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New Path Foundation and Rotary Club of Collingwood Partnering to Strengthen Community Services

Collingwood, Ontario – New Path Foundation and the Rotary Club of Collingwood have partnered to bring a community social services hub to a renovated, 7,000 square foot, century old building at 199 Campbell Street known as the Saunders building.

“Creating a space where not-for-profit and charitable organizations can come together, and share services in one location has been a goal for the Rotary Club of Collingwood for some time,” says James Thomson, President and CEO, New Path Foundation. “Service hub models are an incredible way to meet the needs of clients and their families in one central and accessible location and we are pleased to be able to work together to make this goal a reality.”

The Common Roof™ Community-Hub project is a shared space initiative that brings together a number of social service organizations and community groups under one roof based on the Common Roof™ model. The Common Roof™ is a community-based social enterprise providing sustainable and professional work-space for human-service, not-for-profit organizations. Clients and their families will now have access to needed services in one place in facilities that are fully accessible and located in convenient locations on public transit routes.

“This initiative is part of our Legacy Project, and aims to strengthen social programs within the Collingwood area. It is the hard work of our dedicated Rotarians who are passionate about improving all aspects of their community that has helped to make this project possible.” says James Saunders, President of the Rotary Club of Collingwood. “Our primary focus through this initiative is to support and empower our tenant organizations. The Common Roof™ Community Hub is an effective social investment which also provides organizations with shared services and meeting spaces. All people in our community will have a central place to access needed services or to connect to volunteer opportunities available in the community.”

The building is currently under renovation and is expected to open in December. Organizations and individuals interested in learning more can contact: James Thomson, President and CEO, New Path Foundation, jthomson@newpath.ca or 705.792.8771

About the Common Roof

The Common Roof™ is a collaborative space where not-for-profits come together in a common space and with a common purpose; to best serve the over 10,000 clients they see collectively every year.

More than 10,000 clients annually receive help from the organizations at the Common Roof™, providing a convenient, single point of service with the added benefit of an enhanced multi-disciplinary base of expertise available. Visit our website www.newpathfoundation.org/the-common-roof to find out more about our innovative approach to client service.

About the New Path Foundation

New Path Foundation is a public foundation with a volunteer Board of Directors which serves as a link between donors, charitable interests and the vital needs of community members. New Path Foundation develops and manages philanthropic investment and mobilizes community support directed to New Path Youth & Family Services, which offers a wide-range of innovative, accessible and timely mental health services for children, youth and their families throughout Simcoe County.

To learn more about New Path Foundation, to donate, or get involved please visit www.newpath.ca/get-involved/, follow us on social media Facebook: [New Path Foundation](#) Twitter: [@Help4The1in5](#) or sign up for the [TrailSigns Newsletter](#)

About The Rotary Club of Collingwood

The Rotary Club of Collingwood offers opportunities for our members — and those interested in making a difference — to get involved. Through meetings, social events, and volunteer projects, our members learn about the issues facing our community and communities all over the world, partnering with local, national, and global experts to exchange ideas about potential solutions and to draw up action plans to respond. Along with these opportunities to serve, members also are able to regularly network, resulting in lifelong friendships and business connections. To learn more visit the Rotary Club of Collingwood website: www.rotarycollingwood.org, or follow us on social media: Facebook: [@rotaryclubofcollingwood](#) and Twitter: [@rotarycollingw1](#)

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