

Media Advisory

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CLMA Recipient of Seniors Community Grant for “Golden Tales: Chronicles of our Community”

June 26, 2024—Clarington Library, Museums & Archives is proud to announce that it is the recipient of a Seniors Community Grant for the project “Golden Tales: Chronicles of our Community,” set to launch this fall. The funding, of up to \$17,000, was announced yesterday at the Courtice Community Complex.

The “Golden Tales” project is a unique initiative dedicated to capturing and sharing the stories and portraits of seniors who have settled in or were born in the Municipality of Clarington. The project will foster inclusivity, create social connections, and spark inspiration through interviews and events with older adults living in Clarington, revealing the rich tapestry of seniors’ histories and celebrating the unique paths that have brought them to this region. The initiative will educate seniors about digitizing and preserving their oral histories using multimedia, and hopefully inspire others to undertake similar projects.

“Social isolation is a significant issue for older adults, particularly in Clarington, where many seniors face challenges related to geography, transportation, and program access,” says Monika Machacek, Chief Executive Officer. “Golden Tales: Chronicles of Our Community’ will reach seniors in rural areas through mobile outreach and digital solutions, allowing us to meet them where they are, record their stories, and celebrate them with the wider Clarington community to help ensure the legacy of these stories continues. This project will not only highlight the issues older adults face in the community, but also showcase the rich and diverse lives they have led, contributing to the preservation of our local heritage and culture.”

CLMA would like to thank Todd McCarthy, MPP for Durham, and the Province of Ontario for their continued support and commitment to investing in older adults living within the Municipality of Clarington.

The Ontario Seniors Community Grant Program offers support for local, not-for-profit community groups and organizations to deliver programs and learning opportunities for Ontarians aged 55+. The funding allows community groups across the province to offer a wide variety of activities that help seniors to live independently, ensure their safety and security, connect them to their community, avoid isolation, and achieve greater financial security and social connections.

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