

Eight area organizations receive 2008 Community Grants from the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation

(STRATFORD/PERTH COUNTY) January 14, 2009 – The Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation today announced eight grants to area community organizations. The grants were announced at an event at the Rotary Complex in Stratford. At this event the Foundation gives its annual Report to the Community and awards grants. This is the fifth year of granting for the charitable public foundation. To date 48 grants have been awarded to charitable organizations in Perth County totalling close to \$90,000.

“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 invested in the community through the creation of endowed funds.”

“Like other community foundations across the country we are committed to granting through these difficult economic times,” said MacDonald. “We granted at a reduced level this year using reserves from past years and flow-through gifts from fund holders and other community supporters to provide funds for granting. We are also making plans now on how best to support the charitable sector in the coming year.”

The grant announcement includes \$14,700 in grants to the following community groups representing all areas of Perth County.

From the Community Fund:

- Brodhagen Chamber of Commerce - \$2,200 (in partnership with the AIA High Fives for Kids Foundation)
- Milverton Agricultural Society - \$1,000
- Perth County Historical Foundation - \$1,500
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority - \$2,500 (made possible by the RBC Foundation)

From the Ideal Supply Community Fund:

- Voices/Community Living - \$2,210

From the George and Edna Hislop Family Fund, the John and Colleen MacDonald Family Fund and the Community Fund:

- Perth District Health Unit - \$3,200

From the Mathieson Family Fund:

- Foundation for Enriching Education/Challenge Day - \$1,200

From the Donald McTavish Conservation Fund

- UTRCA/Upper Avon River Conservation Club - \$880

The Foundation’s annual event brings grant recipients together with community investors, donors, and other community funders. At the event MacDonald thanked community supporters for their investment in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play in Perth County.

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.

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