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iSisters Will Bring Hi-Tech Benefits to At-Risk Women

\$146,000 OTF grant will expand community based computer learning

Ottawa – iSisters Technology Mentoring celebrated a big win today, thanks to a \$146,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Richard Patten, MPP for Ottawa Centre and Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier, joined OTF Program Manager Suzanne Bédard in congratulating iSisters at the announcement.

“iSisters does the kind of community building and empowering work that OTF is designed to support,” said MPP Patten. “I’m delighted to see iSisters receive this funding as they are a charity poised to provide the real solutions that vulnerable women in Ottawa need.”

With this three-year grant, iSisters will focus on building internal capacity, which will ultimately translate in creating more partnerships and supporting more women. “This funding is critical to our expansion plans,” said Executive Director Cathy Reid. “We are honoured by the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s commitment and support to educate and empower women in need and ultimately build stronger communities.”

Founded in 2001, iSisters Technology Mentoring is a charitable organization that connects women in need with technology through mentoring. The organization provides access to technology, develops and delivers technology mentoring programs and enhances career opportunities through technological awareness. Current partnerships include Immigrant Women Services Ottawa, Youville Centre and Tungasuvvingat Inuit Community Centre. To date, iSisters has helped over 300 women. For more information on iSisters, please visit www.isisters.org.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives \$100 million annually from Ontario’s charity casino initiative. The Foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social services and sports and recreation sectors. For more information, please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.

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