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**Brantford SOAR Community Services and Child and Family Services of Grand Erie Unite to Launch Innovative Bed-based Program for Young People with High Needs**

**Brantford, ON –**

SOAR Community Services (SOAR) and Child and Family Services of Grand Erie (CFSGE), two local non-profit organizations, are excited to announce a new partnership that will establish a bed-based program designed for young people requiring intensive support, who are in the care of CFSGE. This innovative program aims to provide a community based, safe and nurturing environment for young people requiring specialized care, ensuring they receive the support necessary for their growth and development.

The program will focus on offering comprehensive care tailored to each individual's unique needs. With a dedicated team of trained professionals, the facility will integrate educational support, therapeutic services, and recreational activities, fostering an inclusive and engaging atmosphere for young people. The program will support up to 5 youth and will be operated within the City of Brantford at a property owned by the CFSGE Foundation.

“This partnership represents a significant step forward in addressing the needs of our community's most vulnerable children,” said Sally Johnson, Executive Director of CFSGE. “By combining our resources and expertise, we can create a program that not only provides immediate care but also lays the foundation for the long-term well-being and success for each young person.” Kim Baker, Executive Director, SOAR, added, “We are committed to supporting CFSGE and ensuring that the young people who participate in the program have access to the care and support they need.”

The program is expected to be operational in the spring of 2025. Further information will be provided closer to the date of opening to inform the community about the initiative and the goals of the program. This is the latest example of a long history of partnership between our agencies. We look forward to bringing this resource to the community through our ongoing collaboration.

**About CFSGE:**

Child and Family Services of Grand Erie (CFSGE) offers child welfare services in the City of Brantford, and the Counties of Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk, as well as to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our vision is for all children and youth to be safe and thriving within their families. Our mission is to ensure the well-being and safety of children and youth, which is our purpose, passion, and focus.

We work collaboratively with our communities to support, advocate for, and help children, youth, and families achieve their goals and realize their potential. CFSGE is committed to integrating equity, diversity, and inclusion into our culture, workplace, processes, practices, and policies.

**About SOAR:**

SOAR Community Services is a not-for-profit organization that has offered support in the City of Brantford, Brant County, and Haldimand County for more than 55 years. We provide a broad range of comprehensive and coordinated services across employment, housing, justice, mental health, and addictions. Over the course of a year, we provide support to approximately 11,000 people through over 120,000 points of contact, demonstrating the impact we have on the community.

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