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## **Ontario Trillium Foundation announces \$172,800 Grant to the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery**

WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA. November 9, 2013: The Ontario Trillium Foundation has awarded a capacity-building grant to the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery for \$172,800 over 36 months.

The announcement was made by MPP Catherine Fife on Saturday evening as part of the Gallery's annual ceremony celebrating the Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics and RBC Award for Glass.

"The work that the Canadian Clay and Glass gallery does to highlight local and Canadian artists is significant for the continued growth of this sector of our economy," said Fife. "Arts and culture form a larger component of our economy than most people realize, contributing \$20 billion to Ontario's GDP. My congratulations again to the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery upon receiving their Ontario Trillium Foundation Award."

This grant will allow the Gallery to increase organizational capacity by strengthening development activities and will help position the Gallery for growth.

"We truly appreciate receiving this generous support from The Ontario Trillium Foundation," said Jan d'Ailly, Chair of the Gallery's Board of Directors, "It will allow the Gallery to grow and continue to serve the community."

d'Ailly noted that the funding has already enabled the Gallery to hire a full-time Director of Development, Shelley Crawford, and a contract mentor, Linda Kieswetter. These staff positions will form the base of the development operation.

A leading grantmaker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities.

For more information about the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, visit [www.theclayandglass.ca](http://www.theclayandglass.ca)

For more information about the Ontario Trillium Foundation, visit [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca)

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With an emphasis on supporting the work of Canadian ceramic and glass artists, the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery presents exhibitions that challenge ideas and perceptions of the definitions of art, craft and design today. The Gallery's public programs offer multiple pathways for engagement with contemporary artworks and art-making practices. The Gallery Shop is recognized on its own merits as a fine craft gallery, showing the best of Canadian ceramic and glass work. Housing a collection of historical and contemporary Canadian ceramic, glass and enamel art, the Gallery is proud to conserve and promote an active component of Canada's rich cultural heritage.

The Gallery is located at 25 Caroline Street North in Waterloo, Ontario. It is open Monday to Friday, from 11 am to 6 pm, Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sundays 1 to 5 pm. **Admission is always free.**