



THE RWANDAN CANADIAN HEALING CENTRE AWARDED FUNDING BY THE BLACK BUSINESS INITIATIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,500

Press Release

Toronto, October 20, 2021 – The Rwandan Canadian Healing Centre (“RCHC” or the “Centre”), was recently awarded \$44,500 by the Government of Canada through the Black Business Initiative for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The funding will enable RCHC to execute its Capacity Building and Governance Initiative under the Government of Canada's Supporting Black Canadian Communities Initiative (the “SBCCI”), with the Black Business Initiative as an intermediary.

The Centre is a federally registered not-for-profit organization that strives to provide an environment for Rwandan Canadians and other members of the Black Canadian society working to overcome traumatic experiences from genocides, wars and legacies of slavery and oppression. Through research and development, the Centre continues to work to understand PTSD, other trauma-related effects, helping to identify means to ease suffering or overcoming PTSD challenges through natural and holistic approaches. The Centre’s approach is summarised as follows;

- **Healing:** The main objective of the Centre for Healing is to create a space for Rwandan-Canadians, and all other Canadians who suffer from PTSD and other trauma-related effects; it will be a safe environment where trauma victims can confide and share their experiences, as well as get help from professionals where necessary.
- **Learning:** The Centre will serve as a multi-dimensional resource for research, education, and development of new programs, products, as well as services designed to help heal PTSD and Trauma effects.
- **Shaping a Better Future:** The Centre will provide opportunities for learning and volunteering, in an effort to create community engagement through different areas of activities, as well as a creative platform where all African Canadians and Canadians can explore and be exposed to global issues affecting humanity.
- **Advocacy and Awareness:** The Centre serves as a multidimensional PTSD research centre for the purposes of education and social advocacy against PTSD and trauma-related effects.

The Centre's **Capacity Building and Governance Initiative** will strengthen the Centre's organizational governance through board, staff and volunteer training to achieve the organization's objectives.

Thanks to the Black Business Initiative under the SBCCI’s funding towards capacity for Black-led grassroots, not-for-profit organizations whose programs and mandates are to serve Black communities, the Centre will continue its mission to build a Centre for Healing for Rwandan Canadians.

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