



THE RWANDAN CANADIAN HEALING CENTRE GRANTED FUNDING
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THROUGH THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,750.00

Press Release

Toronto, August 7, 2020 - The Rwandan Canadian Healing Centre ("RCHC") received \$81,750 from the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund led by Employment and Social Development Canada. The grant was made available by the Canadian Red Cross Society ("CRCS") to non-profits across Canada to support their direct service delivery to those who are most vulnerable to the health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19.

The funding will enable RCHC to develop a Digital Resource Platform to facilitate easy access to COVID-19 resources for continental African-Canadian communities, beginning with the most affected, left without support during the pandemic. The platform will highlight/communicate COVID-19 related activities, needs and available resources as well as provide navigation for COVID-19 recovery across Canada in local languages, in addition to Canada's official languages.

In addition to producing daily updates and content to highlight issues and solutions, the platform will also host ongoing meetings with leaders, experts and volunteers, to educate continental African-Canadian community members about COVID19, it's subsequent effects, and recovery planning.

The Digital Resource Platform will help address the impacts of COVID-19 by providing the target community with information. Furthermore, it will help the community with navigation of supports needed during the pandemic as well as providing a virtual space of promoting social inclusion and learning.

Having operated during the COVID-19 period, providing ongoing Leadership Training and e-Capacity Support to African-Canadian leaders, RCHC understands the challenges among members of the African-Canadian community related to lack of resources. This additional support will cover all Continental African-Canadians, racialized groups and children and youth as primary beneficiaries.

We thank the Government of Canada for this Emergency Community Support through the Canadian Red Cross Society. The Centre will maintain its objective of providing a multi-dimensional platform for research, education, and development to help raise awareness about community issues and activities.

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