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**The YMCA of the National Capital Region Awarded a \$195,000
Community Building Fund Grant from Ottawa Trillium Foundation**

OTTAWA, ON, September 15, 2023 – Local MPP Joel Harden joined the YMCA of the National Capital Region (the Y) to recognize the Ontario Trillium Foundation for awarding a \$195,000 Community Building Fund - Capital grant to the Y. This grant will help the Y address an urgent community need by replacing a failing emergency generator at the Taggart Family Y in Ottawa’s Centretown.

“The Y is a tremendously valuable community hub for neighbours across Ottawa’s downtown core, providing many important programs and services for local residents,” said Joel Harden, MPP for Ottawa Centre. “I’m extremely excited to see that they will be able to continue their important work with increased stability thanks to support from the Ottawa Trillium Foundation.”

With over 300 people calling the Shenkman Residence at the Taggart Family Y on any given day, as well as it being a community gathering place for fitness and aquatics programs, child care services, and summer day camps, having a reliable emergency generator is essential facility infrastructure.

In March, 2020, the facility experienced a catastrophic failure of its aging generator and since then, the Y has been renting a temporary unit at a significant cost to the organization. Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s Community Building Fund – Capital grant, the Y has been able to install a new permanent, energy-efficient generator and no longer needs to carry costly rental fees, allowing much-needed funds to be directed to other areas.

“We are very grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for selecting our Y to receive a Community Building Fund Capital Grant,” says Bob Gallagher, President and CEO at the YMCA of the National Capital Region. “This support has allowed us to keep our building and its residents, members, staff, and visitors safe, while freeing up necessary funds for programs needed by so many individuals here in Ottawa. We are fortunate to have a partner in the Ontario Trillium Foundation supporting us to serve the needs of our community.”

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About the Ottawa Trillium Foundation

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grantmaking in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario’s Community Building Fund. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

About the YMCA of the National Capital Region

Founded in 1867, the YMCA of the National Capital Region is a registered charity dedicated to building healthy communities. The organization is committed to nurturing the potential of children, teens and young adults, promoting healthy living and supporting vulnerable people within the community. The Y serves thousands of people across the Ottawa region each year. A focus on inclusiveness and accessibility means people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities are served through all stages of life. To learn more visit ymcaottawa.ca.

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