



MEDIA RELEASE

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Solcz Family Foundation Funds Windsor Residence for Young Men

The Windsor Residence for Young Men (WRYM) is very pleased to acknowledge a grant of \$200,000 over five years presented by Windsor's Solcz Family Foundation for the purpose of ending homelessness for male youth.

Windsor Residence for Young Men is a charitable organization that supports young men 16-24 years of age as they leave homelessness behind to build new lives. WRYM provides a transitional place to live, a supportive functional family atmosphere and a program that includes individual counselling in life skills. WRYM is an effective operation that depends on community support to fulfill its mission.

The Solcz Family Foundation's mission is to improve the welfare of the Windsor-Essex community and, in particular, focus on supporting projects and programs in social services that provide opportunities for children and youth. Areas of focus include education, community development, healthcare, poverty, recreation, and at-risk youth.

In a cheque presentation at WRYM on Thursday attended by members of the Solcz family, the Executive Director of the Solcz Family Foundation, Kyrsten Solcz, stated, "The Solcz Family Foundation is delighted to award Windsor Residence for Young Men with a grant to support their ongoing efforts to help young males who are experiencing homelessness. Through their work, WRYM is addressing the root causes of homelessness and ensuring the youth they reach are better positioned for success. The Solcz Family Foundation is proud to partner with Windsor Residence for Young Men and support the great work they do for the Windsor-Essex community."

Incorporated in 2016 as a registered charity, the Solcz Family Foundation is committed to funding projects and programs of local charities that strategically benefit the community, improve lives, provide solutions to gaps or needs in the community, are unique and innovative, and are one to five years in length.

"We are very pleased that our program meets the stringent criteria set by the foundation," says WRYM President Susan Freeman. "Homeless young males on the street are very much at risk. Our strategy is to work with all available community resources to assist these young men as they leave homeless behind, transition into independent living, and become productive citizens of our community. Thanks to the Solcz Family Foundation, we can fill this community need even more effectively. We are very grateful to the Solcz family."

For more information about Windsor Residence for Young Men, or to discuss donations or volunteering, please visit www.wrym.ca, e-mail executivedirector@wrym.ca or telephone 226.221.8464.

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Editors - photo attached, caption: *The Solcz Family Foundation has presented WRYM with a cheque for \$200,000 - Front with cheque: Nick Solcz (L) and (R) Kyrsten Solcz (Executive Director) – Back L-R: Len Solcz, Greg Goulin (Executive Director, WRYM), Susan Freeman (President, WRYM), Manuela Solcz, and Marty Solcz.*

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