## **Bobcaygeon relief fund tops \$30,000 with Kawartha Dairy donation**

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Another community donor has stepped up to donate \$10,000 to support Bobcaygeon residents.

The Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes has announced Kawartha Dairy has donated \$10,000 to the Bobcaygeon and Area COVID-19 Relief Fund.

"This is a very tragic time at Pinecrest Nursing Home and for our community of Bobcaygeon. It is very sad and our hearts go out to all the Pinecrest residents, employees and family members associated with this unfortunate situation," Kawartha Dairy's Allison Shaw said in a press release.

"This is a small town and many of us have relatives, friends and neighbours who have been impacted. Our prayers are with them."

The fund was announced March 30 after an outbreak of the novel coronavirus claimed nine lives at Pinecrest Nursing Home in Bobcaygeon. <u>Since then more than a dozen COVID-19 related deaths have been reported at the long-term care facility.</u>

The fund was created by a group of concerned citizens headed up by Kawartha Lakes Ward 2 Coun. Kathleen Seymour-Fagan. It will go towards supporting health-care workers, Pinecrest Nursing Home residents, their families and others in need in the Bobcaygeon and area community.

Kawartha Dairy's donation brings the fund total to more than \$30,000 in under a week. Stewart Morrison Insurance Brokers Limited also made a \$10,000 donation March 31.

Those looking to support the community can donate by contacting Community Foundations of Kawartha Lakes foundation co-ordinator Margaret Cunningham. Call her at 705-731-9775 or email her at info@kawarthafoundation.ca.

Bobcaygeon and area patients, families and health care workers in need should contact Seymour-Fagan by emailing <a href="mailto:kseymourfagan@kawarthalakes.ca">kseymourfagan@kawarthalakes.ca</a>.

Foundation president Mike Perry has said the "first round of support" should be administered by the end of the week.

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