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New Partnership between the Hamilton Music Collective and Boys and Girls Clubs of Hamilton spurs \$225,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant

Hamilton, ON – The Hamilton Music Collective receives a \$225,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) in support of implementing the HMC's program '**An Instrument for Every Child**' (AIFEC) in local Boys and Girls Clubs. The funds will be dispersed over 35 months, which began January, 2016, benefiting both organizations' mandate to build healthier communities by investing in the positive development of children and youth through music.

The partnership brings AIFEC, a program that provides free music lessons to inner-city Hamilton children and youth, to a wider audience and expands its program to include instrumental instruction, vocal & band programs, and a beat making project, to a broader community via Boys and Girls Clubs of Hamilton.

"The result of the partnership between our Club and AIFEC is that hundreds of kids in our community will have an opportunity to experience quality music programming, build confidence, self-esteem and skills for life", said **Glenn Harkness, Executive Director Boys and Girls Clubs of Hamilton**. *"We are thrilled to work together with AIFEC toward our vision of engaging, inspiring and empowering all to achieve their full potential."*

"The impact of this grant is significant," said **Astrid Hepner, President, Hamilton Music Collective**. *"As program partners we will benefit from a shared network of skills, resources and connections that will broaden the scope of our educational mandate, allowing for an increased access to programming to new and diverse demographics of children."*

The mission of **Boys and Girls Clubs of Hamilton** is to provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life. www.kboysandgirlsclub.com

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For more information about An Instrument for Every Child, please visit:
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