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We Rise Again Fund Created in Support of NS Communities Impacted by Shooting Tragedy

HALIFAX, NS – As a direct result of the tragic events of April 18 and 19, 2020 in Nova Scotia, the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia (CFNS) is proud to announce the creation of the **We Rise Again Fund**.

In collaboration with the United Way, Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation, and the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia, and through the generous support of Green Shield Canada (GSC) and other donors, the We Rise Again Fund has been created to address the longer-term vision of legacy for the victims of this tragedy.

Working directly with the community, the families, local and elected officials and donors to establish ongoing support services and identify ways to make a fitting tribute to those lives lost, this fund will be a tribute to ongoing love and caring for the people who have been profoundly impacted by the horrendous events that transpired over these two days.

“Our province has rallied to support all those who experienced loss on those terrible days and will continue to do so as only Nova Scotians can,” said Stephanie Clark, Interim CEO of CFNS. “We are inspired and lifted by the beautiful and moving tributes and the many fundraising efforts that have already been put in place to support the victims’ families and the community during this time of great need. It is intention that this fund not detract from any of these efforts, but that it will enable actions that can provide comfort and support for the community for many years to come.”

"All of us at GSC are thinking about those who lost loved ones in last month's tragic shootings. We are pleased to support the efforts of the CFNS and other partners to help the impacted communities heal and rebuild, with a focus on ensuring the necessary services are in place," said Zahid Salman, President & CEO, Green Shield Canada.

After response begins recovery, and after recovery begins healing and rebuilding. We know that despite unfathomable tragedy, We Will Rise Again, together.

For those interested in learning more about the fund and how to make a contribution, they can visit <http://www.WeRiseAgainFund.ca>.

About Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is an action centre for philanthropy. We provide the knowledge and support for communities, charities, and citizens to realize their individual potential and collective possibilities. Our mission is to build strong, vibrant and diverse communities throughout Nova Scotia by enabling and inspiring effective philanthropy.

We're part of the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) movement - the national network for Canada's 191 community foundations. CFC's purpose is to relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs. Combined, the network holds \$5.8 billion in assets and reaches 90 per cent of Canadian communities. The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia was established in 2008 and currently has more than \$10.4 million in philanthropic investment under management, disbursed and committed grants of more than \$4 million and manages and supports more than 90 funds across the province, including 22 scholarship and award funds.

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