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COMMUNITY & PROVINCE JOIN FORCES TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL TRANSPORTATION TO SUNBEAM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Kitchener, ON - On Friday February 14th, Sunbeam Residential Development Centre, received the keys to a new Para Transit wheelchair adapted mini bus that was made possible due to a donation of \$50,000 from The Cowan Foundation, and a \$23,500 grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation.

In a ceremony at its headquarters on Kingsway Drive, MPP Michael Harris, Kitchener - Conestoga; joined representatives Ann Treusch from Cowan Insurance Group, Michael Lough from Frank Cowan Company, and Ms. Lucie Allard from Ontario Trillium Foundation, in presenting the keys and congratulating Sunbeam Centre on its service to multi challenged citizens of Ontario.

Mr. Michael Harris, MPP, Kitchener – Conestoga, Province of Ontario:

“I am happy to hear about the new funding that brought this new para transit wheelchair adapted minibus here, to Sunbeam Residential Development Centre. The bus provides the means for people to enjoy all that Waterloo Region has to offer. As a Member of Provincial Parliament, I am proud to present Sunbeam with more than \$23,500 through the Ontario Trillium Foundation to fulfill that end.

Ann Treusch, Commercial Account Executive, Cowan Insurance Group:

“When we heard that a new bus was needed to replace a 16 year old vehicle, we felt it was important to step up and donate to this initiative. By donating \$50,000., we are helping to enhance the quality of life for Sunbeam Centre clients by providing them with transportation so that they can experience the same benefits and resources that are enjoyed by others in the community.”

Michael Lough, Vice President Programs, Frank Cowan Company:

“At Cowan, we recognize the importance of our business partners and clients’ support for our business, which in turn, allows our company to grow and invest back into Canadian communities through The Cowan Foundation.”

Mr. Phil Hennelly, President, Board of Directors, Sunbeam Centre:

“We thank our two sponsors for their generosity. This bus is a fundamental necessity for our clients if they are to experience and participate in the vast richness of our community. These donors’ commitment to improving lives is embodied in their gifts to us.”

About Sunbeam Residential Development Centre

Serving its community with distinction for 58 years, Sunbeam Centre is a multi-faceted, multi-site, not for profit agency. Funded by the province of Ontario, Sunbeam Centre provides residential, day program, and professional outreach services to individuals from the Region of Waterloo who have diverse and complex developmental challenges.

www.sunbeamcentre.com

About The Cowan Foundation

The Cowan Foundation was started in 1995 in honour of Frank Cowan, the founder of Cowan Insurance Group and Frank Cowan Company. The Foundation is sustained by the ongoing success of the Princeton Holdings group of companies including Cowan Insurance Group, Frank Cowan Company, The Guarantee Company of North America and Millennium Credit Risk Management. Together they provide insurance risk management products and services for individuals, businesses, organizations and public entities as well as assist employees with their group benefits, retirement, health and disability management plans. The goal of the Cowan Foundation is to make a positive difference in the lives of Canadians and the broader well-being of our communities. www.cowanfoundation.ca

About Ontario Trillium Foundation

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario and Canada's largest grant-maker. The Foundation's Mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities throughout Ontario by strengthening the capacity of the voluntary sector, through investment in community based initiatives. www.otf.ca

Associated Images



Pictured from left to right (back row): Ann Treusch, Commercial Account Executive, Cowan Insurance Group; Michael Lough, Vice President Programs, Frank Cowan Company (front row) Shaune Lawton, Executive Director, Sunbeam Residential Development Centre; Keith Moore, Day Program; MPP Michael Harris and Lucie Allard, Ontario Trillium Foundation



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