

THE RWANDAN CANADIAN HEALING CENTRE AWARDED FUNDING UNDER THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,500

Press Release

Toronto, October 20, 2021 – The Rwandan Canadian Healing Centre (“RCHC” or the “Centre”) received \$97,500 in federal funding for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The financial support will enable RCHC to improve its workspace under the Government of Canada, Social Development Partnerships Program flowing through the Supporting Black Canadian Communities Initiative.

Since its founding in 2018, the Centre has reached various milestones, including the Centre's inaugural Leadership Development curriculum, the *AlkebuLan Project* in 2019, and the *AfriCanadian Resource Centre Project* initiated in 2020. In the same year in 2020, working in collaboration with other Rwandan Canadian Agencies and black led-organizations, the Centre helped launch the *Rwandan Canadian Interagency Hub*.

- In September 2021, the *Centre launched its Capacity Building and Governance Initiative*. The Centre will launch *Mental Health and Wellness Programs* to support the community through the COVID-19 pandemic recovery and beyond.

Working alongside African Canadian community leaders and in partnership with leading Canadian organizations, and industry experts, the government and other sectors has enabled the Centre to have a bird's view of the needs within the continental African-Canadian communities. Through the Centre's recently-funded program, *The African Canadian Resource Centre - Space / Studio Upgrade Project*, the Centre aims to continue its effort of bridging African Canadians for the purpose of solving the communities' current and future challenges.

RCHC's *African Canadian Resource Centre - Space / Studio Upgrade Project* will strengthen the Centre's media platforms, its role in advocacy on issues facing African Canadians through engaging discussions, dissemination of information, resources, and activation of African and Black-Canadian initiatives.

Thanks to the Government of Canada's Capacity of Black-led organizations funding, the Centre will continue its activities to provide a multi-dimensional platform for research, education, and development as well as help rebuild affected communities. The Centre will provide opportunities to youth through engaging activities where they can explore global issues.

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