



Community Living South Muskoka

\$105,000 OTF Grant Helps Keep Individuals With Developmental Disabilities Connected!

Bracebridge, ON (September 10, 2021): On Friday, Community Living South Muskoka (CLSM) welcomed dignitaries and members of the public to the Grand Opening Celebration of their new premises at 505 Highway 118 West in Bracebridge. Local MPP Norman Miller and Sandra Holdsworth, a volunteer with the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) were on hand to join in the celebrations and hear more on how the \$105,000 Resilient Communities Fund grant that CLSM received earlier this year, is helping to keep individuals living with developmental disabilities connected through the pandemic and beyond.

“As we move forwards from the pandemic, I think our society will continue to operate more and more on digital platforms; which will increase the number of opportunities available in rural areas,” said MPP Norman Miller. “I am happy to see Community Living South Muskoka not only developing their own digital services, but also taking concrete steps to increase digital points of access for the people they support by purchasing computer equipment.”

The ability to remain connected to family and friends has never been more important and the investment by the Ontario Trillium Foundation has enabled CLSM to upgrade its technology and infrastructure, providing new smart TV's, computers and iPads for its residential homes. The grant has also helped the agency enhance its online security ensuring that the individuals they support can access online activities safely and securely, as well as aiding in the development of virtual programming.

CLSM is committed to helping those living with developmental disabilities achieve their goals, by ensuring they remain connected to and active in their communities. If you would like to know more about CLSM and what it does please visit their website www.clsm.on.ca.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. Last year, nearly \$112M was invested into 1,384 community projects and partnerships to build healthy and vibrant communities and strengthen the impact of Ontario's non-profit sector. In 2020/21, OTF supported Ontario's economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Please visit: otf.ca for more information.

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