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Banyan Awarded Neighbourhood Grant from The Starbucks Foundation

Hamilton, ON (July 31, 2025) – Banyan Community Services is the proud recipient of The Starbucks Foundation’s 2025 Neighbourhood Grant as the result of a nomination submitted by an inspired Starbucks partner (employee) and community supporter who is passionate about the impact Banyan makes for those we serve.

The Starbucks Foundation’s [Neighborhood Grants](#) program supports grassroots, community-led nonprofit organizations making a difference in their community. With Starbucks partners leading the way, Starbucks helps communities thrive. Neighborhood Grants also help build sustained local impact and inspire increased partner (employee) engagement with nonprofit organizations and charities that work in their communities.

“Starbucks has always been the community coffeehouse – a place where our partners (employees) build real connections. Through this latest round of Neighborhood Grants, they’ve nominated local organizations making meaningful impact, from addressing hunger to supporting youth,” said Kelly Goodejohn, executive director of The Starbucks Foundation. *“We’re proud to support these efforts and the role our partners play in strengthening their communities.”*

Established in 1997, The Starbucks Foundation is a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization under U.S. law. Learn more about the Neighborhood Grants program at [About Starbucks](#).

“It is a true honour to be one of the 3,200 agencies, out of 56,000 nominations across all of Canada and the United States, to be awarded this \$1,350 grant in 2025,” said Kim Ciavarella, Banyan’s CEO. *“Resonating with Banyan’s vision to be a transformational partner in the journey to build safe, inclusive and barrier free communities, The Starbucks Foundation strengthens humanity by transforming lives across the world, with a focus on enabling community resiliency and prosperity and uplifting communities affected by disaster.”*

Banyan is a not-for-profit organization that has provided quality services to the youth justice, children, and senior community support sectors since 1978. Banyan is committed to improving the mental, physical, and social well-being of at-risk populations in our service areas of Hamilton, Niagara, Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, and Wellington.

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