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## **Homes First is Enhancing and Modernizing Inclusive Community Space for Hardest to House**

**Toronto, ON** – The Homes First Foundation has received a grant to provide essential upgrades to its Sheila Millar Building – enhancing community space access and modernizing building infrastructure.

Thanks to a \$148,800 Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant, Homes First has been able to modernize and repair an existing hydraulic elevator. Building inclusive and engaged communities together, this initiative is helping people who are isolated build stronger connections in their community.

Homes First's Sheila Millar Building, located in the downtown Toronto St. James Town neighborhood, is home to 25 residents: this includes single men, women, and families. First envisioned as a space for women fleeing abuse, the building has since been repurposed to serve tenants with limited mobility.

With this grant, Homes First can ensure that its properties reflect the inclusiveness its organization represents and meets the accessibility standards set out by the Province of Ontario. This will enable residents to maintain their independence, mobility, and access to the wider community.

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### **Homes First**

Homes First provides affordable stable housing and supports to break the cycle of homelessness in Toronto. Funds raised ensure the people who come to Homes First have the food and safe shelter they need to move off the streets for good. [www.homesfirst.on.ca](http://www.homesfirst.on.ca)

### **Ontario150 Community Capital Program Grant**

Administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario, Ontario150 Community Capital Program grants will help non-profit organizations, municipalities and Indigenous communities renovate, repair and retrofit existing community and cultural infrastructure. The one-time, Ontario150 grant has been designed to help honour Ontario's past, showcase the present and inspire future generations.