

**CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR NEW PROGRAM**

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**DRAYTON VALLEY-** The Clean Energy Technology Centre in Drayton Valley will be introducing a new Youth Culinary Program sponsored by TELUS through their Community Granting Program. The Youth Culinary Program is being developed to encourage healthier nutrition habits and practices for children.

TELUS presented a cheque for \$10,000 dollars to the Clean Energy Technology Centre which will develop and operate the Youth Culinary Program. The CETC will provide the on-site commercial kitchen for culinary training programs. The program structure will focus on bringing youth to the facility and using talents of local cooks and chefs. Through the video conferencing technology at the CETC, youth will be able to connect with culinary professionals directly.

Two programs will be offered. The primary three month program for Grades 1-3 will have students from our area participate in a number of activities that will include an understanding of foods from around the world, urban agriculture and nutrition. The intermediate program for Grades 4-6 will develop skills to create meals under parental supervision and encourage planning decisions be focused on good nutrition.

“This program will excite our youth in learning about the full-cycle what they eat and help them develop the skills they can use to plant, grow and harvest their food. Thank you to TELUS for partnering with the Clean Energy Technology Centre and for their commitment to support healthy initiatives that will encourage stronger and healthier youth in Drayton Valley,” said Mayor Glenn McLean.

Information on the Youth Culinary Program will be available on our website [www.draytonvalley.ca](http://www.draytonvalley.ca) in the immediate future.

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