GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION OF ERB WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE

Kitchener, ON: Carizon Family and Community Services is excited to announce the grand opening of a new community space in the Erb West neighbourhood. On Saturday, October 27th, neighbours, service providers and funders will celebrate the official opening of the space at 45F Amos Avenue Waterloo. The event will include family-centred activities where the community can come together to mark the launch of this much-anticipated neighbourhood resource.

After years of identifying the need and advocating for a community space, the Region of Waterloo has made a townhouse unit available to bring services, supports, programs and opportunities to the neighbourhood. Funding from the Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation, Lyle S. Hallman Foundation and United Way Waterloo Region Communities made the transformation of the space possible. The community space’s name will be decided on through a voting process at the event.

“This is great news for the Erb West neighbourhood and we are thrilled to continue this journey together with this amazing community,” says Debbie Engel, Community Services Director. “This centre will meet the long-standing request from people living in the area to have a community space for programs, such as tutoring, skill building classes and community activities like pot lucks.”

"We are very excited to have a new community space at the Amos community,” says Mina Fayez-Bahgat, Manager of Waterloo Region Housing, Region of Waterloo. “Having partners like Carizon come and build a space that will offer a place for children and youth to access is a great example of partnership and community engagement”

"We are extremely proud to be able to support the new Erb West Community Centre,” says Joan Fisk, CEO, United Way Waterloo Region Communities. “Its presence will provide much needed support at the neighbourhood level, enriching the lives of everyone they serve.”

Members of the media are invited to attend the grand opening, which will take place on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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If you would like more information, please contact Debbie Engel, Director of Community Services at dengel@carizon.ca, 519-743-6333.

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