

Canadian builder raises \$500K for local communities in support of people experiencing homelessness

TORONTO, ON, MARCH 26, 2021 – Canadian construction company, BLT Construction Services (BLT) is proud to officially announce a donation of \$500,000 through their fundraising campaign, Building Blocks of Hope (BBOH). The aim of BBOH is to provide support to local charities that provide resources, community supports, and access to housing for people experiencing homelessness and housing instability in Ontario and Quebec.

BLT Construction Services, with partner Sprung Structures, has led efforts in the design-build process for emergency temporary pandemic structures across Ontario and Quebec.

"When the pandemic began, our dedicated team of construction managers and design-build experts immediately shifted our focus to provide emergency solutions that would have the largest impact in supporting communities with their COVID-19 response," says Mark Watts, President of BLT. "We pride ourselves on being innovative problem solvers and we knew we could use our talented team to help our communities and BBOH takes this one step further. From the beginning we pledged to help people experiencing homelessness by investing back into the communities where we built pandemic response structures."

Over the course of the pandemic, the most vulnerable populations in our communities have been facing acute challenges. Not-for-profit organizations are struggling to meet the increased need for resources and community supports, and charitable contributions play a critical role in covering the essential needs of the individuals they support. In an effort to alleviate some of these community challenges, BLT has joined with charities across Ontario and Quebec in each of the regions where BLT has built pandemic response structures and field hospitals to make a meaningful community contribution. This initiative is also made possible through the contributions of BLT's project consultants, trade partners, and suppliers, including BBOH gold sponsors Sprung Structures and Modern Niagara. For a full list of sponsors, please visit <http://buildingblocksofhope.bltconstruction.com>.

"We at BLT are incredibly proud of the rapid response made by our people, and our dedicated consultants, subcontractors, and suppliers," says BLT CFO Danny Gollogly. "The success of the BBOH campaign speaks to the importance of community within the construction industry. Everyone rallied together during unprecedented challenges to build pandemic response structures, and the force of that momentum was carried through in the response we received when we shared our BBOH campaign with them."

BLT will distribute the \$500K donation to six charities in Ontario and two in Quebec with media events on the following dates:

- March 26, 2021: Presentation to Home Suite Hope in Burlington/Halton Region
- April 1, 2021: Presentation to Services and Housing in the Province (SHIP) in Peel Region
- April 9, 2021: Presentation to The Busby Centre in Barrie and Simcoe
- April 14, 2021: Presentation to Safe 'N Sound in Grey Bruce County
- April 16, 2021: Presentation to Cornerstone in Durham Region
- April 23, 2021: Presentation to Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health in Ottawa
- Dates for Quebec presentations to be announced in early April.

"Now more than ever, it is important for businesses to support the communities in which we live and work," says Gollogly. "We built emergency response structures that helped our communities during this pandemic, now we are building hope."

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