



GLOUCESTER GRIFFINS JUNIOR LACROSSE CLUB
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GLOUCESTER GRIFFINS LACROSSE CLUB RECEIVES \$33,300 GRANT FROM THE ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION

More than \$24 Million in Ontario Trillium Foundation Grants Benefit Ontario Communities

Toronto, April 8, 2005 – Communities across Ontario will benefit from 412 Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grants totaling \$24,293,200. This funding to charitable and not-for-profit organizations was announced today by Ontario's Minister of Culture, Madeleine Meilleur.

"These latest Ontario Trillium Foundation grants will make a difference and have a huge impact on the quality of life across Ontario," said Minister Meilleur. "Now more than ever before, Ontarians have opportunities to become involved in their communities. OTF supports community activities that help individuals experience better health and enjoy social and economic benefits. Volunteers and participants in these activities build healthy and vibrant communities."

Grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation have a positive impact in Ontario communities. By supporting community organizations, they enhance the quality and breadth of resources available to individuals in rural and urban communities. OTF funding addresses local priorities in the areas of arts and culture, environment, human and social services and sports and recreation.

"Grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation help fund improvements to programs and facilities in the community," said Helen Burstyn, Chair of OTF Board of Directors. "OTF's support contributes to building stronger organizations. These provide benefits to children, youth, seniors, low-income families and people with disabilities. Everyone can benefit from OTF grants."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative. OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities throughout Ontario by strengthening the capacity of the volunteer sector, through investments in community-based initiatives

The Gloucester Griffins Junior Lacrosse Club will receive \$33,300 over one year, to purchase equipment, recruit and train a volunteer coordinator and provide coaches' training and certification. This will increase participation and skills in players aged 17 to 21 years, encouraging active healthy lifestyles.