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Macaulay Celebrates Ontario Government Investment in Expanded After-School Programming

ETOBICOKE, ON – On Wednesday, a representative from Premier Doug Ford's constituency office joined the team at Macaulay Centres for Children, along with families, community partners, and supporters, to celebrate the impact of a three-year, \$567,300 Grow grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The grant, awarded in 2025, enabled the expansion of Macaulay's After-School Program from three days per week to five days per week, increasing access to high-quality, enriching programming for children and families across northwest Toronto.

"Programs like Macaulay's make a real difference for families in Etobicoke by giving kids a safe place to learn, stay active and build friendships after school," said Doug Ford, MPP for Etobicoke North. "Our government will continue investing in affordable, convenient childcare and after-school programs that support hard-working parents, help children succeed and strengthen our community."

Macaulay received its OTF grant so that it could expand its After-School Program. The funding enabled the organization to increase programming from three days per week to five days per week, creating greater access to STEM learning, recreation, social-emotional development, and other enrichment opportunities for children in underserved communities. The grant has also helped strengthen the long-term sustainability of the program through increased partnerships and community support.

"We are grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Government of Ontario for this transformative investment in children and families," said Charles Abayomi, Chief Executive Officer of Macaulay Centres for Children. "By expanding our After-School Program from three days to five days per week, we are helping more children build confidence, develop new skills, and thrive in a safe and supportive environment while providing families with reliable, accessible programming they can count on."

For more than 90 years, Macaulay Centres for Children has helped children and families build strong foundations for lifelong success. Through inclusive early learning, developmental, family support, and community programs, Macaulay works alongside families to remove barriers, create opportunities, and help every child reach their full potential.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. In 2025-26, OTF invested nearly \$107M into 746 community projects. 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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