

Oakville Community Foundation recognized in Top 50 Equitable Funders ranking

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Oakville, Ont., October 31, 2024 - The Oakville Community Foundation is proud to announce it has placed 10th in the ranking of the 2024 Top 50 Equitable Funders in Canada.

The annual research and ranking, compiled by Future of Good and QuakeLab, highlights organizations that have demonstrated notable progress in promoting equitable funding practices and fostering positive social change.

The Foundation's inclusion in this group reflects its ongoing efforts to support initiatives that address systemic inequalities and enable a more just and inclusive society, like Debwewin: The Oakville Truth project and the Enable Education course, among other efforts.

"We are both thrilled and surprised to be included in the 2024 ranking of the Top 50 Equitable Funders. Our intent was always to be a reflection of our community," said Wendy Rinella, CEO of the Oakville Community Foundation. "Diversity, equity and inclusion is an important part of our mandate as a local grantmaking organization and we are proud of the steps we've taken to be recognized as the 10th most equitable Canadian charitable organization."

The Foundation is grateful to its Board of Directors, volunteers and partners for their guidance and support.

Vinod Rajasekaran, CEO of Future of Good, emphasized the significance of this recognition.

"This annual list is groundbreaking in its ability to spotlight foundations that are truly advancing equitable funding practices. The Oakville Community Foundation's inclusion is a testament to their commitment to enabling positive social impact and fostering equity within their team and community."

"We hope that this research and data serve as a catalyst for continuous improvement, inspiring foundations to reflect on their practices and strive for greater equity year on year," said Sharon Nyangweso, CEO of QuakeLab.

According to Future of Good, The Top 50 Equitable Funders in Canada ranking recognizes organizations that have implemented innovative practices, policies, and initiatives to advance equity and inclusion in their funding activities. Those on the list set a positive example for other philanthropic and grantmaking organizations, inspiring action to advance diversity, inclusion, and equity in their own work and teams.

See more at www.top50funders.ca.

About Oakville Community Foundation

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 30 years ago, The Foundation has granted more than \$65 million to support charities locally and beyond.

About Future of Good

Future of Good is a leading media, research, and learning organization for Canada's social purpose world. We are the essential source of journalism, knowledge, and analysis to make sense of a sector and society in transition. Our mission is to enable a smarter social purpose world by enriching impact-oriented teams and leaders with insights and knowledge that fuel learning, development, and decision-making every day.

About QuakeLab

QuakeLab is a full-stack equity and justice agency that provides the tools, expertise and methods to take your vision for inclusion from idea to action.

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