

Local post-secondary institutions, alumni and students team to donate to COVID battle

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, April 7, 2020) – Student government groups and alumni associations from St. Clair College and the University of Windsor have partnered with their institutions to donate \$100,000 in support efforts for front-line healthcare workers at Windsor Regional Hospital.

The University and College are each donating \$50,000 to help WRH with the purchase of new ventilators in the immediate fight against COVID-19.

University of Windsor President Robert Gordon said the University is pleased to be able to work cooperatively with colleagues and friends at St. Clair College during this uncertain and difficult time in our region's history.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has brought together our entire university community – including our students and alumni – to provide support to our essential front-line healthcare workers at Windsor Regional Hospital," he said. "We owe all these dedicated individuals an incredible debt of gratitude, and we thank each and every one of them for their contributions every single day. Together we will get through this."

St. Clair College President Patti France said the entire St. Clair family of staff, students and alumni is involved in the crucially important effort to offer support.

"A community-wide threat requires a community-wide response, and St. Clair will be doing whatever it possibly can to help, from now until this crisis is resolved," she said. "If we have the ability to help and assist the medical community at this critical time, we're going to do just that."

Windsor Regional Hospital President David Musyj said the hospital is overwhelmed by the community's outpouring of support.

"We are fortunate to have two great partners in St Clair College and the University of Windsor, for coming forward at this difficult time. Their efforts to help the most vulnerable in our community and support the frontline workers at WRH is appreciated."

Andrew Rowberry, President of the St. Clair College Alumni Association, said the association hopes to honour those who are working on the front lines of the healthcare system during this crisis.

"Many of our College's graduates have been and continue to contribute to the well-being of our community day after day, hour by hour. We are grateful to all of our healthcare providers and volunteers for their service."

Beth Ann Prince, President of the University of Windsor Alumni Association, said the University's alumni should be proud to know they are contributing and providing necessary equipment during this unprecedented time.

“As our community comes together in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Windsor Alumni Association is pleased to offer financial support towards the purchase of equipment for our local hospitals” Prince said.

St. Clair’s Student Representative Council is deeply committed to the well-being of the community at large, said SRC President Kiara Clement.

"We've supported a number of local charities for decades, and have always attempted to step up in emergencies, whether by supplying volunteers or financial support. We can't supply volunteers, but we can help to furnish the essential equipment needed by our hospital heroes as they combat this threat. And we are honoured to do just that."

Jeremiah Bowers, President of the University of Windsor Students’ Alliance, said his student government wanted to do its part to contribute to the community’s fight against COVID-19.

“Windsor has always been strongest when we’re looking out for each other, and this is no different. The University, College, alumni, and student associations coming together... this is what being Windsor Proud is all about.”

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