

## **\$13,100 Resilient Communities Fund Grant for Therapeutic Riding Programs**

**Georgian Bluffs, ON:** The Georgian Riding Association for Challenged Equestrians (GRACE) is pleased to announce that it has received a \$13,100 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). This grant will help GRACE continue developing and delivering the innovative therapeutic equine programs for young people and adults with disabilities that become a staple for so many over the last three decades.

"I'm very happy to see the Ontario Trillium Foundation make this investment in our community. GRACE offers very beneficial and therapeutic programs and experiences for young people and adults with unique challenges and this funding will be a huge boost for the program." - Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

Resilient Communities Fund grants were developed to help non-profit organizations recover and rebuild from the impacts of COVID-19 to continue meeting the needs of Ontario communities. And to that end, GRACE is focused on expanding its regular programming and provide a new program to help clients who deal with emotional challenges and have been adversely affected due to COVID-19. Funds from the grant are helping with the costs for developing new website capabilities, buying specialized equipment for students, and providing training for a certified Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) Facilitator who will head the program. EAL incorporates a range of experiential learning, education and personal development approaches which brings humans and horses together.

Check out GRACE's new website, [www.graceriding.ca](http://www.graceriding.ca) to get the latest news, events and information. GRACE is a registered charity with a 31-year history of providing therapeutic riding and equestrian experiences for children and adults with physical and emotional challenges in Grey and Bruce Counties.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$115 million to 644 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

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