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PATHWAYS CLUBHOUSE MAKES THE TOP 10 CHARITIES IN CANADA

CHARITY INTELLIGENCE RELEASED ITS 2016 IMPACT FUND of 10 Canadian Charities That Makes a Significant Difference and Pathways Clubhouse is the only mental health organization and the only organization in British Columbia that made the grade!

Charity Intelligence (Ci) released its 2016 Canadian Charity Impact Fund (CCIF). The CCIF provides donors with confidence that their generosity will help Canadians improve their lives. It has created a portfolio of 10 proven, high-impact social service charities. It operates in a similar way to a mutual fund in a corporate portfolio. Ci's Director of Research, Greg Thomson, says "if you were investing in companies, you would choose those most likely to give the best return. We're trying to get the best return in combatting poverty in Canada."

Ci has done the work of collecting evidence to prove the significance of the difference made by the charities in the Impact Fund. They work with U.S. charity, Success Markets Inc. (SMI) that was created for the sole purpose of taking out the guesswork and providing maximum transparency to charitable giving. It has developed metrics that measure the impact of each dollar donated. The resulting Social Return on Investment (SROI) shows donors the value of their donation in terms of money society has saved, by supporting charities dollar for dollar.

The top 10 charities in this fund, create the highest overall value for Canadians from a group of excellent charities that Ci and SMI analyzed in detail. \$100 donated to a charity that creates \$200 worth of social value is a good investment. \$500 worth of value from that same \$100 is even better!

Last year, donors to the CCIF created an additional \$100 million of social value in Canada simply by shifting the way they donate through this fund. **Pathways Clubhouse's SROI is above the average \$11 of the 10 top charities, producing \$14 in value from each \$1 it receives.** Truly an extraordinary return.

Executive Director of Pathways Clubhouse, Dave MacDonald, commented "We work successfully in the community by supporting and providing opportunities to those living with mental health issues. This achievement is due to the Clubhouse International model we use, our dedicated and passionate staff, members and volunteers, as well as our many partners and supporters – donors, employers, landlords, and funders. Together, we are very proud to provide such a high impact for the community. We are grateful for this powerful recognition."

To become a donor to the fund, simply write one cheque to Charity Intelligence, or donate on the Ci website, and indicate that it is to go to the 2016 Charity Intelligence CCIF. Donors receive one tax receipt from Ci. To ensure accountability and transparency, donors will receive an impact report within a year, describing the actual results of their donation. One hundred percent of all donations received are equally distributed among the 10 different charities from 4 provinces and in 7 different social service sectors.

Other than Pathways Clubhouse, the Top 10 CCIF Charities include:

- Calgary Food Bank, Alberta
- Children's Cottage Society, Alberta
- East York Learning Experience, Ontario
- Food for Life, Ontario

- Fort York Food Bank, Ontario
- Fresh Start Recovery, Alberta
- Inn From the Cold, Alberta
- JUMP Math, Ontario
- Youth Fusion, Quebec

If you prefer your entire donation to go directly to Pathways Clubhouse, please visit our website at www.pathwaysclubhouse.com.

About Charity Intelligence:

Charity Intelligence researches Canadian charities for donors. Charity Intelligence's website (www.charityintelligence.ca) rates over 650 Canadian charities and posts reports on over 700 charities as well as in-depth reviews of philanthropic sectors like Canada's environment, cancer and homelessness. Today over 260,000 Canadians use Charity Intelligence's website as a go-to source for information on Canadian charities and have downloaded over 3.6 million charity reports. Through rigorous and independent research, Charity Intelligence helps donors be informed and give intelligently. Charity Intelligence aims to assist Canada's dynamic sector to be more transparent, accountable and focused on results.

About Pathways Clubhouse:

Pathways Clubhouse is a Clubhouse Model program, accredited by Clubhouse International. Our Clubhouse offers hope, encouragement and opportunities to people who live with mental illness. Pathways Clubhouse helps members recover from mental illness and rebuild their lives through a supportive environment that focuses on each person's strengths and talents, rather than illness. We work together as a group and create opportunities for members to advance their education, gain employment, have a place to live, connect with their families, make new friends, and create multiple successes. We also provide mental health public education to increase awareness and understanding of issues and concerns about mental illness and mental health.

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