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Emergency Community Support Fund

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BARRIE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

\$361,530

in grants distributed to fund

32

local projects and agencies



Impact: John Howard Society of Simcoe & Muskoka

Prior to COVID-19, Barrie Police saw 15-25 failure to appears per week. With COVID-19, these went up to over 100 per week. Having limited access to a telephone or computer poses barriers, and in instances where the disclosure is delivered via email, it is often impossible for the client to secure equipment to print the volumes that are sent. When individuals do not have digital access, they are not appearing as they are supposed to.

Upon failing to appear, a new court date is scheduled, and the individual is often unaware of the new date that was issued, leading to the possibility of further charges. This has all been made far worse because of the pandemic.

Barrie Community Foundation granted ECSF monies for the purchase of technology for staff to support clients, with an aim to reduce Failure to Appear.



HURONIA
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION



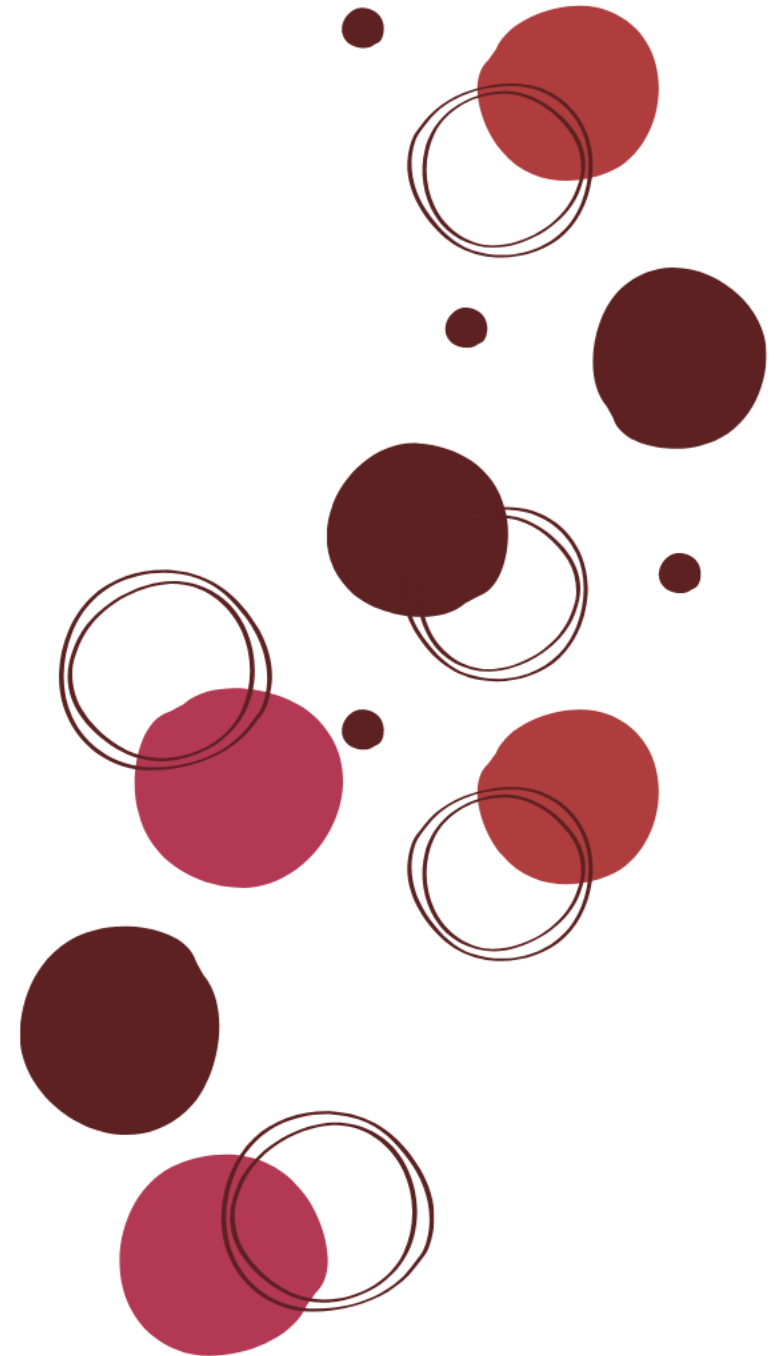
LA FONDATION
COMMUNAUTAIRE
DE LA HURONIE

\$134,500

in grants distributed to fund

43

local projects and agencies



Impact: Hospice Huronia

The Coronavirus has certainly made changes to everything about the way we care for others here at Hospice. From the increased need of Personal Protective Equipment to not being able to bring in our wonderful volunteers to provide a helping hand has made things far more challenging.

Your support will stay right here at Tomkins House helping to keep patients and families safe and well cared for by our clinical team. We have registered nurses here 24/7 ensuring pain and symptoms are managed and to help our patients to "Live until they Die."

The funds provided by HCF came at a perfect time as we rushed to make sure we could open our 5 private rooms to help our local hospital manage any possible pandemic surges. We have cared for 11 patients since April making their last days and weeks as comfortable and dignified as could be.



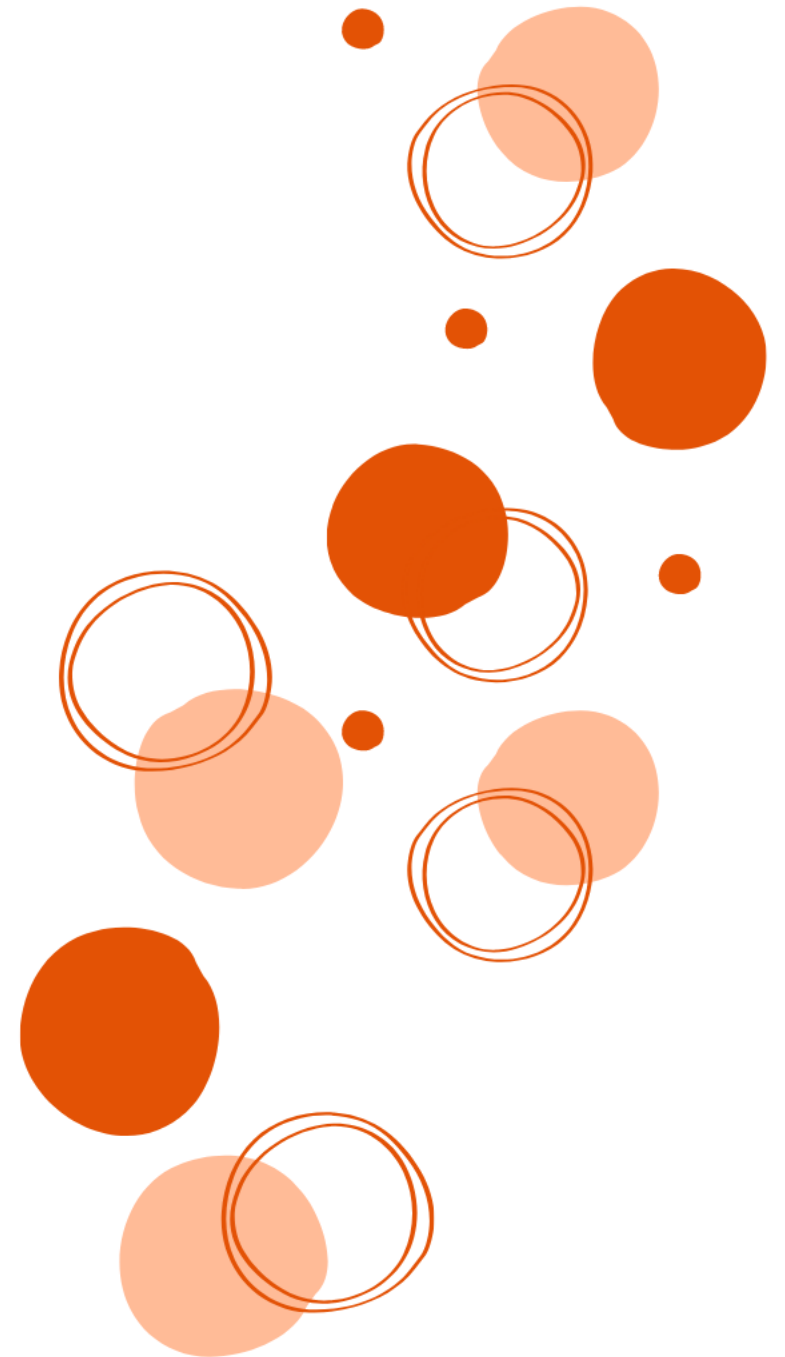


\$125,000

in grants distributed to fund

12

local projects and agencies



Funded Programs

**Canadian Mental Health Association
Simcoe County:** *"Expanding Mental
Health Peer Support Services in Innisfil"*

**Catholic Family Services of Simcoe
County:** *"Remote Access to Counselling
& Wellness Programming"*

Innisfil Community Church:
*"Community Re-Integration and
Recovery Program"*

Spinal Cord Injury Ontario: *"The Safe @
Home Project"*

YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka: *"Inspire
Youth / Connecting with Your
Community"*

**Catholic Family Services of Simcoe
County:** *"Talk Back to Negativity"*

Christmas for Kids (all year round):
"Christmas Warm Clothing Drive"

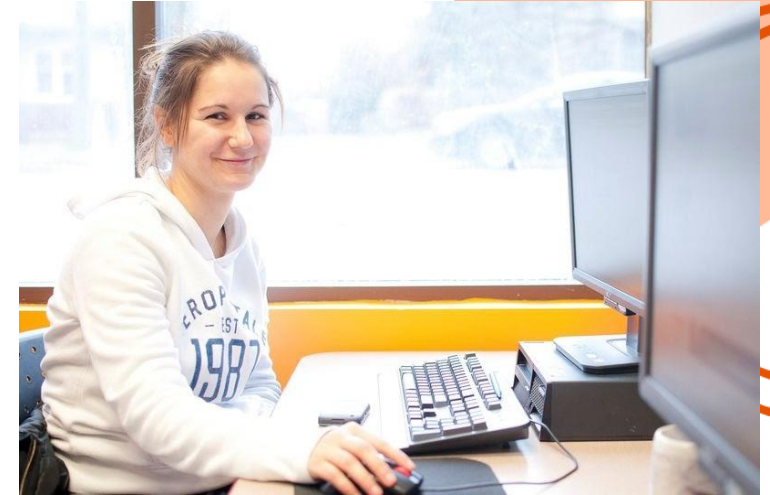
Elizabeth Fry Society Simcoe Muskoka:
*"Food Security for Temporary Motel
Shelter Program"*

Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka: *"Worry
Eater Workshop for Innisfil Elementary
Schools"*

Imani's Place: *"Outreach Worker"*

**Stevenson Memorial Hospital
Foundation:** *"Nocospray Disinfection
Program"*

YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka: *"Health &
Fitness Membership for Women and
Children"*



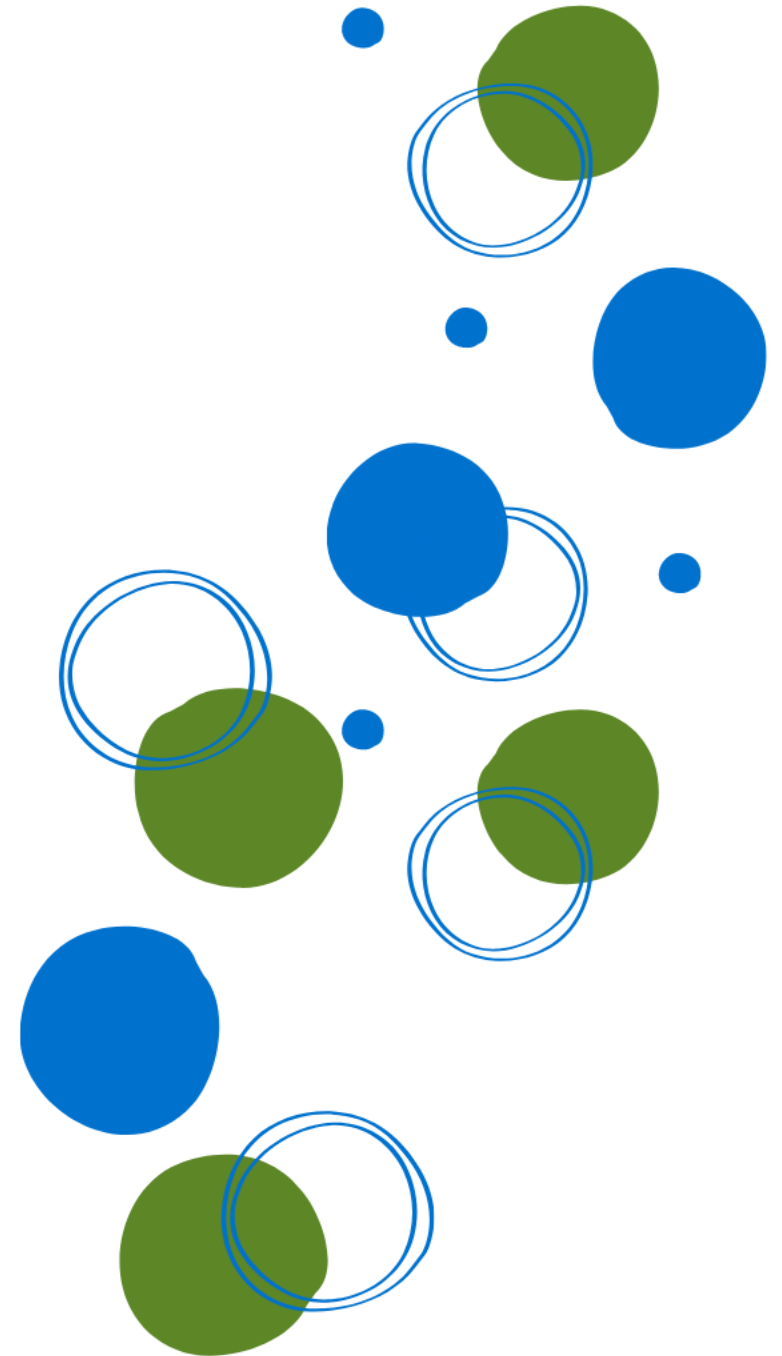


\$268,561

in grants distributed to fund

33

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Impact: Hospice Huntsville and Pets Too Project

“The virtual groups are definitely needed with the added isolation and challenges of COVID, participants are craving connection and the opportunity to talk to others about their grief. It is even more important than ever before.”

- Hospice Huntsville

“Pets Too knows how strong the bond is between people and their companion animals, particularly in troubling times. The Emergency Community Support Fund grant was used to buy pet food from a local pet store and distribute it to 11 food banks in Muskoka.”

- Moosonee Puppy Rescue for Pets Too Project



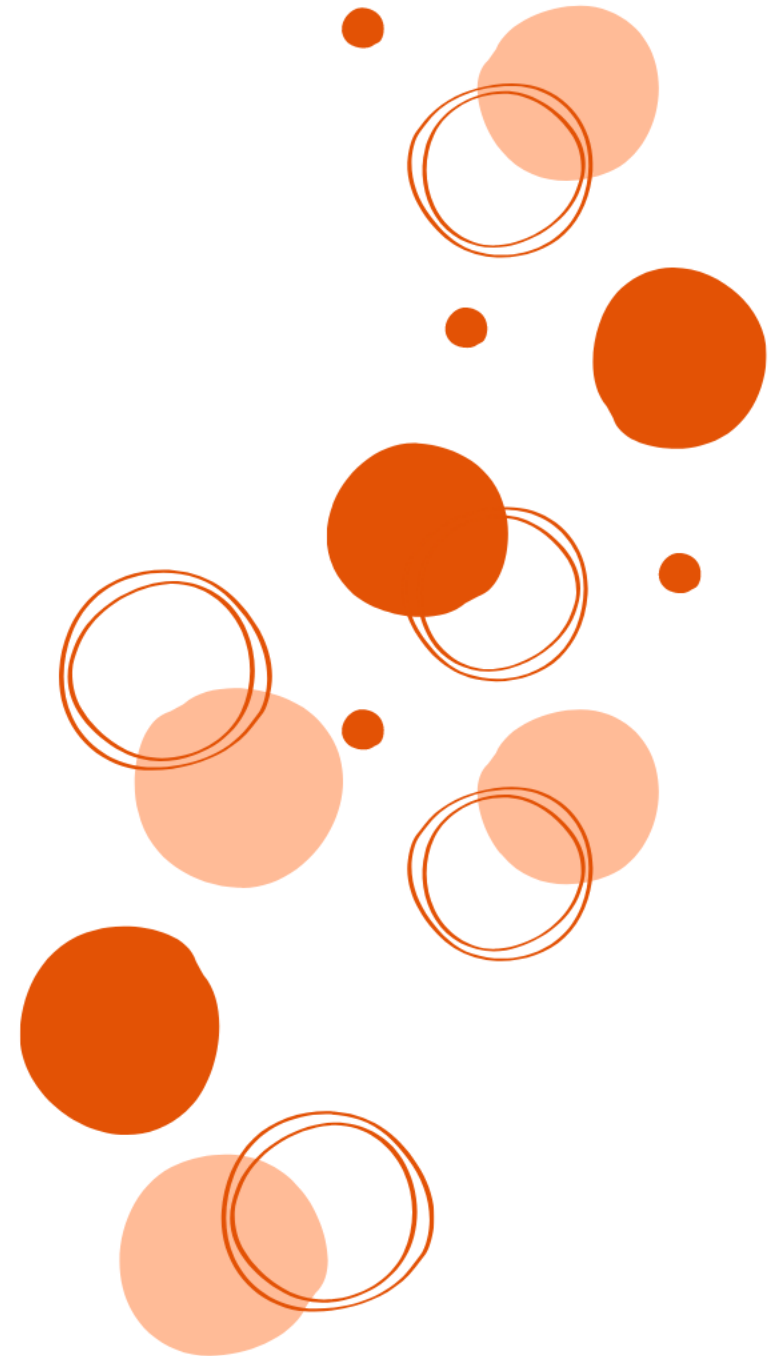
THE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
OF ORILLIA AND AREA

\$125,000

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Funded Program Spotlights

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orillia and District

Online mentoring programs

Gilda's Club

Worry Eater workshops in Orillia and area, to help relieve anxiety and stress for children affected by cancer

Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation

Support for the mental well-being of front line workers through the use of a comfort cart

Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County

Provide remote access to Orillia and area counselling and wellness programming



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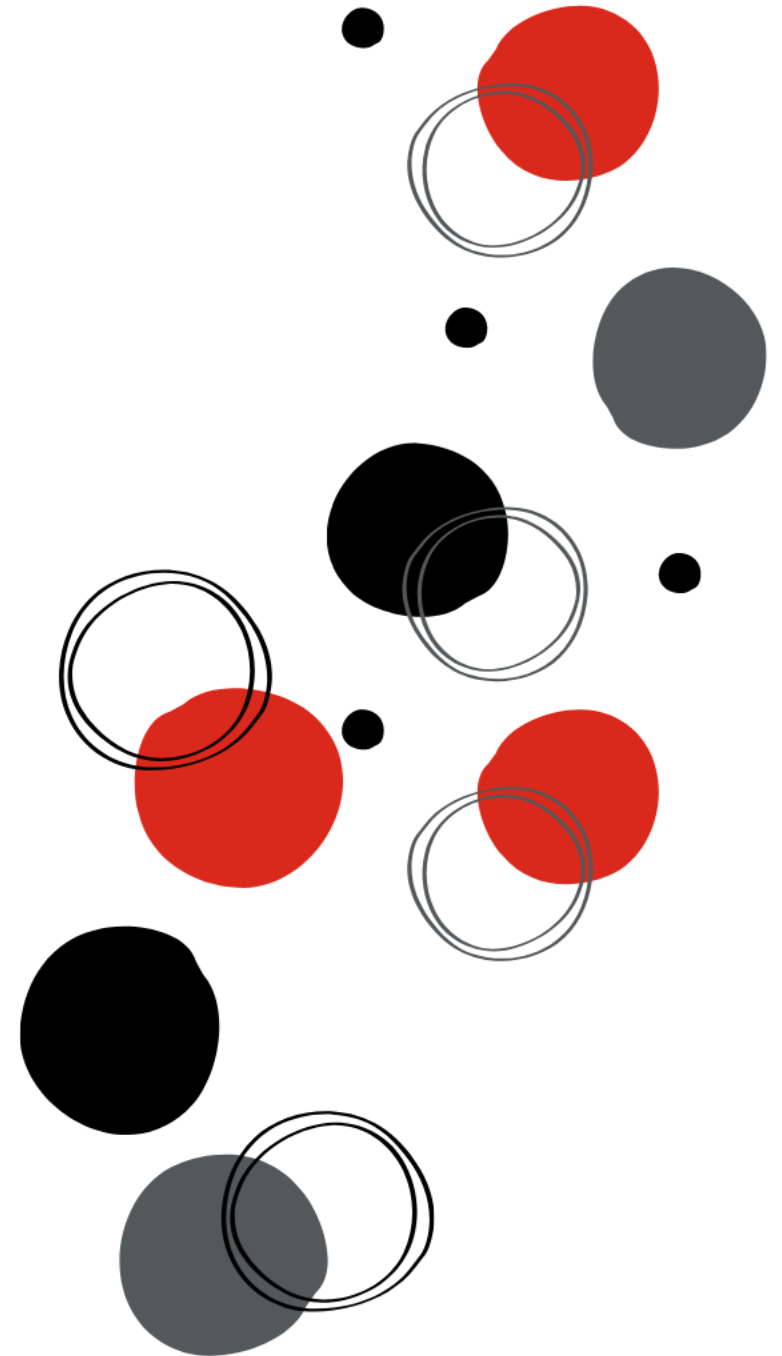


\$228,173

in grants distributed to fund

7

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Funded Programs

Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (Bradford)

Online settlement and language assistance to newcomers to support their wellbeing and address isolation

Gravenhurst Women's Centre (Gravenhurst)

Grocery gift cards to marginalized and at-risk women and their families

La Clé d'la Baie en Huronie (Barrie)

Association culturelle francophone – Food delivery service to seniors and vulnerable families struggling to take care of their specific dietary needs during the pandemic, particularly for children and youth

Credit Canada Debt Solutions (Barrie)

Expanding budgeting workshops into online webinars and to create webinars for any Canadian, particularly those living in low income, on how to deal with the financial impacts of COVID-19

Le Villageois de Lafontaine (Penetanguishene)

Mobilizing new volunteers to set up virtual activities and provide comfort for the physical and psychological wellbeing of residents in isolation

Association of Ontario Snowboarder (Collingwood)

Protective and physical distancing equipment to provide a safe environment for continued training and snowboarding competitions, particularly for children and youth

Imani's Foundation (Alliston)

Adapting programming to a COVID-19 reality to ensure Imani's Place can continue providing services for women who are homeless due to domestic violence and/or human trafficking in Alliston

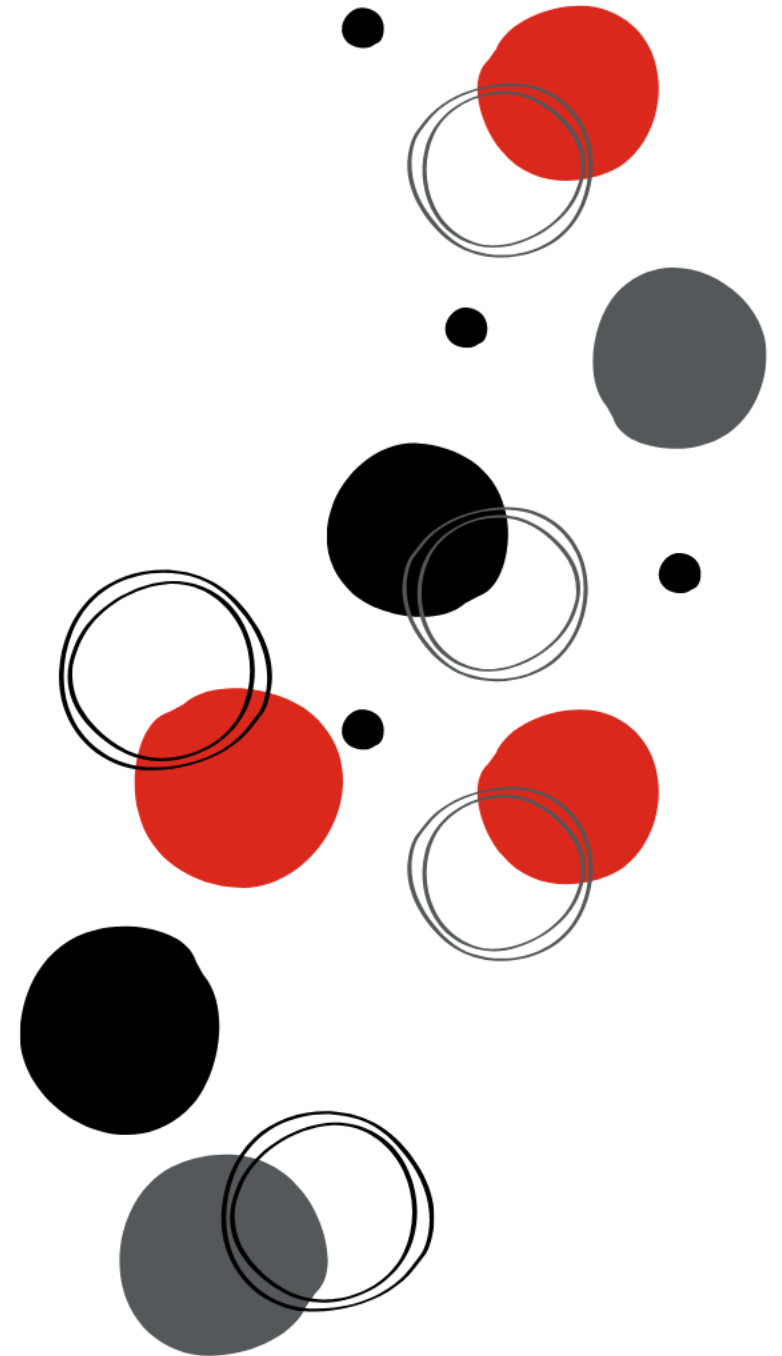




**United Way
Centraide**
Simcoe Muskoka

\$1,744,000
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Community Needs

“A 22-year-old young lady’s mother reached out to MiND-AID for help for her daughter, who was looking to escape being trafficked and wanted help ending her drug addiction. The young lady had been hospitalized after being violently sexually assaulted at age 17, which was followed by severe trauma responses, and debilitating fear and anxiety. She had turned to illegal drugs to numb her psychological pain and became addicted, which led her to the man who would traffic her. At the time I met her, this young lady had not received any trauma counselling and was on a waiting list for drug rehab that would have her waiting for 8 months to a year for care. I was able, through community connections and my awareness of available programs and funding, get this young lady into specialized local trauma counselling immediately as well as qualify her for the highest quality drug rehabilitation available, with price tags of \$1000 and \$20,000 respectively, something she and her family would never be able to afford. I continue to support this young lady on her journey to mental wellness, thanks to funding provided in part by the United Way.”

- Muskoka Victim Services

“The Digital Access to Justice program allowed for the development of a unique solution in a time of crisis. Faced with mounting bench warrants and growing lists of individuals who were noted as failing to appear for their court hearing because of a lack of ability to attend remotely, we knew there was a need for a response. It was only because of the generous support of the Government of Canada’s Emergency Response Fund and the efforts of United Way Simcoe and Muskoka and the Barrie Community Foundation that we were able to mobilize and bring this program to the community.”

- John Howard Society of Simcoe & Muskoka

Full list of recipients available: www.uwsimcoemuskoka.ca/ecsf/



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Thank you for your time!