

## **DR. DAVID STEPHEN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL OCT.24**

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Dr. David Stephen was a young and dedicated pediatrician who cared deeply about child abuse. He was instrumental in developing an Interdisciplinary Committee on Child Abuse for the Greater Saint John area, an advocate and acknowledged expert on the subject until his untimely death. The Dr. David Stephen Memorial Foundation was established in 1993 to honour and recognize Dr. Stephen, his contributions to the community and to promote educational opportunities for professionals in the area of child abuse prevention.

Gregory Zed chairs the group's board and has shown equal dedication to the cause. "We certainly can use the public exposure as we continue our challenging fight against child abuse, given the recent turn of events in our province with two deaths recently of newborns....our resolve is even stronger" he states emphatically.

The organization works to heighten public awareness and educate the public about child abuse, its devastating effects and related legal processes. They also organize an annual fundraiser at which an individual is honoured for their work in child welfare. The Foundation sponsors educational seminars on these topics for physicians, nurses, and social workers, teachers, guidance counselors, law enforcement officers and agencies working with children. Last year, the Foundation provided support to: The New Brunswick Adoption Foundation, The Boy's Adventure Camp, two scholarships, as part of the Dr. David Stephen Humanitarian Award, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program, National Child Day Symposium and The S.N.A.P. (special needs assistance program) Project. In total about \$300,000 has been distributed since its inception to causes which relate to stopping child abuse.

The Foundation's annual fund raising dinner is slated for the Delta Brunswick on Saturday, October 24. Christine Flewelling, a social worker for thirty-seven years with the Province of New Brunswick will be recognized for her service to children with the Dr. David Stephen Award of Distinction. It will be an evening of authentic Lebanese cuisine presented by Chef Darren Dorcas.

For tickets (\$100.00 each, income tax receipts available) or donations to the Foundation contact Mona Crowley, 636-9803 or Greg Zed, 847-4158.



Photo: Karen Speight, Treasurer and Greg Zed, President are promoting the annual Dr. David Stephen Memorial Foundation fundraising dinner Oct. 24 as a way to raise awareness about child abuse and honour an individual working in that field.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ORGANIZING SOMERSET SQUARE TOUR

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation, and its Environment Committee, are organizing an event called “Taking The LEED” as a public service and to encourage energy efficiency. The community is invited on October 22, 4-6pm, to a drop-in/open house and guided tour of Somerset Square, 130 Somerset Street, Saint John’s first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building. The office building, owned by Commercial Properties, has just received the prestigious Gold Level of accreditation, a first for Atlantic Canada.

The event will focus on energy efficiency within commercial and residential buildings and include tours, information and short presentations on LEED standards and their implications for the environment. Speakers will address the design, construction and benefits of LEED structures, present and future, in Saint John. They include Molly Knorr of Commercial Properties; Matt Peachman of Stantec, one of the building’s major tenants; Frank McCarey of Saint John Transit, which recently opened the city’s second LEED building and Warren Long of Irving Oil, which is considering the merits of LEED for their proposed new head office. Saint John Energy, Efficiency New Brunswick and TOSS Solutions will have exhibits and information on display. Refreshments will be served. The tour takes place during Small Business Week and will include members of the Saint John Board of Trade, who are helping to promote in the event.

This is the ninth public event presented by the Community Foundation’s Environment Committee to help foster community environmental awareness. They have organized six Annual Harbour Passage Garden Parties, and symposia on Children’s Environmental Health, Climate Change and Drinking Water.



Photo: Lee Jamieson, Danny Jardine, Committee Chairman; Cheryl Robertson, board Chair; Heather Quinn and Janice Waldschutz are part of the Greater Saint John Community Foundation’s Environment Committee, which is presenting an open house and tour of Somerset Square, Saint John’s first LEED building on Oct. 22.



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