

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **\$156,800 OTF Grant Celebrated at Autism Home Base’s Holiday Party**

**Bowmanville, ON (December 10, 2023)** – On Sunday, MPP Todd McCarthy stopped in at Autism Home Base’s (AHB) family holiday party to formally congratulate the group on receiving a \$156,800 Resilient Communities Fund grant earlier this year from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The two-year grant will enable the local group to identify opportunities to assist agencies with their inclusive recreation objectives.

“Receiving this Resilient Communities Fund grant will help AHB seek out opportunities to support community stakeholders in becoming more inclusive,” said Todd McCarthy, MPP for Durham. “Our government will continue to support organizations like Autism Home Base to ensure they have the resources they need to provide social and recreational programs for autistic adults and their families.”

Funds from the grant are being used to help Autism Home Base with staffing costs for an Outreach and Inclusion Manager, as well as with some administrative costs, purchasing tech equipment, and program supplies.

“The Ontario Trillium Foundation grant will be instrumental in furthering AHB’s vision for autistic adults and their families to lead rich, active lives in an accepting, supportive community,” said Judy Hanson, CEO and Founder of Autism Home Base.

Autism Home Base remains dedicated to providing safe, adapted, social and recreational opportunities for autistic adults and their family caregivers. Their virtual, community-based, and on-site programs, conducted at their Autism Hub in Bowmanville, focus on fostering social connectivity for the often-overlooked adults still living at home. For additional information, visit [autismhomebase.com](http://autismhomebase.com).

The Ontario Trillium Foundation’s (OTF) mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario. As an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations, last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships. Visit [otf.ca](http://otf.ca) to learn more.

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