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Vibrant Healthcare Alliance Putting its \$481,500 OTF Grant to Work in the Community

TORONTO, November 15, 2019 – On Friday, local MPP Robin Martin and Blair Dimock with the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), met with the team at Vibrant Healthcare Alliance to hear more about the impact that a three-year, \$481,500 Grow grant has had since receiving it in the fall of 2018. The grant has enabled the organization to implement its Adaptive Sports Program that focuses on providing boccia and stretching activities for people with physical disabilities.

"I congratulate Vibrant Healthcare Alliance for their work developing and implementing the Adaptive Sports Program through a three-year Grow grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation," said Robin Martin, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence. "It is great to see new opportunities for people with physical disabilities to be active and engaged in our community."

This exciting and innovative program is also providing specialized training to coaches and volunteers who are involved with the delivery of the various programs. Funds from the OTF grant are being used to help with the salaries or fees for a Program Coordinator, attendants and coaches, and a physiotherapist. Funds are also helping to purchase sports and storage equipment, promote the program in the area, and help with some of the administrative costs of running a program of this scope over the three-year period.

"The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be underestimated," said Simone Atungo, CEO at Vibrant Healthcare Alliance. "This grant supports inclusion and participation and is bringing together people with disabilities to socialize and learn new skills. Our program is a success due to our incredible volunteers and head coaches, language diversity, team and partner organizations. Together we serve our community better."

Vibrant Healthcare Alliance is a multi-service organization committed to creating a dynamic and more client-centric approach to enhancing the quality of life and health outcomes of individuals living in the Greater Toronto Area, particularly vulnerable individuals with complex needs. Vibrant Healthcare Alliance delivers high quality and innovative health and social care programs that include primary healthcare services, health promotion and prevention programs, attendant care and personal support and community development initiatives. For more information, please visit: www.vibranthealthcare.ca

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$108 million to 629 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario. www.otf.ca

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