



# NorthBEAT COLLABORATIVE

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Ontario Trillium Foundation Youth Opportunities Fund Awards \$880,000 Grant: NorthBEAT Collaborative Will Improve Youth Mental Health in Northwestern Ontario**

**WHAT**            **Launch** - the NorthBEAT Collaborative based at the Centre for Applied Health Research, St. Joseph's Care Group.

**Celebrate** - receiving one of the largest grants in the Centre for Applied Health Research's history.

**Share Information-** about the challenges Northwestern Ontario youth with psychosis – a serious mental health condition - have accessing the right services at the right time; and how the NorthBEAT Collaborative members will work together over the next 4 years to make important changes. This unique collaborative brings together youth and family members, as well as representatives from education, health, mental health, Indigenous health, police, emergency, youth, and community services to find solutions that will work in our region. Their experience shifting a complex system of care and services will be shared across Canada and internationally.

**WHO**            Hosted by Centre for Applied Health Research, St. Joseph's Care Group;  
Ontario Trillium Foundation Youth Opportunities Fund;  
Dr. Chiachen Cheng, Project Lead, NorthBEAT Collaborative

**WHEN**            Friday, December 1, 2017  
09:00 – 09:45 am

**WHERE**            Valhalla Inn, Ballroom 1  
1 Valhalla Inn Road  
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#### **PHOTO & INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

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