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THE DOUGLAS A. SMITH FAMILY FOUNDATION (SUDBURY) GIVES EXCEPTIONAL GIFT OF \$150,000

SUDBURY – The **DOUGLAS A. SMITH FAMILY FOUNDATION** known throughout the City of Greater Sudbury for the many ways in which they support community, has made an exceptional gift of \$150,000 to the Art Gallery of Sudbury | Galerie d'art de Sudbury in support of the Gallery's current capital campaign.

The primary purpose of this charity is to benefit the communities located on Manitoulin Island and Northern Ontario in the areas of health care, education and to provide funding for municipalities.

In recognition of this exceptional gift, the Collections Storage Facility in the Gallery's new premises in Junction East on Shaughnessy Street will be known as the **Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation Collections Storage Facility**.

The Art Gallery of Sudbury, along with Greater Sudbury Library Services, and the Sudbury Multicultural Folk Arts Association, has partnered with the City of Greater Sudbury to build a new, state-of-the-art arts and culture hub in downtown Sudbury. Junction East was officially approved in the spring of 2022 and is expected to open its doors in 2025.

"On behalf of the Art Gallery, I want to thank the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation for their exceptionally generous gift. This innovative and responsive donation to the back of house operations will enable the Gallery staff to catalogue and house new acquisitions along with current artworks in an appropriate setting. As 2023 unfolds, this donation is bringing us closer to the reality of having new gallery spaces in the near future," says Demetra Christakos, Director | Curator of the Art Gallery of Sudbury | Galerie d'art de Sudbury.

The Art Gallery of Sudbury | Galerie d'art de Sudbury is a leading Northern Ontario public art gallery that engages and celebrates creative and diverse local, provincial, and national communities in innovative visual art, art-making and cultural experiences. It is a place for everyone to discover art, experience art, and create art.



ART GALLERY OF GALERIE D'ART DE **SUDBURY**

Once opened, the new Art Gallery of Sudbury | Galerie d'art de Sudbury will be a place where we will:

- Celebrate our Indigenous communities
- Reflect the communities we serve
- Promote and nourish local talent
- Improve access to art education programming
- Build an accessible, and inclusive Gallery

For more information on Art Gallery of Sudbury | Galerie d'art de Sudbury or to donate to the Gallery's Capital Campaign, visit: www.artsudbury.org/en/support-us/junction_east/

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