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Media Announcement

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Five Local Service Agencies Partner to Build Models of Collaboration

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Attention: Local news and health reporters and producers

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Trellis Mental Health and Developmental Services in partnership with Community Torchlight, Family and Children's Services of Guelph Wellington, Pearl Street Communications and the Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington announced today that a \$112,500 grant has been received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to assist 18 community benefit organizations to explore and develop opportunities to partner and share resources in the areas of governance, administration and service delivery. Liz Sandals, MPP for Guelph, joined OTF representative Catharine Collins in congratulating the partners on their grant.

"I am thrilled that Trellis and its partner organizations are receiving this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant," said MPP Liz Sandals. "There is an urgent need to design collaborative integrated services for youth and adults by the various agencies which provide local services."

"This grant is an investment in our community; it will help organizations that benefit our community to sustain valuable services during these challenging financial times," said Fred Wagner, Executive Director of Trellis.

The OTF grant will provide the planning support to enable this collaborative of 18 organizations to identify partnership opportunities that build on their respective strengths and enhance their collective capacity to provide the financial, human resource, and information technology support required to deliver services to our community. This initiative will link with other collaborative initiatives such as Sustainable Guelph, which are seeking ways to strengthen the economic, environmental and social sectors through collaboration.

Trellis is a client driven organization committed to helping individuals and families facing mental health and developmental challenges. Funded by provincial and local governments and agencies, we have office in Guelph, Wellington, Dufferin and Kitchener. Our team of compassionate staff and dedicated volunteers are committed to helping clients live life to the fullest. www.trellis.on.ca

A leading grantmaker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities. www.trilliumfoundation.org

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