



## Friends of Children's Aid Society Establish *Children's Aid Fund* with The Greater Saint John Community Foundation

The Board of Directors of The Friends of the Children's Aid Society of the County of Saint John Inc. has announced the transfer of all its assets, approximately \$110,000, to The Greater Saint John Community Foundation, creating the Children's Aid Fund.

As part of the program of equal opportunity undertaken in 1966, the government of the day took over the activities of such organizations as the Children's Aid Society of the County of Saint John, including adoptions and the protection of children. In order to assist in the care and welfare of children in the City of Saint John and other parts of the county, the then directors of the Children's Aid Society incorporated a separate organization in 1965 known as The Friends of the Children's Aid Society of the County of Saint John Inc. and transferred investments to that organization.



Pictured at the signing ceremony, December 21, 2001, for the transfer of assets are: standing left to right, Greater Saint John Community Foundation Board members, Cheryl Robertson and Tom Gribbons; Friends of The Children's Aid Society Treasurer Franklin O. Leger, Q.C. and "Friends" board member Rev. Robert Friell.

Seated left to right: "Friends" board member Mrs. Val Crisp, Gerald S. McMackin, Community Foundation Vice-Chairman and Secretary, Mrs. Frances Daley, "Friends" President and Michael Doyle FCA, foundation treasurer.

During the past thirty-six years, the Friends have assisted local children in need by making grants to worthy groups for programs such as daycare, free milk and teen mothers. Mr. J. Esmonde Barry was the first President of The Friends of The Children's Aid Society and was succeeded by Mrs. Frances Daley in 1970.

The treasurer of the Friends, Franklin O. Leger, Q.C., paid tribute to Mrs. Daley and the other board members, including the late Paul Prebble and Dr. Andy Bona.

"In a small but important way, I believe the Friends improved the situation for many less fortunate or troubled children", he said.

Mr. Leger noted that the board concluded that the time was opportune for the funds and the responsibility for their use to be transferred to The Greater Saint John Community Foundation.



Photos from Left to Right: The South End Daycare and The Saint John School Milk Fund projects have been jointly funded by the Greater Saint John Community Foundation and Friends of the Children's Aid Society.

Lino Celeste, Chairman of The Greater Saint John Community Foundation, noted that there are many groups in Greater Saint John who are in a process of change due to declining membership or which were established for a purpose which has been outlived. "They can be confident their identity and raison d'etre is carried on when a fund such as this is established" he said.

Gerry McMackin, foundation Vice-Chairman added, "This is a Christmas gift for all the children of our community, one that is permanent and will help us support the many applications we receive for the benefit of the children of Greater Saint John." The new fund, the Children's Aid Fund, will support childrens' projects and will continue to aid children in our community year after year. In 2001 The Foundation made grants to 23 charities which will assist children.

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation serves as a trustee for charitable, educational and cultural purposes. It administers funds given by public-spirited individuals for the benefit of the people of this area. Since 1976, the foundation's assets have grown to approximately \$7 M. In 2001, its 25th anniversary year, it donated in excess of \$240,000.00 to 56 local charities. Applications from local registered charities are received twice yearly, April 15 and September 30.

The Friends of the Children's Aid Society of the County of Saint John Inc.  
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