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## **THE RWANDAN CANADIAN HEALING CENTRE AWARDED FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,499**

### **Press Release**

Toronto, February 10, 2020 – Rwandan Canadian Healing Centre (RCHC), recently received \$69,499 in federal funding for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The funding will enable RCHC to carry out its inaugural African Canadian Leadership Training and e-Capacity Support Project under the Government of Canada's Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program.

Founded in 2018 by Kizito Musabimana after overcoming PTSD caused by the 1994 Rwandan Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda, the organization kicked off by a monumental walk from Toronto to Montreal in order to raise awareness about the effects of PTSD within the Rwandan-Canadian community. Kizito says of the start of RCHC, "in the last 3 years I've had the opportunity to work alongside African Canadians community leaders. Partnering with leading Canadian organizations, and experts in the business, social as well as government sectors allowed me to see firsthand that no individual, organization, or institution can solve the challenges we face alone, that the government and all its agencies can't honestly improve our daily struggles, without our ongoing involvement."

RCHC's African Canadian Leadership Training provides engaging programming and activities to promote intercultural understanding, equal opportunity for individuals of all origin, and aims to promote citizenship, civic engagement as well as a healthy democracy. The Centre's e-Capacity Support Project will build and strengthen the online and social media presence at the local, regional and national levels. The Rwandan Canadian Healing Centre (RCHC) is a federally registered non-for-profit organization with a mission to share learned lessons that help move toward healing individual and community traumas.

Thanks to the Government of Canada's Capacity Support funding, the Centre will continue its activities to provide a multi-dimensional platform for research, education, and development; and to help rebuild affected communities by providing opportunities to youth through engaging activities, where they can explore global issues.

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