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Care Masters Child and Family Services Awarded OTF Resilient Communities Grant of \$39,000

MISSISSAUGA, ON, April 4th, 2023 – Care Masters Child and Family Services is pleased to announce that it was awarded an OTF Resilient Communities Grant of \$39,000 in July 2022. The grant has been used to support the organisation's efforts in building a more resilient community in Peel and surrounding areas.

This funding allows Care Masters to continue providing crucial services to the community, including the Black Family Fun Night program. This program is just one of many that is possible due to the funding, and it is free for Black children and youth to participate. The program includes basketball and group games, cultural arts and crafts, and positive social skills development. All staff volunteer and act as mentors for our youth leaders in training who are earning volunteer hours for secondary school. In addition to providing a safe and engaging space for children and youth, the program also provides free child care relief for single parents who can use the time for their own self-care and mental wellness.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer these services to the community," said Michelle Edwards, Executive Director of Care Masters Child and Family Services. "The Black Family Fun Night program is an important part of our efforts to build a stronger, more resilient community. We are grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their support."

To celebrate the grant, Care Masters Child and Family Services will be hosting a grant recognition ceremony on April 24th at Oscar Peterson public school in Mississauga, Ontario. The ceremony will take place during the Black Family Fun Night program, which aims to promote family engagement and cultural awareness. The event will feature food, music, games, and activities for all ages.

"We are excited to host this event and celebrate our achievements with the community," said Michelle Edwards. "We hope to see many families and community members join us for an evening of fun and celebration."

Care Masters is dedicated to delivering transformative, inclusive, and culturally responsive mental health support to African/Caribbean/Black women with respect, integrity, and compassion using innovative methods and community connections to heal the invisible scars caused by anti-black racism, abuse, violence, and generational trauma. Care Masters envisions a world in which African/Caribbean/Black women are respected, protected, and empowered to build mental vitality, prosperity, and healthy connections for themselves, their families, and communities.

For more information about Care Masters Child and Family Services and its programs, please visit www.caremasters.ca.

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