

## **Fourteen area organizations receive grants from the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation**

**(STRATFORD/PERTH COUNTY) January 29, 2008** – The Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation today announced fourteen grants to area community organizations. This is the fourth year of granting for the charitable public foundation.

“We’re absolutely thrilled with the projects that were funded this year. All organizations are worthy recipients and vital organizations in our community,” said Tim MacDonald, Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “Of course none of this would be possible without the generosity and foresight of the individuals and businesses in the community who have initiated or contributed to funds administered by the Foundation.”

The announcement includes \$27,100 in grants to the following community groups representing all areas of Perth County.

### From the Community Fund:

- Anne Hathaway Public School
- Mitchell & Area Community Outreach
- North Perth Community Hospice
- North Perth Public Library
- Stratford Civic Orchestra
- Stratford YFC/Hero Project

### From the Founders’ Fund:

- Epilepsy Huron-Perth-Bruce

### From the Community, Environment and IPM 2005 funds:

- Galbraith Optimist Camp for Kids

### From the IPM 2005 Fund:

- Stratford-Perth Museum

### From the Ideal Supply Community Fund:

- North Perth Arts and Culture Council
- St. Marys Museum

### From the Donald McTavish Conservation Fund

- Rotary Club of Stratford/Friends of Ellice Swamp
- Shakespeare Optimist Club/Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

The grants were announced at the Foundation’s annual grant recipient event which brings grant recipients together with fund holders, donors, and other community funders. MacDonald thanked community supporters for their commitment to the community foundation movement and their confidence in the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation.

Macdonald noted that nearly one-fifth of the foundation's endowment funds are designated to environmental causes.

"It is very appropriate that five of our grants have a very strong environmental focus," said MacDonald. "Community foundations across Canada lead the way in funding environmental initiatives. 2008 is International Year of Planet Year. We hope to continue to lead the way in facilitating a reduction in the environmental footprint we all leave through the work of the foundation in the coming year."

The Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation is a registered 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 sixteen funds and has granted over \$70,000 in its four years of grant making.

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