

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **St. Andrew's Residence Builds Resilience with Help from OTF**

**Chatham, ON** – With a \$137,700 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund, St. Andrew's Residence has been able to rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19 by investing in new technology, reimagining programming and supporting staff to ensure seniors are connected and engaged. The organization's 12-month grant project was completed in February of this year, and ensures that St. Andrew's Residence can provide great care and service to its residents, staff and volunteers for many years to come.

"This funding allows St. Andrew's Residence to continue the great support they provide to their residents. It is wonderful when organizations apply for the grants that become available and use them to their potential," said MPP Rick Nicholls, Chatham-Kent-Leamington.

In addition to implementing new technology and reimagining program delivery, this grant has enabled St. Andrew's Residence to focus on how volunteers can be part of the organization not only at the resident level but also at the Board and Foundation level.

"Allowing us the ability to focus our attention to the long term viability of the residence is something that just has not been possible under the current environment," said Jessica Smith, Executive Director, St. Andrew's Residence. "We are grateful for the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation to provide the necessary resources for us to be able to reach our goals and prepare for the future."

"Being able to focus on developing the fundraising capacity of the organization, assisting board members to gain new skills and approaches to fund development and create a solid framework to build on is imperative for the future and has been made possible as a result of the incredible support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation," said Lynn McGeachy, Executive Director, St. Andrew's Residence Foundation.

"The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be underestimated," said Darrin Utley, Chair of the St. Andrew's Residence Board. "This grant has allowed us the necessary funds to make this all possible. We could not have done this without lots of help from our friends."

If you are interested in the Residence or the Foundation please visit our website at [standrewsresidence.com](https://standrewsresidence.com) or join us at the residence. Volunteers are always welcome.

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. Visit [otf.ca](https://otf.ca) to learn more.

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