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Community Foundation to Support Boys & Girls Club Capital Campaign

Saint John, NB

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation is presenting a cheque for \$15,000 today at the launch of the Saint John Boys and Girls Club's new Capital Campaign to help add momentum for the long-established children's and youth facility. It will help support much needed renovations and new equipment for the Club which serves hundreds of local children with numerous programs and activities. The gift will come from the Community Foundation's **The Jack Kidd Family-Saint John Boys and Girls Club Fund**, which was established in 2004 by the late Cindy Kidd in honour of her parents and family.

Mrs. Lois Kidd, always supportive of her late husband Jack's community activities, has contributed generously to many local charities in her own name. She is very supportive of the Club and its purpose.

The late Cindy Kidd, a graduate of The Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and a videographer, achieved two firsts in her career in the multimedia industry. She was the first woman to operate a video camera east of Montreal and the first woman to become an audio technician with CBC. Active in her church, she has volunteered for a number of charities, including those which serve the disabled.

The Community Foundation will be presenting many other charitable groups with financial support at a public Grants and Celebration event June 9 at the Marco Polo Cruise Terminal, which will also mark the Foundation's 35th Anniversary.

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 like Cindy Kidd 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. The Foundation operates frugally, with about 1.5% of its assets for administrative costs annually. 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 \$8.7M. In 2009-10, it donated in excess of \$233,000.00 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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