

Community Care Peterborough Wins \$20,000

Community Care Peterborough has won the Great Canadian Giving Challenge, a \$20,000 national contest operated by CanadaHelps.

Throughout the month of June, CanadaHelps called on Canadians to give online for a chance to win \$20,000 for their favourite charity from the Great Canadian Giving Challenge. Every \$1 donated in June on the CanadaHelps.org platform or through a charity's website that is powered by CanadaHelps entered the charity for a chance to win the \$20,000 grand prize.

Out of 16,611 charities, Community Care Peterborough won the grand prize of \$20,000 from the 2021 Great Canadian Giving Challenge!

Community Care Peterborough supports seniors and adults living with physical challenges in the City and County of Peterborough.

"Our staff and more than 700 active volunteers support nearly 7,000 clients in the City and County of Peterborough," said Danielle Belair – Executive Director. "Together, we have provided more than 42,000 hot and frozen meals through our Meals on Wheels program and 22,000 drives to help clients get to medical appointments and other important visits. Our team also provides grocery delivery, telephone reassurance checks to check-in with clients at home, support with home care and maintenance, medical equipment loans, as well as many more client programs."

When the first Great Canadian Giving Challenge launched back in 2015, June was traditionally one of the lowest giving months.

"The Great Canadian Giving Challenge was originally launched in order to counter the cyclical summer-time drought many charities experience annually," said Marina Glogovac, President and CEO of CanadaHelps. "As the pandemic continues and we begin recovery ef-

forts, many charities are in need of critical support as some face declining donations."

Over the month of June, a total of 214,672 donors from across the country gave \$26,218,918 to 16,611 charities.

Over the last year, Community Care Peterborough has been improving their online donation capacity and process, utilizing more of the CanadaHelps.org platform features.

"We are so thrilled to win the Great Canadian Giving Challenge! For over 30 years and of course, throughout the COVID pandemic, we have been supporting our clients to remain safely in their own homes," said Alicia Vandine – Donor Relations and Communications Lead. "We adapted our fundraising plans, operating virtual events and improving our online presence, to make it easier for people to support this work with their donations, improving our capacity and process to make online donations easy and secure using our Canada Helps charity account."

Plans for the \$20,000

In an interview with Alicia Vandine from the Community Care Peterborough team, she shared their team's big plans for the \$20,000 donation. \$10,000 will be used to support their Give a Meal program which subsidizes Meals on Wheels services to those in greatest need. The remaining \$10,000 will be used for their Drive for Dialysis program which drives dialysis patients to medical appointments. Without this support, many Ontarians living in rural communities are left to cover the costs of transportation to these regular appointments, which can add up to between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per patient.

For more information about making a donation to Community Care Peterborough visit www.comcareptbo.org

Wet Weather Leads to More Mosquitoes Risk of West Nile Virus May Be Higher

With wet weather in the forecast, Peterborough Public Health is advising residents to take extra precautions avoiding mosquito bites this season to prevent the risk of a West Nile virus infection.

"We could see more mosquitoes this year so it's even more important to protect yourself by cleaning up and covering up," said Wanda Tonus, Public Health Inspector. "Meanwhile we continue to look for evidence of West Nile virus throughout the city and surrounding county and monitor its spread in Ontario."

Peterborough Public Health staff trap mosquitoes at various locations in the summer as well as test for the presence of larvae from standing water found throughout the Peterborough area. In 2020, staff collected more than 5,000 local mosquitoes and had three pools test positive for West Nile Virus. In 2020, Public Health Ontario reported that 171 positive mosquito pools and 77 confirmed or probable human cases of West Nile virus were recorded in Ontario. Human cases of West Nile virus have been reported locally in 2020 and 2017, and

neighbouring areas in 2019 and 2020 within Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and in 2020 within Hastings Prince Edward Public Health.

How do you protect yourself?

Clean up:

- Continually empty standing water to remove the habitat that mosquitoes need to lay their eggs per the City of Peterborough By-Law, 03-107. This includes flower pots, wheel barrows, pool covers, old tires and garbage/recycling cans and other places that might inadvertently create a puddle or body of still water.

- Fill in low depressions in your lawn to prevent puddles.

- Change water in bird baths at least once a week.

- Clean out dense bushes and shrubs where mosquitoes can rest.

- Turn over compost pile on a regular basis.

- Ensure window and door screens fit tightly and do not have holes.

Cover up:

- Stay indoors at dusk and dawn because mosquitoes are most active during these times.

- Use a bug repellent containing DEET, fol-

lowing the manufacturer's instructions.

- Cover up with light coloured, long clothing. This includes long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks. Also, wear footwear that covers exposed skin.

What are the symptoms of West Nile virus?

Approximately 80% of those infected with West Nile virus are asymptomatic (i.e. do not show any symptoms). Of the 20% that do, most experience mild illness with symptoms such as:

- Fever
- Headache
- Body aches
- Fatigue
- Skin rash
- Occasionally, vomiting and nausea

However, about 1% of those infected with West Nile virus may experience severe illness involving the central nervous system. In its most serious state, West Nile virus infection can cause an inflammation in the brain, otherwise known as encephalitis.

For more information on mosquitoes and West Nile virus please contact the Vector Borne Disease Program at Peterborough Public Health at 705-743-1000, ext. 497.

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40. Help Wanted

Ultima
Ultima Home Care is looking for dedicated PSWs for community visiting in Peterborough (international nurses and nursing students can apply). Salary range is \$19.00-\$21.00 per hour. We are also looking for Nurses for community visiting in Peterborough. Salary range is \$25-\$28 per hour. We have permanent full time and part time positions available. Availability to work every other weekend is a requirement for both positions. Please send your resume to Crystal Bloomfield through apply@ultimahomecare.com.

52. Deaths

KOLLAARD: Gail Gertrude
Passed away at Extencicare Lakefield on Saturday July 10, 2021. Gail Kollaard of Lakefield in her 75th year. Loved and missed by her husband of 55 years, Mike Kollaard and her children Mark (Charlene) & Jennifer McIlwain (Rick), all of Lakefield. Loving grandmother of Michael (Melissa), Allyson (Ashley), Ryan, Quinn and great grandchildren Maximus and Martin. Survived by her sister Jean and brothers Melvin, Mitchell, Christopher Spooner and David Lawrence. Predeceased by her mother Barbara Lawrence, father Guildor Spooner, step-father Ben Lawrence and sister Linda Fairbairn. Friends and relatives are invited to visit with the family at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 81 Queen Street, Lakefield on Friday July 16, 2021 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we ask that you register to attend the visitation at www.hendrenfuneralhome.com or by calling THE HENDREN FUNERAL HOMES, LAKEFIELD CHAPEL at 705-652-3355. A private family funeral service will follow at 1:30 PM. You are invited to watch the funeral service by clicking on the link available on the memorial page for Gail at www.hendrenfuneralhome.com. Interment Lakefield Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society, Peterborough or the Renovation Fund for St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Lakefield, and may be made by contacting the funeral home at www.hendrenfuneralhome.com or by calling 705-652-3355.