



PRESS RELEASE

Welcoming Streets Community Engagement

Belleville, Ontario- On Wednesday April 17th, Welcoming Streets Community Outreach Director Sara Behring and Belleville Downtown District BIA's Executive Director Danielle Hanoman had the opportunity to speak to the Canadian Federation of University Women Belleville Division about the work of Welcoming Streets.

"Danielle and I were delighted to have the opportunity to present on the program's initiatives to the Canadian Federation of University Women. Our presentation offered a comprehensive overview of the work that Welcoming Streets is undertaking, both on the streets and behind the scenes, to create a more inclusive environment for everyone" says Sara Behring, Community Outreach Director.

The presentation highlighted the human impact of their efforts, including data, statistics, and a video featuring a personal story from an individual who has accessed the service. CFUW attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, and explore ways they can get involved or support the program's initiatives.

Barb Brown, CFUW Belleville, Speaker's Program Coordinator said "We were delighted to invite Welcoming Streets to our monthly meeting. It was an impressive story to hear. Vulnerable community members receive just-in-time help from experienced stewards in downtown Belleville. Reducing fear, supporting knowledge, making targeted connections between services for our most vulnerable and downtown business communities. A good story to hear" says Barb Brown, CFUW Belleville, Speaker Program Coordinator.

Welcoming Streets is committed to fostering community engagement and facilitating meaningful conversations about its ongoing efforts to support local businesses and vulnerable community members.

The goal is to raise awareness and foster a sense of shared responsibility among community members, encouraging everyone to play a part in creating a vibrant and compassionate neighborhood. By engaging with organizations like the CFUW, Welcoming Streets hopes to inspire further collaboration and support for its mission.

To learn more about the Downtown Belleville District BIA and Welcoming Streets, please visit <https://downtownbelleville.ca/welcomingstreets/>. For all inquiries relating to Welcoming Streets, please email welcome@downtownbelleville.ca or hello@downtownbelleville.ca for general inquiries.

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