

\$75,000 for good works

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Funding Grant Provided Through the Ontario Trillium Foundation

Sault Ste. Marie – The Ontario government, through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, is investing \$75,000 in the newly created Sault Ste. Marie Centre for Social Justice and Good Works, announced David Orazietti, MPP.

“Our government is committed to ensuring Ontarians have access to programs to enable them to reach their full potential,” said Orazietti. “The Centre for Social Justice and Good Works is a great example of an organization that is helping members of our community learn new skills, become more active and improve their lives.”

Over the next 11 months, Ontario will provide funding through its Trillium Foundation to help the Centre for Social Justice and Good Works develop and deliver a mentorship entrepreneurship program for low-income individuals.

This initiative will help people who are economically vulnerable meet their basic needs, and specifically, will improve the lives of 12 people in Sault Ste. Marie.

"Mentorship teaches independence and the ability to be self-sustaining, engaging people to become more active citizens. Acknowledging this need, Ontario Works recipients who have not been in the workplace for an extended period of time, have the opportunity to learn entrepreneurship skills in a promoting and emotionally stable environment," said Frank Sarlo, Board of Directors Chair. "Our Mentorship Program will include skills development and training, in addition to one-on-one coaching and direction from established business mentors, and with the assistance of community partners, the development and delivery of entrepreneurship training."

The Centre for Social Justice and Good Works provides an opportunity to create a cooperative and inclusive space for members of the community to collaborate, develop and utilize their potential gifts with others who have similar interests.

Investing in mentorship and training is part of the government's plan to build Ontario up.

The plan includes investing in people's talents and skills, making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history, creating a dynamic, innovative environment where business thrives and building a secure retirement savings plan.

Provincial investments through the Ontario Trillium Foundation in Sault Ste.

Marie, since 2003, total over \$7 million.

(FILE PHOTO - Former Sacred Heart Convent was acquired in 2012 by Precious Blood Cathedral, located just south of the convent. David Helwig for SooToday.)

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The problem I have with these initiatives is that they appear to be more political driven (read propaganda) than issue driven.

What I would like to see is a commitment to an objective follow-up that details the results.

Good news reporters of the past would have arranged for a follow-up with the minister and chair of the board.

I doubt that will happen in our sound bite of the day world.

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