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CARIZON CELEBRATES PATHWAYS’ 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH STUDENT EXHIBIT

Kitchener, ON: Carizon is pleased to be celebrating its 10th year of delivering the Pathways to Education program in Kitchener.

Pathways to Education in Kitchener supports 600 youth each year from the Chandler Mowat and Kingsdale neighbourhoods, with the key objective of breaking the cycle of poverty by helping youth from low-income communities to graduate from high school and transition to post-secondary education, training, and meaningful employment. For 10 years in Kitchener-Waterloo, this award-winning program has resulted in measurable social change.

We are celebrating this anniversary by inviting guests to an exhibit of student art pieces as they express their Pathways journey through painting, poetry, drawing, photography and mixed media. Student artists will be on hand that evening to share their stories and interpret their artistic renditions.

We will also be sharing a retrospective of Pathways’ impact over 10 years and the launch of a new pilot project based on the success of delivering Pathways in Kitchener called “Youth Getting Connected.” With financial support from the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation and in partnership with local school boards, Youth Getting Connected will be delivered in Victoria Hills and Centreville Chicopee neighbourhoods to support Grade 8 students who have been identified as being at-risk of not graduating from school.

“We are excited to celebrate our 10-year success of delivering the Pathways to Education Program in this community,” says Tracy Elop, Carizon CEO, “and to announce how we are building on the success of this program as we expand into two new neighbourhoods and reach more youth. We are grateful for the investment of Pathways Canada, our funders and our collaboration with the school boards.”

Members of the media are invited to attend the 10th Anniversary Exhibit.

Pathways 10th Anniversary Exhibit
Wednesday, November 14th, 6 – 8 pm
Carizon – Westmount office location, 645 Westmount Rd. East, Kitchener (corner of Westmount and Ottawa)

We will also be having a free public showing of our student artists’ work on Thursday, November 15th from 2 – 6 p.m. Members of the public are invited to drop in during these hours to see the artwork and learn more about the Pathways program.

If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer Berry, Director of Communications and Marketing at jberry@carizon.ca, 519-743-6333.

ABOUT CARIZON:
Carizon helps families thrive in their communities by strengthening their mental health and wellbeing. For more information, visit: www.carizon.ca.

ABOUT PATHWAYS TO EDUCATION:

Pathways to Education is a national, charitable organization breaking the cycle of poverty through education. Its award-winning program is creating positive social change by supporting youth living in low-income communities to overcome barriers to education, graduate from high school, and build the foundation for a successful future. Through the collective power of partnerships, Pathways to Education’s innovative program is preparing youth for tomorrow. For more information, visit: pathwayseducation.ca