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WOMEN UNITED™

Last year, Women United members came together and raised over \$1.5 Million- our highest fundraising achievement to date! This collective generosity will make a real impact on the lives of women facing multiple barriers by providing access to the opportunities they need to succeed.

In partnership with United Way Greater Toronto, the Women United Investment Committee members selected the following best-in-class programs to invest in this year:

FOUNDATIONAL SUPPORTS FOR WOMEN

Helping women to achieve a base of stability. From this base, women gain access to safe housing, child care and financial supports for example, so they are better positioned to pursue education and employment goals.

NEW Interim Place Community Support and Outreach Program is a Peel based program that supports women and children fleeing domestic violence. Crisis and immediate needs such as safety planning, housing, food and income supports are provided, followed by connections to skills training and employment services.

NEW Sandgate Women's Shelter of York Region's Emergency Residential Program provides immediate crisis-counselling and safe shelter to women and children. The program offers help with transitioning to housing along with access to legal, income, health and employment supports.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS FOR WOMEN FACING MULTIPLE BARRIERS

Helping women overcome the barriers to further education and gainful employment.

NEW Stepstones for Youth's Hope for Youth Program supports young women aged 16-24 who are forced to leave home prematurely due to abuse, mental health concerns and family breakdowns. These women are provided with education and employment supports as well as housing, mental health, and life skills supports.

Thornccliffe Neighbourhood Office's Career Education and Training for Women Program is delivered in partnership with Ryerson University to support newcomer women with English and cultural preparation for the workplace. Connections to internships, employment, further education and small business start-up are provided.

York Region Centre for Community Safety is located in a hub offering comprehensive services under one roof. Women and their children who have experienced domestic violence are supported through personalized safety and case management plans so they can move forward with their lives.

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION SUPPORTS FOR WOMEN

Providing women with focused job search skills, job placements and employment related certification to enable them to enter the labour market.

NEW ACCESS Employment's START Customer Care Program is a Peel and Toronto based program that supports immigrant women who are receiving social assistance to build essential workplace skills in preparation for employment in the financial, retail and hospitality fields.

Agincourt Community Services Association's Economic and Skills Opportunities for Stronger Women Program helps immigrant and refugee women enter the Hospitality and Food Industry. In addition to professional training, women are provided with job search assistance and child minding services. One-on-one mentoring and a small grant to cover business start-up costs is also offered to a select group of participants.

Community Living Toronto's Women Moving their Career Forward through Professional Cleaning is a janitorial services training program for women with intellectual disabilities. Participants are provided with hands-on training including WHIMS certification, fire extinguishing, and handling cleaners and equipment. Following training, participants are connected to paid employment.

Fred Victor's The Women's Bakery Program is based from a social enterprise and provides culinary training and paid employment to women facing multiple barriers such as homelessness and mental health challenges.

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto's Aboriginal Women's Empowerment Through Education Program helps participants to achieve college certification in office administration, while also providing crucial supports to success such as housing, transportation, child-care and job-search training.

International Development and Relief Foundation's Coding for Young Muslim Women helps young Muslim women enter the technology sector through job-ready training in web design and coding. Participants are provided with intense technical and soft skills training allied to resume and job interview supports as well as assistance in preparing a portfolio.

The Redwood's Women in Trades and Tech on the Move Program is a shelter-based pre-apprenticeship program for women who have experienced domestic violence. Participants are provided with counselling, job coaching and professional training for in-demand careers in digital technology, mobile applications, commercial painting and drywall/plaster finishing.

Elizabeth Fry Toronto's Next Step to Employment Program offers one-to-one, training and job-search support to women who are in conflict with the law, helping them to pursue further education and secure employment.

WoodGreen Community Services' Homeward Bound Program supports single mothers to transition from living in a shelter to achieving economic self-sufficiency by providing various supports, including affordable housing, child care, counselling, job training, the opportunity to earn a diploma and connection to paid employment.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Leveraging women's talents and skills to build small businesses.

NEW Barbara Schlifer Commemorative Clinic's Interpreter Services Toronto Program

provides training and employment to immigrant and refugee women to become certified Interpreters. Once trained, participants are contracted throughout the year to provide interpretation and translation services for interviews, investigations, medical appointments, court cases, labour arbitrations, conferences and more!

Toronto Centre for Community Learning & Development's Newcomer Women's Catering Collective and Sewing Circle is an exciting, two-fold social enterprise. Participants receive certification training, relevant paid work experience and entrepreneurship training through the Enactus program at Ryerson University.

Somali Women and Children's Language and Employee Training is a community-based social enterprise providing language and sewing training, work experience and employment opportunities for women living on a low income. The training fosters practical, leadership and entrepreneurial skills.