-diverse individuals working towards a future grounded in equity, inclusion and justice.

The funding is through the Fund for Gender Equality (the Fund). This initiative is part of a partnership with [Community Foundations of Canada](#), funded through the Government of Canada. The **Oakville Community Foundation** is one of 21 local community foundations from coast to coast to coast that are taking part. In total, these community foundations are granting over \$3.4M towards the gender equality movement.

The following charitable organizations received funding for their continuing work in the gender equity space:

- **Big Brothers, Big Sisters - \$30,000.00**
Girls Linking Our World (GLOW) and Healthy Education and Relationship Teaching (HEART)
- **Black Mentorship Inc. - \$20,000.00**
Moms Empowered
- **Halton Women's Place - \$40,000.00**
Decreasing Barriers
- **Home Suite Hope - \$31,200.00**
Homeward Bound Halton
- **SAVIS (Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services) - \$40,000.00**
Broaden Reach to Support Gender Based Violence
- **Shifra Homes - \$10,000.00**
Residential Program
- **The Women's Centre of Halton - \$28,800.00**
Employ and Empower: 6-Week Employment Skills Series

In determining these grants, The Foundation is grateful for the work of the Gender Equity Review Task Force:

- Samantha Cheung
- Lois Thomas
- Hailey Francis
- Megan Badenhorst

The Foundation has funded organizations that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to empowering women, girls, Two-Spirit, and gender-diverse people through their mission, activities, or partnerships. This funding spans a variety of purposes, including efforts to pilot new initiatives, to address long-standing community needs, or to support a just recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Foundation previously distributed \$50,000 as part of the Pilot Fund for Gender Equality and another \$140,000 in the first cohort of the Fund for Gender Equality.. These projects and charitable organizations are available [here](#).

“The Oakville Community Foundation is thrilled to support these seven gender-equity serving charities,” said Frances Pace, Director of Fundholder and Community Engagement for the Oakville Community Foundation. “We know that investing in women and gender-equity is not just the right thing to do, it is a strategic choice, and we are committed to creating lasting change in philanthropy by writing gender equality into our investment practices.”

“Community organizations led by and dedicated to supporting women, girls, gender-diverse and Two-Spirit individuals are at the centre of the movement towards gender equality and equity,” said Andrea Dicks, Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) President. “While this can feel daunting at times, these organizations demonstrate tenacity, resiliency and hope as they shift power. To create communities of true belonging and to recover from the pandemic, we must advance gender equality across the country. We’re grateful for the financial support from the Government of Canada and the leadership of the Oakville Community Foundation who is taking part in these efforts.”

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The Oakville Community Foundation is a local charitable solutions provider, delivering the tools to realize your charitable passions. The Foundation acts as a philanthropic medium, investing donations to generate new money for our community. We conduct local research to provide our diverse donors with knowledge and solutions to make an impact in the local community, both today and in the future. Thanks to the visionaries in our community who started The Foundation more than 25 years ago, The Foundation has granted more than \$57 million to support charities locally and beyond.

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