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### **Peterborough Area Fundraisers Network and Peterborough Public Library Partner to Connect Local Charities with Grant Opportunities**

April 5, 2022, Peterborough – In a new initiative, the Peterborough Area Fundraisers Network (PAFN) and the Peterborough Public Library have partnered to give local charities free access to Grant Connect’s Community Edition, a database of funders across the country developed by Imagine Canada. Grant Connect shares public data on foundations and grantmakers’ deadlines, application processes, giving priorities, typical grant amounts and helps non-profits position their proposals for success.

“There are more than 250 registered charities in Peterborough, and corporate, private foundation and government grants are a major source of funding for these charities, especially now as many rebuild from the constraints brought on by the pandemic,” says Alex Tindale, PAFN Executive Chair. “For many smaller charities, access to a resource such as Grant Connect is not possible, our partnership with the Peterborough Public Library gives these local charities access to valuable funding opportunities to the benefit of the community.”

With Grant Connect, local charities will have access to over 11,000 Canadian foundations, 560 corporate giving programs, 370 government grant programs, 120 American foundations, and 200 other kinds of grant opportunities. The one-year pilot project gives charities access to the Community Edition of Grant Connect via the public computers in the Library.

“The library is very excited to add the Grant Connect database to our collection. It is a fantastic new information resource for our local non-profit community,” said Jennifer Jones, Chief Executive Officer of the Peterborough Public Library. “We look forward to seeing the positive impacts it will bring to Peterborough by making funding more accessible to everyone.”

If this pilot is successful, PAFN would work with other local municipalities to provide access to charities in their areas. Training resources on using Grant Connect are also available via PAFN (for members) and the Library.

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#### ***About the Peterborough Area Fundraisers Network***

*Peterborough and Area Fundraisers’ Network (PAFN) was formally created in 1997 to strengthen professionalism within our local charitable sector including our members, interested individuals and organizations. Over the years, PAFN has grown into a robust network of individuals and organizations who work collaboratively to share ideas and strengthen our local community. With over 40 member organizations, our members are staff and volunteers from non-profit organizations across Peterborough and the Kawarthas. PAFN offers numerous networking opportunities as well as an exceptional speaker series for our members (as well as their boards), to continue their professional development.*

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