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Independent Living Services Simcoe County Selected for the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund

SIMCOE COUNTY, Ontario, October XX, 2023 — Independent Living Services Simcoe County (ILS) is pleased to announce that our project Growing our Workforce through Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Planning has been selected to receive funding under the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund. This project will support our efforts to become an employer of choice in the human healthcare sector by highlighting the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion principles throughout the organization.

The Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF) is a one-time \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support community service organizations, including charities, non-profits, and Indigenous governing bodies, as we adapt and modernize our organizations.

"This funding will allow us to make significant enhancements to our efforts to create an inclusive, respectful and aware workplace. Clients, employees and board members will benefit immensely. We will grow as an organization in many ways."

- Cheryl Wilson, Executive Director

"I am continually impressed by the passion, dedication, and creativity of community service organizations, like Independent Living Services. I am equally proud the Government of Canada has supported their important work through the Community Services Recovery Fund. By investing in these organizations and their projects we can help to create a more just and equitable society, where everyone has opportunities to succeed. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of this investment in Simcoe County over the years to come."

Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

The CSRF is being delivered through three National Funders - Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada, and United Way Centraide Canada. The National Funders distributed the funding to eligible community service organizations operating in communities across Canada.

We wish to thank the Canadian Red Cross for facilitating the funding of our project. These funds will enable ILS to invest in our people to create a stronger, healthier workforce, capable of providing a higher level of care for the community. We look forward to sharing the results of our efforts in the coming year.

ILS is a CARF accredited, not-for-profit organization delivering services in communities in Simcoe County to assist people with disabilities and seniors to continue to live safe and well in their homes.

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