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East Coast Credit Union Invests \$300,000 in Corridor Community Options' New Accessible Building

September 15, 2026 (Dartmouth, NS) – On September 14, East Coast Credit Union joined community leaders, supporters, staff, volunteers and participants to celebrate the grand reopening of Corridor Community Options' (CCO) new facility in Elmsdale and its \$300,000 investment in the organization's building campaign.

The investment supports a modern, accessible building that will enable CCO to expand its programs and create more opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities to learn, connect and contribute within their communities. The new facility will serve as a hub for employment, learning and community connection, helping more adults with intellectual disabilities access programs, develop skills and build meaningful relationships close to home. Through initiatives such as Rick's Riches Thrift Store, Able Roots Café and its manufacturing program, CCO helps participants build skills, gain confidence and share their talents in meaningful ways

As a member-owned financial co-operative, East Coast Credit Union is committed to reinvesting in local communities and supporting organizations that create opportunities for people to thrive. This partnership reflects the credit union's belief that strong, vibrant communities are built when everyone has the opportunity to participate, contribute and belong.

"At East Coast Credit Union, we believe strong communities are built when everyone has the opportunity to participate, contribute and feel included," said Ken Shea, President and CEO of East Coast Credit Union. "We're proud to invest in this project and support a space that will help Corridor Community Options grow its impact for years to come. This partnership reflects our commitment to strengthening communities and creating opportunities for people to connect, belong and reach their full potential."

The new facility provides participants with a more accessible and welcoming environment while creating additional opportunities for community members to shop, volunteer, gather and support the organization's social enterprises. Designed to foster inclusion, connection and growth, the space will help CCO continue expanding its impact across East Hants and surrounding communities.

The grand reopening also recognized the dedication of the staff, volunteers, board members, donors, partners and advocates whose vision and commitment helped bring the project to life.

"Organizations like Corridor Community Options play an essential role in building inclusive communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive," added Ken Shea. "We're grateful to be part of this journey and look forward to seeing the positive impact this new space will have on participants, families and the wider community for many years to come."

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About East Coast Credit Union

East Coast Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative focused on putting people first. As Nova Scotia's largest credit union, we serve more than 60,000 members and manage \$1.77 billion in assets, with a network spanning from Cape Breton to Bridgewater and throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality. We bank with purpose, putting people and communities at the heart of everything we do. As a certified B Corporation, we are proud to be part of a global movement using business as a force for good. Locally owned and deeply rooted in our province, we support communities through donations, investments, targeted grants, and employee volunteerism.

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