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## **Dare to be YOU(th) Receives a Grant to Advance the Well-Being of Burlington**

*Funding from the Burlington Foundation will support the Leader Within online learning program for local youth*

**(Nov 28, 2024, Burlington, ON)** – Today, Dare to be YOU(th) (DTBY) is proud to share it is the recipient of a Fall 2024 grant from the Burlington Foundation’s Community Fund. The grant will help to further the work of DTBY’s mission to inspire 14–24-year-olds to build life skills and develop healthy community connections.

“On behalf of our Dare to be YOU(th) team and youth participants, I am extremely grateful for the continued partnership of the Burlington Foundation,” says Shannon Tobin, founder & CEO, DTBY. “This funding will directly support our capability to advance our mission, specifically, to reach Burlington’s high school students ages 14-18. The Leader Within online course helps participants understand themselves through a journey of self-discovery and growth through a blend of educational content and immersive personal development activities to help them unleash their inner leader and embrace their full potential.”

“We are truly inspired by the work and missions of these incredible organizations,” says Megan Tregunno, CEO of the Burlington Foundation. “DTBY is one of 33 organizations selected that are contributing to creating a strong sense of belonging in our community. Resources from the Burlington Community Fund are especially significant because the Fund is made up of contributions from community donors and residents who care deeply about helping others,” says Tregunno.

The Burlington Foundation’s annual granting program provides grants through its Burlington Community Fund – a dedicated unrestricted endowment Fund established to support the greatest needs of our community. For the Fall 2024 granting round, community organizations were eligible to apply for a grant up to \$20,000.





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### **About Dare to be YOU(th)**

Dare to Be You(th) (DTBY) is a social impact organization driven by the belief that investing in the potential of youth today shapes a brighter, more inclusive, and resilient future. As a registered charity serving Halton and Hamilton regions, its focus is dedicated to empowering youth ages 14 to 24 by providing no-fee, accessible programming that helps participants build essential life skills, develop healthy relationships and connect within their communities. Since its first program launch in 2021, well over 3,000 young people have engaged in initiatives designed to equip them for life beyond high school, empowering them to make an authentic impact. For more information, visit: [www.dtby.ca](http://www.dtby.ca)

### **About the Burlington Foundation**

Since 1999, Burlington Foundation has been our city's trusted partner in philanthropy. As a proud member of Community Foundations of Canada, the Burlington Foundation addresses vital community needs, convenes leaders and sectors to advance solutions, and partners with donors to distribute resources across the community in the form of grants and investments. The Burlington Community Fund represents one cycle of funding that the Foundation distributes annually. In 2023/24, \$1.2M was distributed to more than 120 charitable organizations. Visit: [www.BurlingtonFoundation.org](http://www.BurlingtonFoundation.org).

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