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The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery Receives Two Major Gifts totalling \$150,000

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The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is thrilled to announce the receipt of two major gifts that will ensure the Gallery's continued sustainability and innovative programming. These major gifts totalling \$150,000, mark significant investment in the Gallery's operations and a strong commitment and belief in the Gallery's role and impact in the region and nationally. With the help of these donations, the Gallery will continue its mission to be a site for education, community development, and the appreciation of Canadian ceramics, glass, and vitreous enamelling.

In March 2020, **Gordon Barnes donated \$100,000** to support the Community Gallery and educational programs. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, recognition of this extraordinary gift was delayed. As operations return to a new normal, the Gallery is excited to formally recognize this donation which has helped the Gallery weather the impacts of COVID-19 and will aid in expanding exhibitions and programming. In appreciation of this gift, we have named the Community Gallery after Gordon Barnes and will continue to exhibit community and regional projects in this space.

In December 2021, **John and Rebecca Short donated \$50,000** to support the Gallery's continued operations, ensuring sustainable growth during this period of COVID-19 recovery and as operations return to normal. John and Rebecca Short have been supporters of the Gallery for several years, particularly in their financial support of the Sharing Experiences Project, which invites local community groups to visit the Gallery for a free workshop in clay and an exhibition of their work. This significant gift continues this critical support and will contribute to the Gallery's general operations for a 3-year period.

The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is exceptionally grateful to Gordon Barnes and John & Rebecca Short for their generosity and commitment to the Gallery. Their contributions will be recognized at an upcoming private reception.

To schedule a media interview, or for more information, contact Denis Longchamps, Executive Director & Chief Curator, at 519-746-1882 ext. 231 or director@theclayandglass.ca.

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ABOUT THE CANADIAN CLAY & GLASS GALLERY

The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is a long-standing site of excellence and a destination for contemporary art for international tourists and regional citizens. We present critically-acclaimed exhibitions that challenge ideas and perceptions of the definitions of art, craft and design today. With an emphasis on Canadian artists, our exhibitions also support international artists. Our Gallery Shop is recognized on its own merits as a fine craft gallery, showing the best of Canadian ceramic and glass work.

The Gallery is a relevant and dynamic cultural organization that provides supportive education programs to people from across the region. Using exhibitions as a starting point, individuals develop arts vocabulary and appreciation and cultivate confidence in their interpretation of contemporary artworks. People who regularly return to the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery come to understand that the Gallery is a space with dynamic exhibitions, ever-changing hands-on programs, and multiple learning opportunities.

All Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery exhibitions are always free to the public. The Gallery is generously supported by the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, the City of Waterloo, and the Keith and Winifred Shantz Fund for the Arts held at Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation. For more information, visit www.theclayandglass.ca.

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