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Burnaby, British Columbia: September 5, 2020. The African Canadian Soccer and Cultural Association (ACSCA) has been awarded the amount of \$27,707.80 from the Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS) and the Government of Canada Emergency Community Support Fund. The funding will enable the Association support vulnerable families in Surrey, New Westminister and Burnaby severely impacted by the COVID – 19 pandemic.

Receiving the grant on behalf of ACSCA, President Jerry Gbardy thanked the CRCS and the Government of Canada’s Emergency Community Support Fund led by the Employment and Social Development Canada for making funding available to non-profit organizations such as his that were/are affected due to the CIVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Gbardy added that the association will use the funding over the next few months to help address the impacts of COVID-19 felt by vulnerable families and individuals who are dealing with the severe issues of food security and mental wellbeing. The President continued: “As a non-profit organization which is in the business of uniting the community and promoting the African culture in the Diaspora, it views the socio-economic, physical and mental wellbeing of members of the community as the most important aspect of its existence. As such, the funding from the CRCS is received with the utmost sense of gratitude during these trying and difficult times imposed on the community by the unprecedented surge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to providing food hampers to 100 vulnerable and affected families, the President revealed that part of the funding will also go toward training of volunteers about how to communicate and respond with inquiries about educating members on COVID-19. The ACSCA Board of Directors has accordingly set up a leadership team that will identify 100 members of the community who will be direct recipients of the relief.

The African Canadian Soccer and Cultural Association (ACSCA) is a registered non-profit community organization incorporated in the province of British Columbia for the sole purpose of providing for players development, encouraging the participation of women and children, and promoting the African culture in the Diaspora. For more information about the association, please visit our website at www.acsca.net or call the President at 236-512-9145