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Rotary Hospital Garden One of 22 Projects to Receive Grant from Retired Teachers of Ontario

St. Catharines November 22 2022 — The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore is pleased to announce it has been selected as one of 22 Projects across the Province of Ontario to receive a \$4000 Cdn grant from the Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTOERO) in support of the Clarice West Hobbs Contemplative Garden at the St. Catharines Hospital Site.

Augmenting a \$500 donation made directly by RTOERO's local District 14 Niagara itself and the support of many, many individual RTOERO members across the Region, visitors, patients and staff now enjoy a quiet and restful Garden. Phase 1 of the Garden is situated on the western side of the building, exposed to the full afternoon and evening sun, in an area that's easily accessible from all parts of the hospital. "It's the perfect spot for respite and peaceful contemplation", says Bill Doyle President, District 14 Niagara, RTOERO (president14@districts.toero.ca).

"This \$4000 Grant from RTOERO will be invaluable in completing Phase 1 of this project for 2022 and serve as a launching pad for Phase 2 of the Garden to come in 2023", according to Rotary Club Garden Chairperson Eric Jones. "On behalf of the Club membership, we are incredibly grateful for the support from RTOERO provincially, District 14 Niagara regionally and the many donations received from RTOERO members individually towards the Garden."

This Grant was awarded to the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore as part of RTOERO's annual community grants program. For 2022, RTOERO funded 22 projects across the province for a total of \$87,471.00. "Across Niagara, grassroots actions can stitch a community together. Seniors, children, the most vulnerable and the environment alike can all use support.

That's the idea behind the grants program, whose impact is felt widely," says Martha Foster, chair of the board at RTOERO. "Our members care about their communities, and in partnership with great organizations, that translated into action on the ground. We believe in a better future, together". Since the inception of the community grants program 22 years ago, RTOERO has donated \$1.9 million to more than 525 programs and projects.

