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## MEDIA RELEASE

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# YMCA Northumberland and Highland Shores Children's Aid Announce New Space-Sharing Partnership

**Cobourg, ON** – YMCA Northumberland and Highland Shores Children's Aid are pleased to announce a new space-sharing partnership that reflects a united commitment to collaboration and community service.

In response to the continued growth of YMCA Northumberland's Children's Services team, the YMCA has expanded into additional office space within the Highland Shores Children's Aid's location at **1005 Burnham Street in Cobourg**. This YMCA team supports families across Northumberland County through **25 licensed childcare centres**.

The new office arrangement allows both organizations to operate independently within their own dedicated workspaces while sharing common areas, including a kitchen. This thoughtful approach enhances operational efficiencies while also fostering opportunities for connection and relationship-building between teams.

Senior leadership and staff from both organizations gathered this week to mark the partnership at a Meet & Greet Event held within the shared space.

"After much collaborative effort to bring this arrangement together, everyone is pleased to begin this new chapter," said **Eunice Kirkpatrick, President & CEO, YMCA Northumberland**. "Beyond the opportunity to have more space, we are also very excited about the positive impact strengthening our relationships will have for our community."

"Co-locating with trusted community partners like the YMCA reflects our shared commitment to children, families, and community well-being", says **Jess Uddenberg, Executive Director, Highland Shores Children's Aid**. "By working side-by-side under one roof, we strengthen collaboration, reduce barriers to support, and create a more seamless experience for the families we serve."

While each organization maintains a distinct mandate, YMCA Northumberland and Highland Shores Children's Aid are united by a common focus on supporting children, families, and overall community wellbeing.

This partnership demonstrates how organizations can work together in practical and meaningful ways to maximize resources, strengthen services, and better serve the community they both care deeply about.

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**ABOUT YMCA NORTHUMBERLAND:** YMCA Northumberland is dedicated to the growth of all persons in spirit, mind and body, and fostering a sense of responsibility to each other and the global community. We are committed to strengthening the foundations of community; nurturing the potential of children, teens and adults; promoting healthy living; fostering a sense of social responsibility; and delivering lasting social and personal change. As a charity, YMCA Northumberland provides vital community services that have a positive impact on pressing social issues—from chronic disease to unemployment, social isolation, poverty, inequality and more. The Strong Community Campaign helps countless children, teens, adults, and seniors in the community.

**ABOUT HIGHLAND SHORES CHILDREN'S AID:** Highland Shores Children's Aid is a trusted not-for-profit organization committed to protecting and caring for children and youth across Hastings, Northumberland, and Prince Edward counties. Funded by the Province of Ontario and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, we partner with community agencies, service providers, and families to help ensure children and youth have the physical, emotional, and social support they need to thrive.