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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stephen Willis and the Board of Directors of the Greater Saint John Community Foundation are pleased to announce the appointment of Clare Northcott as their new Executive Director, effective October 1. "We are delighted with the significant credentials Ms. Northcott brings to the position" stated Dr. Willis. "As we celebrate our thirty-fifth year, we are confident she will have the skills to continue the growth and impact our Community Foundation has had on Greater Saint John as we move forward" he added.

Clare Northcott is a native of Yarmouth NS and graduate of Acadia University. She began her career in municipal recreation with the Towns of Antigonish and Digby. She later moved to Amherst NS and took up the challenge of reviving a YMCA operation there, remaining for the next 8 years. Her experience in the charitable sector, human resources, board governance, financial management and administration was further strengthened when she took up the reins of the United Way of Greater Moncton, and later moved to the national scene with United Way - Centraide as their National Director, Organizational Development.

She and her family make their home in Saint John. She is anticipating her new role will be a rewarding one and is anxious to meet the many charities the Community Foundation supports and donors who have made it possible. A "Celebration" is being organized as an appreciative farewell to Jane Barry as she steps down after eleven years and to introduce Ms. Northcott to the community. It takes place November 18, 4:30-7pm at the Marco Polo Cruise Terminal, 111 Water Street . For more information go to www.saint-john-foundation.nb.ca

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation serves as a trustee for charitable, educational and cultural purposes. It administers funds, large and small, donated by public-spirited citizens for the benefit of the people of Greater Saint John. Earnings from permanent endowment funds are donated to local charities for many worthy causes - youth, seniors, health & medicine, education, the arts, environment and social services. It is a member of Community Foundations of Canada, over 160 independent Community Foundations working together to help improve the quality of life in communities across Canada. Since 1976, the foundation's assets have grown to approximately \$8.6 M. In 2010, it donated in excess of \$233,000.00 to over 50 local charities.

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