

Mathieson Family Establishes Fund in Memory of Parents

(STRATFORD, ON) February 14, 2008 – The children of the late John (Jack) and Jacqueline Mathieson have established a memorial fund in their parents' memory.

“Our parents gave so much of themselves to their children and to this community,” said Mark Mathieson, the youngest son. “Establishing a fund that would honour their legacy, at the same time supporting youth and the community, is a way to remember them and what they stood for.”

The fund was created by the nine Mathieson siblings from memorial donations after their father died last spring. The money will go to the Stratford and Perth Community Foundation.

Elizabeth Hachborn, executive director of the foundation, said income from the fund will be granted back in the Stratford and Perth County Community. Family members will form part of a committee that will meet annually to review grant applications. The committee will recommend to the foundation's board of directors appropriate projects to receive funding.

While supporting youth is a priority of the family, the fund is unrestricted which means that annual granting can respond flexibly to the changing needs of the community.

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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