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MEDIA RELEASE

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\$248,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Builds Community Throughout Country Heritage Park

MILTON, ON – Last year, local MPP Parm Gill met with CEO Jamie Reaume at Country Heritage Park to announce a \$248,600 Community Building Fund - Operating grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). It was the start of what would be a community building opportunity whose motto is “Building a Community Within a Community.” With the funds received, Country Heritage Park was able to re-hire and hire for education and events and other staffing areas that the COVID-19 had almost eradicated, while beginning the process of re-opening back to the public.

“Proud that our government continues to support local organizations in Milton”, said Parm Gill, Member of Provincial Parliament of Milton. “This funding has helped Country Heritage Park continue its tremendous work and enrich the lives of many in the Town of Milton”.

Country Heritage Park is a multi-use, multi-faceted facility working with many local charities and organizations within Halton Region and beyond, including partnerships with the Toronto Black Farmers and Growers Collective and Grandmother’s Voice, an urban indigenous organization – but their appeal and efforts are wide-spread throughout all communities.

“The impact and timeliness of the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be overstated,” said Liz Lambrick, President of the Country Heritage Agricultural Society. “When the pandemic first struck, we were not in a good position as a public venue, but we found ways to get through it, even though we lost nearly 88% of our revenue those first few months and needed more than a year to crawl back. The OTF funding was so beneficial for our organization to go that extra step so that our various communities that we work with knew that could return back in confidence that we would still be here.”

Country Heritage Park remains committed to our communities and wants all to know that we are here for them, for meetings or otherwise. If you wish to enquire about using the space for your meeting or hosting an event, please visit the website at: www.countryheritagepark.com

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (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 nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario’s Community Building Fund. Since 2020, OTF has supported Ontario’s economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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