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Application to Receive Funds

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora. Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application.

Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
- Individuals and organizations may not receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- Funding requests for more than \$5,000 in a calendar year will not be accepted.
- Funding requests for more than 50% of an initiative will not be considered and applicants must demonstrate how the remaining funds will be or have been obtained
- Applications should demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Town of Aurora that receiving the funding will provide
- Successful applicants will be required to report back in any way they deem appropriate regarding the utilization of funds within six (6) months of receiving funds

Name of Individual or Community Group *

Canadian Mental Health Association York and South Simcoe

Address

Street Number and Name *

1101 Nicholson Road, Unit 5

City/ Town *

Newmarket

Province *

Ontario

Postal Code *

L3Y 9C3

Contact Information

Email Address *

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Phone Number *

On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.

July 4, 2024

Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic
Town of Aurora
100 John West Way, Box 1000
Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA YRSS) to express our sincere interest in being considered as a recipient of the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic. With this application we would like to request funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 going towards our Mobile Youth Walk-In Clinic (MOBYSS).

The impact of mental health struggles, especially among young people, cannot be overstated. Every year, nearly 3,700 individuals in Canada lose their lives to suicide, and it is the leading cause of death for those aged 15-24. This is a critical issue that requires immediate and sustained attention. The pandemic has only exacerbated the mental health challenges faced by young people. Studies indicate that 70% of school aged children have experienced a deterioration of their mental health due to the pandemic's disruptions. The need for accessible, specialized care has never been greater.

One of our most significant initiatives, the Mobile Youth Walk-In Clinic (MOBYSS) was launched in 2015 and has been tackling the loss of young lives to mental illness, addiction and suicide. Operating as Ontario's first and only mobile and virtual mental and physical health clinic for youth aged 12-25, MOBYSS has provided free, no wait, no judgement care to over 16,000 youth in York Region and South Simcoe since its launch. The MOBYSS schedule can be viewed by clicking [here](#), where you can see we provide services to youth at Aurora High School each Friday from 9am – Noon, as well as all day for virtual appointments.

MOBYSS operates five days a week, 52 weeks a year, ensuring that youth can access critical services without barriers. The mobile clinic's services range from primary care to one-on-one counseling and group discussions. MOBYSS meets young individuals where they are, whether it's at schools, community centres, or shelters, in both urban and underserved areas. While MOBYSS has made a significant impact, we are faced with the challenge of maintaining its operations. The \$350,000 annual operating cost is entirely reliant on philanthropic donations. Your support would directly contribute to sustaining this life-saving initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing our application. Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Vicky Hatzopoulos
Donor Engagement Officer
CMHA York and South Simcoe