



Carassauga Festival supported by OTF Resilient Communities Fund

Mississauga, ON – On Thursday, 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 \$30,500 Resilient Communities Fund grant the organization received earlier this year from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Local MPPs Nina Tangri and Kaleed Rasheed attended the event to speak on behalf of the OTF funding the organization received.

"Carassauga Festival has been the heartbeat of Mississauga for 37 years, fostering an inclusive community that embraces diversity," remarked Deepak Anand, MPP of Mississauga–Malton. "Thanks to the generous \$30,500 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the festival will embark on an exciting new chapter, dedicated to recovering and strengthening their resiliency in the aftermath of COVID-19."

The Resilient Communities Fund from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) provided support to our organization to recover and build its resiliency from impacts of COVID-19 by developing new training materials for staff and volunteers and purchasing equipment for website upgrades and delivering online content for accessible and quality 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 thankful for the support from OTF. As we continue to rebuild and enhance our festival, providing resources and training for our volunteers is vital to ensure continued success and celebration of multiculturalism.” 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), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grant-making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships. Visit otf.ca to learn more.





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