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## **YMCA of Niagara Receives Funding from Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund**

September 17, 2024 — St. Catharines, ON — The YMCA of Niagara is excited to receive funding from the Community Services Recovery Fund, an initiative by the Government of Canada. This Fund supported community service organizations, including charities, as they adapt and modernize their operations to meet the long-term recovery needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Community Services Recovery Fund has supported organizations like the YMCA of Niagara in enhancing and streamlining services. With this funding, the YMCA has been able to automate and digitize HR processes, significantly improving employee scheduling, timekeeping, and onboarding systems. This transformation has directly contributed to increased operational efficiency, accuracy, and employee experience, benefiting the dedicated staff team and enabling them to focus on delivering exceptional services to our community.

Andrea Vlasata, CFO of the YMCA of Niagara, commented, "The funding has enhanced the Human Resources portfolio by streamlining our operations and added significant value to our Finance portfolio by optimizing our expenditure. This transformation has been instrumental in boosting our operational efficiency, benefiting our staff and the community we serve."

Administered through three National Funders - the Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada, and United Way Centraide Canada - the Community Services Recovery Fund ensured that vital services continue to help communities across the nation, fostering a more inclusive model of economic growth aimed at creating opportunities for everyone.

The YMCA of Niagara is deeply grateful for this support, which enables us to continue our mission of building healthy communities. With the enhanced HR processes, the organization is now better equipped to support its dedicated workforce, ensuring employees are empowered to consistently deliver high-quality programs and services to the local community. The positive impact of this modernization is far-reaching, benefitting the children, youth, families, and individuals served by the YMCA of Niagara.

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**About the YMCA of Niagara**

The YMCA of Niagara is a charitable organization dedicated to building healthy communities by nurturing the potential of children, youth, and families, promoting healthy living, and fostering social responsibility. With a focus on inclusivity, the YMCA offers a wide range of programs and services to empower individuals and create a positive impact on the Niagara region. To learn more, visit [www.ymcaofniagara.org](http://www.ymcaofniagara.org).