

Celebrating Our Volunteers And Accomplishments!

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Carassauga Festival supported by OTF Resilient Communities Fund

Mississauga, ON - Carassauga Festival Inc. hosted their Appreciation Dinner to recognize support and commitment of their Community Cultural Groups, Volunteers, Board Members and Funders. In particular, the event recognized the \$39,100 Resilient Communities Fund grant the organization received earlier this year from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Local MPP Deepak Anand attended the event to speak on behalf of the OTF funding the organization received.

“Carassauga Festival is the soul of the city of Mississauga for the last 37 years, it is building an inclusive community by celebrating diversity,” said Deepak Anand, MPP of Mississauga – Malton. “This Resilient Communities Fund grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation will enable Carassauga Festival to enhance its beautiful journey and onboard the growing population of our city.”

The Resilient Communities Fund from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) provided support to ensure all volunteers involved with the organization and festival were well trained and that the festival provided a safe and family friendly environment. The funding also allowed us to expand on our programming. The project will be completed in late September and individuals from within the community will have access to programs and events both in-person and online with Carassauga Festival for years to come.

“Our organization is as strong as our volunteers. The support from OTF ensures continued growth of both our festival and its volunteers by providing resources and training to successfully celebrate our event.” Marek Ruta, Chairman

Carassauga Festival is an incorporated non-profit volunteer community organization celebrating multiculturalism since 1986. Carassauga’s vision is to organize a city-wide family friendly multicultural festival suitable for all ages to promote understanding, respect and co-operation among all Canadians of different heritage.

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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