

## **FCT and Home Suite Hope partner to support local disadvantaged students through The Honourable William G. Davis Scholarship**

**OAKVILLE, ONTARIO, January 30, 2019** – FCT, the national leader in title insurance and real estate technology, has partnered with Home Suite Hope (HSH), a charitable organization that provides transitional housing to the growing homeless population in Halton Region, to bring The Honourable William G. Davis Scholarship to students in the area. Teaming up with HSH aligns the scholarship program with FCT's community investment focus on youth homelessness prevention.

“At FCT, we believe in the power of education to help break the cycle of poverty and homelessness, and we're committed to supporting disadvantaged youth achieve their academic goals,” said Michael LeBlanc, CEO of FCT. “Thinking differently about how we administer the scholarship program gives us an opportunity to work with organizations, like HSH, who share our commitment to youth homelessness prevention.”

Through the partnership, HSH will help solicit scholarship applications and participate in the selection of scholarship recipients.

“We're so thankful for this opportunity to partner with a local employer to provide scholarships to deserving residents in Halton,” said Britta Martini-Miles, president and CEO of HSH. “The single mothers in our programs are so worthy of these scholarships as they work to change their lives and make a better future for themselves and their families.”

Now in its fourth consecutive year, the scholarship program was named after The Honourable William G. Davis, the 18th Premier of Ontario and current FCT board chairman, whose passion for education contributed to his work in building Ontario's community college system. FCT launched the scholarship in 2015, to help deserving students attend post-secondary education. Since then, the scholarship has helped 15 students across Canada offset some of the financial challenges that come with attending college or university.

The scholarships will be awarded by HSH later in 2019.

### **How to Apply:**

The scholarship is open to single, homeless mothers currently enrolled in HSH programs and/or their children, and HSH program participants attending a Canadian post-secondary institution. Eligible HSH program participants are asked to fill out an application form with HSH. Each application must include their community and volunteer involvement, any extra-curricular activities, and an essay explaining why they deserve the scholarship. A panel consisting of an HSH board member, an FCT representative and a member of the HSH program will be responsible for reviewing the applications and selecting the recipients. If you meet the above requirements, please reach out to your contact at HSH for further details on applying.

**About Home Suite Hope:**

Home Suite Hope (HSH), incorporated in 2004, unites a network of vital support services for single mothers and their children, supporting them on their journey from poverty to stability. The two current program streams have long assisted single mothers to reach their objectives, and change lives permanently for the better.

The “Homeward Bound” (HBH) diploma program, launched in 2014 as the first Canadian replication of an award-winning educational program for homeless/precariously housed single mothers, fights poverty and builds economic security for single mothers. For more information about HSH’s programs and services, please visit: [www.homesuitehope.org](http://www.homesuitehope.org).

**About FCT:**

Founded in 1991, the FCT group of companies is based in Oakville, Ontario, and has over 800 employees across the country. The group provides industry-leading title insurance, default solutions and other real-estate-related products and services to approximately 450 lenders, 43,000 legal professionals and 5,000 recovery professionals, as well as real estate agents, mortgage brokers and builders, nationwide.

The Great Place to Work<sup>®</sup> Institute has named FCT one of Canada’s Top 50 Best Workplaces for four consecutive years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018) and certified FCT as a Great Place to Work. FCT’s parent company, First American Financial Corporation, was named to the *Fortune* 100 Best Companies to Work For<sup>®</sup> list in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

For more information on FCT, please visit the company website at [www.fct.ca](http://www.fct.ca).

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