

100 Women Choose the New Canadians Centre

December 21, 2018 - Peterborough, Ontario - At their fourth and final meeting of the year on December 18, 2018, the 100 Women Peterborough group raised over \$13,000 in under one hour for New Canadians Centre.

The New Canadians Centre (NCC) is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to supporting immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers to become full and equal members of Canadian society. They service Peterborough and Northumberland regions.

The contribution from 100 Women Peterborough will help to fund the New Canadians Centre Youth Group.

“Students from all of the high schools in Peterborough participate in the New Canadians Centre Youth Group. It’s a unique space where local students and newcomers come together to support one another academically, share experiences, connect and grow. It provides them an opportunity to mentor and be mentored; sharing their gifts and the light and possibility within each other,” says Yvonne Lai, Director of Community Development. “This generous donation of \$13,000 from 100 Women Peterborough not only helps to close the gap on the **funding cut to this program**, it’s a powerful endorsement from our community that integrating our local and newcomer youth is vital for the continued growth and vibrancy of our community.”

The NCC now boasts more than 20 staff and over 200 volunteers who serve over 800 new Canadians each year. It is funded by municipal, provincial, federal and private contributions.

In their first year, 100 Women Peterborough has managed to increase their membership to well over the original goal of 100 members that contribute to different organizations on a quarterly basis. The collective donations throughout the first year were able to impact four organizations significantly with close to \$50,000 donated.



“This year has been incredible for 100 Women Peterborough and the recipients,” says one of the founding members Alyssa Stewart. “We hope to grow the membership even further to make an impact in 2019.”

Members commit to donate one hundred dollars at each of the four events hosted throughout the year. The aim is to help women learn about the multitude of different causes in the community, help people in need and join other like-minded women to empower and multiply the impact of their contributions. You get to enjoy a lunch with like-minded women, hear three short presentations from organizations seeking funding and then you vote for the group you wish to support. The organization with the most votes gets 100% of the donated funds.

The 2018 recipients were Hospice Peterborough, Youth Unlimited, Warming Room Community Ministries (WRCM) and New Canadians Centre.

One hundred percent of the funds raised by the membership will be donated to four non-profit organizations determined by the membership throughout the year.

Women that are interested in joining the group are encouraged to reach out via the website: www.100womenptbo.ca



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