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\$200,000 OTF Grant from the Province Results in Renovations at Variety Village

Scarborough, ON – April 23, 2025, Variety - the Children’s Charity of Ontario & Variety Village. MPP Doly Begum stopped in to meet with the team at Variety Village to celebrate the completion of the recently renovated space that was made possible thanks to a \$200,000 Capital grant from the provincial government’s Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The six-month grant, awarded in 2024, supported the construction of a new hallway connecting the facility’s aquatic centre and fieldhouse to the new multi-purpose room, including access to the outdoor amenity space.

“I am so proud of the incredible work of the entire team at Variety Village in championing accessible space for our community in Scarborough Southwest and all of Ontario,” said Doly Begum, MPP. “With the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s assistance even more will be possible as the facility renovates its two program spaces. I extend my congratulations to Variety Village for leading Ontario in breaking down barriers for people with disabilities for many decades.”

The renovations funded by this grant will greatly expand the opportunities available for children of all abilities, making Variety Village an even more welcoming and inclusive space within the community.

“This grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will allow us to create a more accessible environment for children and families at Variety Village,” said Charlie Johnstone, President and Chief Executive Officer of Variety – the Children’s Charity of Ontario & Variety Village. “We are grateful for the support that enables us to enhance our facility, ensuring every child can participate and thrive.”

Variety -the Children’s Charity of Ontario & Variety Village embraces a people first philosophy, prioritizing inclusivity and support for all. Variety’s mission is to empower individuals to connect, thrive, and achieve their personal bests.

About Variety – the Children’s Charity of Ontario & Variety Village:

Variety – the Children’s Charity of Ontario provides equal opportunities for participation in recreational and sports activities for individuals of all ages and abilities. Its flagship project, Variety Village, is a world-renowned sports training and fitness center offering specialized programs designed to create a level playing field for people of all abilities. With over 30 years of experience, Variety has established itself as a leader in integrated recreational programming, serving a diverse audience that includes individuals, school groups, corporations, and community organizations. To learn more, visit www.varietyonario.ca.



About Ontario Trillium Foundation:

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$105M into 732 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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