

Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada and goeasy celebrate 50th easybites Kitchen on their Way to Renovating 100 across all Boys and Girls Clubs by 2024

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TORONTO, Nov. 29, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Today, Boys and Girls Club of Kingston & Area, which supports over 7,300 local youth and children, will unveil their newly renovated easybites kitchen along with Club and community members, local government officials, and local Executive Chef Clark Day. This latest kitchen renovation marks the 50th kitchen milestone as part of a 10-year commitment by goeasy to build 100 kitchens in Clubs across Canada by 2024.

Through the easybites kitchen renovation, the Kingston Club's West End Hub kitchen has been transformed into a fully-functional nutritional and culinary education centre for children and youth. The newly refurbished kitchen, which includes new appliances generously donated from Whirlpool, will make it much easier for the Club to continue providing up to 200 snacks and meals every day throughout the school year and the summer months.



Boys & Girls Clubs

"We're thrilled to be celebrating the 50th kitchen renovation in Kingston with Club staff, children, youth, the community, and the goeasy team," said Owen Charters, President & CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada. "This is all made possible

thanks to the strength of the goeasy partnership and their commitment of investing over \$2.5 million in the easybites program. The kitchen is the heart of our Clubs, and providing each Club across the country with newly renovated kitchens will ensure that all Club members have even more access to healthy, nutritious food and essential kitchen skills. This project is just one example of how goeasy is helping our communities in a meaningful way and we couldn't be more grateful."

"Today's celebration with our partners at Boys and Girls Club of Kingston & Area is an exciting day for us as we reach the halfway mark in our commitment to improving the lives of all the children and families that rely on their local Clubs," said Jason Mullins, President & CEO, goeasy Ltd. "In 2014, we set out on a mission to make a meaningful difference in the communities where we live and work. We thought, what better way to contribute than to ensure that Clubs across Canada have access to beautiful, fully functioning kitchens so children, youth and the community can gather to feed their hearts, minds and bodies today and in the future. To know that we've played a key role makes us all feel very proud."

The easybites kitchens project continues in 2020 with plans to build or renovate 12 new kitchens in Boys and Girls Clubs across Canada.

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About goeasy Ltd.

goeasy Ltd., a Canadian company, headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario, provides non-prime leasing and lending services through its <u>easyhome</u> and <u>easyfinancial</u> divisions. With a wide variety of financial products and services including unsecured and secured instalment loans, goeasy aspires to help put Canadians on a path to a better financial future, as they rebuild their credit and graduate to prime lending. Customers can transact seamlessly with easyhome and easyfinancial through an omni-channel model that includes online and mobile, as well as over 400 leasing and lending locations across Canada supported by more than 2,000 employees.

Throughout the company's history, it has served over 1 million Canadians and originated over \$3.6 billion in loans, with one in three customers graduating to prime credit and 60% increasing their credit score within 12 months of borrowing.

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About Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

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