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Dear Residents,

In this constantly changing environment, the health and safety of our residents is paramount. That's why we're putting your health first by adapting our processes so that we can provide services in a safe way. We are here for you and are committed to providing you with exceptional service. One of the significant ways we can support you, is by providing timely communication and resources.

Over the past few weeks there has been a significant amount of information released about financial aid available for students. As our residents, we want to streamline what you need to know:

The **Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)** is available to students and anyone else who made at least \$5,000 in the last year, but only if they had been working and lost their source of income with COVID-19 struck. The value of this benefit is \$2,000 a month.

The **Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)** is available to students who are ineligible for the CERB, or EI, but who are unable to find full time employment or unable to work due to COVID-19. The CESB will provide \$1,250 per month from May-August 2020, and \$1,750 for students with dependants or those with permanent disabilities.

The **Canada Student Service Grant** is a new national service initiative to recognize students' significant contributions to COVID-19 efforts. Students who volunteer this summer may be eligible for up to \$5,000 in education grants. Additional details will be released in the coming weeks with additional details.

Changes to **Canada Student Grants and Loans** have been introduced so students facing financial challenges can access and afford post-secondary education. These measures will come into effect August 1 and be available for a year thereafter. Students should apply even if previously denied Federal Education Grants.

These supports, and many others, can be reviewed here - <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html>

Sincerely,

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