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NOTTAWASAGA INN RESORT SUPPORTS BETTER FUTURES FOR KIDS IN CARE

ALLISTON – Today the [Child Welfare Political Action Committee Canada](#) (Child Welfare PAC), a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization of former youth in care, accepted a generous \$5,000 donation from [Nottawasaga Inn Resort and Conference Centre](#) to support better futures for kids raised in foster care.

The Child Welfare PAC is entirely volunteer-run and relies on private donations to operate. This funding will go directly to activities supporting policy and legislative changes that will systematically improve life outcomes for youth raised in care.

Research over four decades paints a continually bleak future for foster kids so the volunteers at the Child Welfare PAC are committed to using lived experience to improve the lives of others.

"We believe that the key to better futures for Ontario's most vulnerable youth is a system that is evidence-based, outcomes focused, trauma-informed, and respects the privacy rights of youth who have aged-out of care", said Jane Kovarikova, the founder of the Child Welfare PAC and a former youth-in-care in Simcoe.

"Nottawasaga Inn Resort is leading by example. It takes a village to ensure the most vulnerable children in our communities succeed after care", concluded Kovarikova.





Quick Facts

- About one in 182 children in Ontario are in care of Children's Aid Societies.
- As of 2009, 60+ percent were Crown Wards who have been permanently removed from their homes and families.
- Youth outcomes after being raised in state care continue to be bleak, often including poverty, homelessness, early parenthood, low academic achievement, among others.
- Only 44 percent of youth in care graduate from high school compared to 81 percent of their peers in Ontario.

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