

## Ontario Financial Empowerment Champions

### **EBO Financial Education Centre**

“The new FEC project will give EBO Financial Education Centre the opportunity to take its proven 38-year experience of empowering low-income and economically vulnerable residents in different Ottawa locations. The FEC project will provide wider access to our counsellors as well as offering financial literacy training to other front-line staff.”

— Hélène Ménard, Executive Director

### **Family Services of Thames Valley**

“The funding is an opportunity for FSTV and our community to work collaboratively to integrate financial knowledge, tools, coaching and mentoring across sectors, organizations and programs within the community. The goal is to empower individuals to achieve greater financial independence and stability, and for organizations to build their capacity to respond and to work more efficiently and productively together in order to increase collective impact in eliminating poverty.”

— Jack Smit, Business Development Manager

### **Salvation Army Centre**

“The Salvation Army Centre of Hope Housing Stability Bank is extremely excited to be selected, in partnership with Family Services of Thames Valley, as one of Ontario’s five Financial Empowerment Champions. We look forward to working closely with Prosper Canada to provide practical, meaningful and timely support to improve the financial stability of individuals and families.”

— Martha Ludlow, Manager, Housing Stability Bank

### **Sudbury Community Service Centre**

“The Sudbury Community Service Centre, in partnership with Credit Counselling Service of Sault Saint Marie, is excited to have been selected as an Ontario FEC! This funding will allow us to provide financial literacy services to persons with low income living in North Eastern Ontario who desperately need assistance to manage their day to day finances. As well, outreach to community partners to participate in financial literacy training will expand access to this needed service. Thank you to Prosper Canada and the Province for supporting our ongoing efforts to improve the financial well-being of people living in or at risk of poverty.”

— Linda Morel, Executive Director

### **Thunder Bay Counselling Centre**

“Thunder Bay Counselling Centre has a long-term commitment to financial literacy, education

and empowerment. The project and the partnership with Lakehead Social Planning Council will allow us to expand capacity, engage community and embed financial empowerment into service systems. This will mean greater access to much needed financial information, to tax clinics and benefits, education and guidance for more individuals in our community, especially those living on low or fixed incomes.”

— Sheri Fata, Manager of Education and Support Services

**WoodGreen Community Services**

"WoodGreen Community Services is one of the largest multi-service social service agencies in Toronto, and a known leader in social innovation and building system solutions. One of the most important aspects of being selected a Financial Empowerment Champion is the opportunity for WoodGreen to work alongside Prosper Canada and other Champions to build and replicate effective financial empowerment solutions at the regional level. Over the course of this funding, WoodGreen plans to grow our financial empowerment portfolio so that we can serve 10,000 low income clients per year. We are thrilled to champion financial empowerment in Ontario, and will commit significant effort to bring about change."

— Steve Vanderherberg, Director, Strategic Initiatives