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Community Foundation Invites Grant Applications

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation, which supports registered charities within a fifty km. radius of Greater Saint John, will receive applications for 2010 grants until 5pm, April 15, 2010. The Foundation announced changes in the process whereby they receive, evaluate and process applications for grants last year. An enlarged Grants Committee is in place, with additional community representation, which will review applications, based on what they consider to be the best practices of colleague foundations across Canada and after consultation with local funding bodies. It will then make recommendations to the Foundation Board. It will be receiving grant applications and making grants once per year, under the revised process. The revised application form has been posted on the Foundation website and can be downloaded from it. "We hope that this will ensure the process continues to be fair, objective and directed to the areas which will have the maximum positive impact on our community's quality of life" said Cheryl M.G. Robertson, Foundation Chair.

The Anniversary Grant of up to \$15,000 will also be awarded this year to a charitable group seeking funding for a unique initiative with significant community impact, which will address a priority community need, as identified in the Foundation's Vital Signs Reports on the quality of life in Greater Saint John. All applicants will be expected to relate their project to Vital Signs data and community priorities and will be submitting a post-grant evaluation.

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 \$8.2M. In 2009, it donated in excess of \$175,000.00 to over 50 local charities.

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"Grants of \$5.2 Million to over 275 Saint John area charities for youth, seniors, social services, health, education, heritage, the arts and the environment since 1976"

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