



## KCCU Awarded *Empowering Your Community* Grant in Support of SFCSC

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On April 13, 2021 Concentra Bank announced the recipients of their 2021 [Empowering Your Community](#) grants and Kingston Community Credit Union is very excited to be one of this year's recipients, winning a \$5,000 grant to benefit Southern Frontenac Community Services Corporation (SFCSC).

Since 2011, [Concentra Bank](#), the wholesale bank and trust company for Canada's credit unions, has contributed \$1.8 Million to 120 communities in Canada through their credit union partners. In 2021 their *Empowering Your Community Program* granted a total of \$100,000 in support of community initiatives related to the environment, community, First Nations, and innovation. Seventeen awards were presented: three each valued at \$10,000 and fourteen each valued at \$5,000. "Now more than ever, support for communities is important," says Don Coulter, President and CEO of Concentra Bank. "Our purpose is to enable success and teaming up with credit unions to empower communities is a great way to do that."

[Southern Frontenac Community Services Corporation](#) is a local organization that provides a wide and varied range of health, social and cultural support programs, and services to improve quality of life for residents of South Frontenac.

[Kingston Community Credit Union](#) believes in supporting our local community and applied for *Concentra's Empowering Your Community* Grant in support of SFCSC outlining our partnership and the benefits they offer to our community. The \$5,000 awarded from Concentra, along with an additional \$2,000 from KCCU will support their greenhouse and gardens. Their gardens help support the rural Kingston community in three ways: 1. Food Support - The gardens provide fresh produce for the 75 food hampers distributed by the SFCSC Food Bank to individuals and families monthly. 2. Food Support - The produce is added to the SFCSC Hot Meals on Wheels program which currently delivers more than 175 nourishing hot meals to seniors each week. 3. Learning- The students from Loughborough Public School take part in weekly working visits to the gardens (as permitted by public health during Covid-19) where they learn how to plan, manage, and reap the benefits of a food garden and becoming vendors to sell excess produce to the public.

"I am so proud of the work our staff continue to do to support our community," says Jon Dessau, CEO of KCCU. "SFCSC is a very deserving recipient, and we are so pleased to help them with this initiative."

KCCU is a member-owned and democratically operated financial co-operative open to those who work or reside in and around Kingston. We strongly believe in building co-operative relationships with our members and our community. For over 60 years KCCU has made a positive impact on our local community with charitable giving, volunteerism, and financial education. We have a proud tradition of co-operative business ethics and a commitment to continually demonstrate our mission, vision, and values. As part of the credit union philosophy of People Helping People, KCCU is committed to building, strengthening, and enhancing the lives of those in our community.

To find out more about KCCU visit us at [www.kccu.ca](http://www.kccu.ca) or   

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