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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Pembroke, Ontario** - The Pembroke Petawawa District Community Foundation has made a donation to the Columbus House (Pembroke) Inc. in the amount of \$659.76 to help support their Young Parent Support Program. The donation is part of a project by Columbus House to assist young parents with furthering their education, and will specifically be allocated to purchasing learning materials to help make that happen.

"The Foundation is very proud to be able to support Columbus House and the beneficial work they do in our community," says Foundation Chair, Matt Bradley. "It is an organization that is very much aligned with our vision to support programs that contribute to the community's greatest need."

Tina Belanger, Executive Director of Columbus House, was happy to receive the donation in support of their program.

"These young parents are completing high school and receiving life, employment and parenting skills while their children are on-site in licensed daycare," says Belanger. "The youth we support are the citizens of our community in the future. By providing the resources to complete their education and participate in our programming, the Foundation has assisted in the development of these youth to acquire the necessary skills to become independent and contributing adults."

### ABOUT COLUMBUS HOUSE

Columbus House seeks to improve the quality of life of youth in Renfrew County by providing structured, supportive and safe residential and day programs in a Christian environment, while they are pursuing their education or training. The agency supports youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who need a place to live while completing high school, college or an apprenticeship program. They offer pregnant and parenting support, job training, peer support and child care. Columbus House was established in 1988 and has assisted over 2,000 youth in Renfrew County since its inception.

### ABOUT THE PEMBROKE PETAWAWA DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Pembroke Petawawa District Community Foundation is a public foundation which benefits the community by providing funds to charities, local groups and organizations that are also registered under the Income Tax Act. It is one of more than 170 Community Foundations in Canada. The Foundation was established in 2008 and has a mandate to invest and manage charitable funds for projects, causes and other community organizations. Proceeds are distributed to meet the community's greatest needs.



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In addition to the general endowment fund, the Foundation also hosts a variety of funds for organizations and individuals including: the Jason Blaine Charitable Fund, Colby's Crusade, the Krista Johnson Memorial Fund and others.

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