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\$192,700 OTF Grant from the Ontario Government Supports New Shared Data System for Ottawa Community Houses

Ottawa, ON – On Friday, the team at Confederation Court Community House and the Ottawa Coalition of Community Houses (OCCH) to learn more about the \$192,700 Resilient Communities Fund grant they received from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The funding supported the development and implementation of a shared database system across Ottawa's Community House network.

"This OTF investment in not only Confederation Court Community House but the wider Ottawa Coalition of Community Houses is welcome news. It is a recognition of the great work the staff do and this investment will go a long way to serve the needs of their communities even better," said John Fraser, MPP for Ottawa South. "The new centralized database system developed thanks to the funding allows a better understanding of community needs and improves programming across the Ottawa network of Community Houses. Thank you to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for supporting this important, life-changing organization through their Resilient Communities funding."

Through this investment, OCCH and its member organizations have implemented a centralized database system that allows Community Houses to better track participation, measure collective impact, streamline reporting, and coordinate services across the network. The project enhances the Coalition's ability to understand community needs, improve programming, and demonstrate outcomes to funders and partners. This project strengthens coordination, service delivery, and data-informed decision-making across Community Houses serving Ottawa neighbourhoods, ultimately improving support for children, youth, families, and residents across the city.

"This project marks a significant milestone for our network," said Carla Thür, Coalition Facilitator. "With a shared database system in place, Community Houses across Ottawa can work more collaboratively, make stronger data-informed decisions, and better demonstrate the collective impact of neighbourhood-based community services. We are grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for investing in the infrastructure that strengthens our sector and ultimately improves supports for residents."

The Ottawa Coalition of Community Houses is a network of 16 Community Houses located in Ottawa Community Housing neighbourhoods across the city. Community Houses provide neighbourhood-based programs and services including food supports, youth programming, homework clubs, newcomer supports, crisis intervention, and community development initiatives. Together, they serve thousands of residents annually and play a critical role in fostering healthy, connected, and resilient communities.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. In 2025–26, OTF invested nearly \$107M into 746 community projects. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit Ontario Trillium Foundation to learn more.



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