

MEDIA ADVISORY

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\$24,700 OTF Grant Supports ABLE2 Employees with Disabilities

Ottawa, ON – On Wednesday, ABLE2: Support for People with Disabilities was pleased to acknowledge the receipt of \$24,700 in the form of a Capital grant from the provincial government’s Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) at the organization’s Annual General Meeting at 312 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario. The grant was awarded in December 2022 and will be used to purchase adaptive equipment to create a more accessible office environment for all the employees of ABLE2.

“I have the upmost regard for the work of ABLE2 in our community. This OTF grant ensured people have the tools they need to make workstations accessible, and every step we take towards a more inclusive society, is a step in the right direction,” said Joel Harden, MPP for Ottawa Centre.

Through this grant, ABLE2 has purchased power-adjustable desks, ergonomic chairs and other hardware, catering to the diverse needs of its employees. This investment by the Ontario Trillium Foundation will empower ABLE2 to enhance its resilience and capacity, ultimately contributing to a healthier and more vibrant workplace and community.

“The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant is significant, especially for the employees with disabilities at ABLE2,” said Heather Lacey, Executive Director. “This grant will allow the ABLE2 office to be fully adaptive to the ever-changing needs in accessibility and will help support our employees in becoming efficient and productive leaders in supporting people with disabilities in the communities.”

ABLE2 is a not-for-profit charitable organization that empowers individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives by supporting them with programs, services, and resources. People with disabilities face many barriers to their full participation in society, they can include stigma, discrimination, poverty, exclusion from employment, and inequities in the education, health care and legal systems. Visit www.able2.org to learn more.

“Whether it’s helping people learn new things, connect with their community, or simply have fun, organizations like ABLE2 deliver experiences that make a difference,” said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. “That’s why grant support through the Ontario Trillium Foundation is so important. This funding will help ensure they remain at the heart of the community for decades to come.”

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested more than \$110M into 1,044 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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