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## RBC announces major gift in support of Community Foundation's third annual Mayor's Gala

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RBC Regional Vice President Tom Parisi today announced a \$10,000 donation in support of the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation's annual Mayor's Gala. The popular event, hosted by Stratford Mayor Dan Mathieson, will take place January 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Stratford Festival Theatre Lobby.

"We're delighted to support the work of the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation," says Mr. Parisi. "This fine organization – and the many donors it represents – has provided over \$160,000 to local charities since 2004, making a real difference in our community."

The Gala, billed as "Perth County's most fabulous cocktail party," is the Foundation's signature event, and is rapidly becoming the "must attend" event of the winter. This year's theme is **Fire and Ice for a Winter's Night**, with Latin-inspired music by "El Sabor" featuring Alfredo Caxaj and Michael Wood, and Stratford Festival alumnae Scott Wentworth and Marion Adler acting as emcees. The gala is also a showcase for Perth County's rising status as one of Ontario's up-and-coming culinary regions, featuring elegant canapés donated by local restaurants and food producers.

"It's a great evening in support of a truly worthy cause," says Mr. Parisi. "I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the incredible food and dynamite performers lined up to entertain us."

The Mayor's Gala supports operation of the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation. The Foundation, like other community foundations across the country, raises and administers endowed funds. Income from these funds is returned to the community through grants to local charities. The Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation holds \$1 million in community endowments and has granted over \$160,000 to local charities.

Tim MacDonald, President and CEO of Ideal Supply and chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors, says "supporting your local Community Foundation is a wonderful way to keep your charitable giving close to home, and to make a real contribution to your own community. We appreciate RBC's support along with other corporate sponsors, in making the evening a success."

Tickets, \$90, are on sale now, and can be purchased online at [www.spccf.ca](http://www.spccf.ca), or by phone at 519-957-2640

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