Investing $141,000 in Repairs and Upgrades to Local Community Agencies in Durham

DURHAM — The Ontario government is providing $141,000 to support essential upgrades and repairs at 7 community agencies in Durham Region. This funding is part of the government's $25 million investment in critical infrastructure repairs this year, helping ensure community agencies across the province can continue delivering essential services to those who rely on them most.

"Durham Region's local community agencies are an important part of the support network individuals and families from Whitby rely on," said Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security. "Our government recognizes the vital role that these organizations play, and we are taking action to ensure that they have the modern infrastructure needed to continue supporting residents from across the Region of Durham."

Funding from the Partner Facility Renewal program supports a range of organizations, including shelters for women and children who have experienced or may be at risk of violence, residences that offer day-to-day support for individuals with developmental disabilities, facilities serving survivors of human trafficking, organizations dedicated to supporting Indigenous communities, and centres that provide services for children and youth with special needs.

The $25 million investment will support 192 community agencies across the province in carrying out critical repairs and upgrades, including improvements to roofing and air conditioning systems, enhanced security features, and accessibility retrofits to kitchens and bathrooms.In Durham, funding is being provided to the following agencies:

• Abilities Centre to help with generator upgrades - $11,400

• Community Living Ajax-Pickering and Whitby to help with deck repairs - $30,000

• Community Living Oshawa-Clarington to help with ramp/deck, fence, and flooring replacement - $67,800

• Durham Children's Aid Society to help with exterior security system replacement - $6,700

• John Howard Society of Durham to help with foundation repairs and driveway repavement - $15,000

• Oshawa Young Women's Christian Association to help with front porch and stair repairs - $6,000

• Sedna Women's Shelter and Support Services Inc. (The Denise House) to help with accessible door installation - $4,100

"Community-based organizations are essential in helping people across Ontario access reliable programs and services," said Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "Through these investments, our government is supporting hundreds of agencies so they can continue providing children, youth and families with the tools and support they need to succeed in their communities."

• This year as part of the Partner Facility Renewal Program the government is investing a total of $25 million in 192 community agencies across the province.

• Community agencies deliver vital programs related to anti-human trafficking, autism, child welfare, children's mental health, developmental services, child development, Indigenous health and wellness, interpreter and intervenor services, violence against women, and youth justice services.

• Approximately 19,000 adults with developmental disabilities received supportive living services in 2024-25.

• In 2024-25, more than 60,700 children and youth received community-based rehabilitation services, such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech-language pathology.• As well, almost 87,800 students received school-based rehabilitation services from children's treatment centres.

• In 2024-25, Ontario's Violence Against Women (VAW) emergency women's shelters served approxi