

40 projects for Ontario youth receive Desjardins Foundation support

Ontario, January 27, 2022— The Desjardins Foundation awards over \$110,000 for 40 community and school-based projects in Ontario.

The Desjardins Foundation Prizes help school and community workers run projects with Ontario kindergarten, elementary or high school students. These heroes are committed to helping young people succeed. They also have many ideas to motivate youth through inspirational projects. It will be much easier for them to carry out their projects with the financial assistance they receive through the prizes.

"We're so happy that all these amazing school and community projects are receiving support through the Desjardins Foundation Prizes. I'd like to give a shoutout to all the school and community workers who make these projects happen. Thank you for being so committed to the youth in our communities. Young people in Ontario are very lucky to have you in their lives," says Stéphane Trottier, Chair of the Board of Desjardins Ontario Credit Union.

"The pandemic is affecting the morale of people of all ages. During this critical period in their lives, young people really need a beacon of hope to encourage them to stay in school. And these dedicated teachers and youth workers are helping to motivate and engage them through these inspiring projects. The program, which was rolled out several years ago, is even more meaningful now because it allows us to help each other through these difficult times," says Nancy Lee, Manager of the Desjardins Foundation.

For more information about the program and this year's winners, go to: desjardinsfoundation.com. The next application period starts in October 2022.

About the Desjardins Foundation

Founded in 1970, the Desjardins Foundation is a charitable organization that contributes to young people's academic success every year by awarding scholarships to students, grants to schools and organizations, and donations to partner organizations. In 2020, it provided \$4.1 million in program support to 320,000 young people. The Desjardins Foundation is a philanthropic arm of Desjardins Group, Canada's leading cooperative financial group. The Foundation helps enrich the lives of people and communities by promoting education.

About Desjardins Ontario Credit Union

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