

## Nomination Addressing social determinants of health

Dufferin Area Family Health Team

Addressing Poverty with a Big Vision, Practical Actions, and a Collaborative

Approach in Dufferin



Since 2018, the Dufferin Area FHT has passionately focused on addressing poverty as a health issue. Since then, we have pursued collaboration and explored practical actions to care for patients impacted by poverty. We have partnered with community legal services in offering a monthly onsite ODSP clinic – since April 2019. We creatively collaborated with a local food bank to increase access to food items. We established a Patient Needs Fund, supported by fund-raising and donations to assist patients with practical needs. We have also recently launched a 2-year project, with the County of Dufferin, to end homelessness.

