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## Yellow Brick House to Renovate Emergency Shelter Thanks to Ontario Trillium Foundation Support

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**Richmond Hill, June 1, 2022** – Yellow Brick House wants to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for awarding the organization with the Resilient Communities Fund Grant, which will fund much needed renovations at one of Yellow Brick House’s emergency shelters.

COVID-19 restrictions around physical distancing and self-isolation have made providing shelter and support services to victims of gender-based violence extremely challenging at a time when domestic violence has increased by 30%. Yellow Brick House was fortunate to be able to restructure its emergency shelters to accommodate living quarters that adhere to public health guidelines around physical distancing and isolation. However, this restructuring left Yellow Brick House’s emergency shelter without adequate space to provide essential group support. It also left some of the client living areas without access to updated bathrooms, particularly for families with toddlers who need a bathtub.

Lorris Herenda, Executive Director of Yellow Brick House explains, “These funds will make it possible for Yellow Brick House to safely provide our services to vulnerable women and children at a time when the rates of domestic violence are on the rise due to the pandemic.”

Now that we have begun the transition, Yellow Brick House is excited to offer a fully functioning space to continue providing the needed and essential services to this vulnerable community.

### About Yellow Brick House

Founded in 1978, Yellow Brick House provides life-saving support services and prevention programs to meet the diverse needs of individuals, families, and communities impacted by violence. Annually, over 6,200 women and children receive life-saving support from Yellow Brick House. We ask the public to break the silence and join our movement to end domestic violence in our communities. To learn more about the services and programs provided by Yellow Brick House, please visit their website at [www.yellowbrickhouse.org](http://www.yellowbrickhouse.org).

### About Ontario Trillium Foundation

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$115 million to 644 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

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