

## MEDIA RELEASE

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SEGCHC Staff, Board, volunteers and patients with MPP Bill Walker, Grey Highlands Mayor Paul McQueen, Executive Director Allan Madden, Roger Cosgrove from Ontario Trillium Foundation and Board Chair, Terry Mokriy.

### **\$500,000 OTF Grant to provide funding for Centre and program expansion**

**Markdale** – On Monday, the South East Grey Community Centre (SEGCHC) invited the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and MPP Bill Walker to hear more about an expansion of the facility and programming that will take place thanks to a \$500,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grow grant.

“This Ontario Trillium Foundation funding will help expand the reach and enhance the positive impact of the great work the South-East Grey Community Health Centre is already providing to people of all ages in the community. Through increased promotion, education and connecting care providers and opportunities across the area, and an expanded facility, the people of the area will have better access to health programs and services and their healthcare will be better as a result” said Bill Walker, MPP for Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound

The project aims to expand on senior’s and youth programs currently being delivered through the South East Grey Community Health Centre. The construction of a community kitchen for teaching and delivery of food preparation and the installation of an elevator to improve accessibility will be the cornerstone of a revised community program offering the CHC is anticipating. Thanks to the \$500,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, this facility and program expansion will increase the number of people in South East Grey County using the health, wellness and recreation services through better access and improved service offering.

"This is great news for the people of South East Grey," said Terry Mokriy, Chair of the South East Grey Community Centre. "The Community Health Centre is already seen as the leading provider of health promotion, primary care and community development services and programs within the Townships of Southgate, Grey Highlands, Chatsworth and West Grey. This infusion of money through the Trillium Foundation will increase the services we are able to offer to the most marginalized people of these Municipalities"

The South East Grey Community Health Centre is committed to meeting the primary care, health promotion and community development needs of the residents of Southgate, Grey Highlands, Chatsworth and West Grey. The South East Grey CHC is a charitable organization that receives funding through the South West Local Health Integration Network.

For more information on SEGCHC please visit the website at [www.segchc.ca](http://www.segchc.ca)

An agency of the Government of Ontario, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is one of Canada's largest granting foundations. With a budget of over \$136 million, OTF awards grants to some 1,000 projects every year to build healthy and vibrant Ontario communities. [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca)

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