



RBC Foundation Donates \$100,000 to Bursary Program for Canada's Senior Living Sector Employees

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*Major gift from RBC highlights importance of providing more educational opportunities for careers that support seniors' care.*

**TORONTO, December 14, 2022** - The Senior Living CaRES Fund (the Fund) announces a \$100,000 donation courtesy of the RBC Foundation. This generous gift supports the work of the Fund to help employees in the senior living sector pursue training and education to advance their careers in the field. Reducing financial barriers to education is one of the most significant steps to ensuring people who are passionate about working with seniors choose this field and achieve their full potential.

"Employees are the heart of Canada's senior living sector and the RBC Foundation's financial contribution to this bursary program is an investment in their futures", says Hazel McCallion, Honorary Chair of the Fund. "These past years have shown, senior living sector employees provided exceptional care under trying circumstances. I'm delighted that the RBC Foundation has invested in these bursaries that will make it easier for people working in the sector to seek more training and educational opportunities."

As a registered charity, the Fund continues post-COVID-19 with its mandate to support employees in Canada's senior living sector.

In 2022, the Fund will provide up to 100 bursaries, each worth \$2,500, to front-line Canadian senior living sector employees to pursue relevant post-secondary education opportunities to advance their careers. The bursaries augment existing government programs benefiting clinical staff.

As the Fund evolves, it will always be rooted in the history of COVID-19 so that Canadians will never forget the heroic contributions and the resiliency of those that cared for our country's most vulnerable.

### **About The Senior Living CaRES Fund**

The Fund was established in May 2020 by founding partners Chartwell Retirement Residences, Revera Inc., Extendicare and Sienna Senior Living to provide financial support to Canada's senior



living sector employees facing exceptional circumstances. Since May 2020, over 970 senior living sector employees across the country have received more than \$3.1 million in emergency financial assistance.

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