

Area residents honour parents with creation of fund

(STRATFORD, ON) December 14, 2007 - The Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation recently assisted the Henry Family – Jim Henry (Stratford), David Henry (Ottawa), Don Henry (Listowel) and Jane (Henry) Morley (Waterloo) to set up an endowment fund named for their parents Sid and Margaret Henry.

The fund, a donor designated fund, is the result of the Henry family's vision of how best to honour the memory of their parents who were active and long time residents of Listowel. Sid and Margaret Henry were dedicated to giving to the community and they firmly believed in the importance of education. The Henry family has initiated the fund with a \$10,000 commitment and has named the North Perth Community Hospice as the beneficiary of the annual income from the fund.

"We're very grateful to the Henry siblings for initiating this fund in support of the Hospice," said Hospice board chair Sara Trainor. "It's a wonderful way to keep the memory of Sid and Margaret and their acts of caring alive in the community."

Because of the Henry family's belief in the value of education the fund income will be applied specifically to the costs of educating Hospice staff and volunteers, and for community education workshops.

"We are grateful to our parents for choosing Listowel as our home," said Jane Morley. "The Sid and Margaret Henry Fund is a special way of remembering our parents for their contribution in making Listowel the vibrant and caring community it is today. The Fund gives our families an ongoing connection with Listowel through this association with the North Perth Community Hospice and the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation."

The North Perth Community Hospice is a network of volunteers and professionals committed to the support of individuals and families faced with life threatening illness, death, and bereavement. It provides grief support in a one-to-one or group setting. The Hospice offers an extensive resource library consisting of books and videos for children and adults. There is no fee for Hospice services and referrals are accepted from patients, friends, family members, physicians and nurses.

The Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation is a registered charitable public foundation that serves the charitable sector in Perth County. The Foundation matches acts of caring with community needs by providing efficient, flexible donor services, grants to a broad range of community needs, and leadership in understanding and responding to current and emergent community needs. Incorporated and registered in 2004, the Foundation currently has fifteen funds and has granted over \$70,000 in its four years of grant making.

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