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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MAKES ANNIVERSARY GRANT TO ACAP SAINT JOHN GREATER SAINT JOHN CHARITIES RECEIVE OVER \$172,866

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation is announcing details of a special anniversary grant of \$15,000 they are providing to ACAP Saint John at a ceremony Monday, 12:30pm, Nov.9th. The donation is being characterized as a way of supporting the community's interest in our natural environment and as a tribute to the outstanding work of ACAP Saint John over more than 18 years. It is the largest environmental sector grant the since the Foundation began granting 33 years ago. The funds will be directed to young people whose chosen career is in this field, who are seeking work and employment experience in their home community, while working on challenges facing the waterways of Greater Saint John. The announcement will take place in conjunction with a public Open House on their Marsh Creek Restoration Initiative which ACAP is hosting at the Saint John Hilton. Fifty one charitable causes are supported in the \$172,866 total grants announced for the Foundation's fiscal year. The announcement is timed to coincide with the celebration of National Philanthropy Day, November 15.

The Anniversary Grant was inaugurated in 2006 to mark the Community Foundation's thirtieth anniversary. Each year, the major award of \$30,000, or \$15,000 in two segments, spring and fall, goes to a community charitable group which best address clearly documented priorities in Greater Saint John. The Foundation's annual Report Card on Greater Saint John's quality of life, Vitals Signs, has identified a number of community challenges such as water quality and Harbour cleanup in their four annual Community Report Cards. Vitals Signs is used as a grant-making guide. The Foundation is active in the Environmental field. It has organized and presented six recent public events as community services: six Annual Harbour Passage Garden Parties, as well as symposia on Children's Environmental Health, Climate Change, Drinking Water and last month, an Open House and tour of Somerset Square, Saint John's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building, which has just received the prestigious Gold Level of accreditation, a first for Atlantic Canada.

"Our Community Foundation was established in 1976 to improve the quality of life for our citizens" said Cheryl M.G. Robertson, Foundation Chair, who will make the announcement. "Often a modest grant will go a long way, but occasionally, a more substantial sum can truly make a difference to a charitable group. It may dream of a unique project but have few potential funding sources and struggle just to make ends meet. We evaluated many excellent projects put forward along with many regular applications for funding. We congratulate ACAP Saint John, for taking the lead in many key local environmental issues" she added. Anniversary grants can positively affect the arts, social services, health, education, the environment, heritage or recreation and have been awarded to First Steps, the Salvation Army, the Saint John YM-YWCA and the Crescent Valley Resource Centre to date. Public spirited donors can continue to contribute to the Community Foundation's Anniversary Fund, which is permanently endowed and continues to provide funding for Anniversary Grants each year.

The Atlantic Coast Action Program Saint John, founded 18 years ago, is a community based, non-profit organization that encourages local involvement from all sectors: industry, business, educators, environmental organizations and the three levels of government. It has organized numerous "beach sweeps" and been a tireless advocate for "harbour cleanup".

From Cape Spencer to Musquash, along the St. John and the Kennebecasis Rivers, and their tributaries, the Nerepis, Musquash and, Little Rivers, Marsh and Hazen Creeks, the group's primary goals are: to work with the community to improve the environmental health and integrity of our waterways and respond to the public's demand to be more involved in environmental decision making. Created as one of thirteen environmental "hotspots" in Atlantic Canada through the Federal Government's Green Plan of 1990, a community based approach to managing our aquatic environment has been its hallmark.

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 M. In 2008, it donated in excess of \$271,000.00 to over 75 local charities. Fifty one charitable causes are included in the \$172,866 in grants announced (see attached).

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Charitable Group	Nature of Foundation Grant	Grant
Atlantic Coastal Action Program (ACAP)	Atlantic Coast Action Program, which works to improve environmental health and integrity of Saint John's harbour and estuaries and encourage involvement in environmental decision-making, awarded Anniversary Grant to integrate sustainable development, environmental management and awareness in youth through 2010 Saint John Youth Career Development Program for post-secondary students.	\$15,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saint John, Inc.	Children in need of support due to family, social economic or personal circumstances are helped by this group by matching with an older person. Funding is for a new program "In School Teen Mentoring", addressing the long waiting list for mentors through a new in-school mentoring program matching high school volunteers with children awaiting a match.	\$3,000
Boys and Girls Club of Saint John, Inc.	The Boys and Girls Club of Saint John provides a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop skills and confidence for life. They offer early education, lunch programs, sports, summer, day, after-school and evening care at their main facility plus at 2 outreach sites in the South End & Youth Choices. They are being funded to purchase the KidTrax member management system to track & record registrants/participants and personal information.	\$5,000
Business Venture Group Inc.	BVG is a social enterprise run by, and for, mental health consumers to provide a supportive and flexible work environment adapted to their needs. It provides employment at market rates, opportunities to develop self-esteem, social connections and leadership skills, helps break down the stigma associated with mental illness and expands the pool of skilled workers. Funds are for a training and development coordinator.	\$2,000
Centenary-Queen Square Care Centres	Centre for both disadvantaged pre-school children and adults with disabilities given funding for expanded and diversified programming for adults with disabilities. It also provides respite care for caregivers.	\$5,000
Chicken Noodle Club	Support for children to attend the 20th Anniversary Chicken Noodle Soup Club Gala.	\$400
Christmas Exchange (Christmas 2008 & 2009)	The Saint John Community Christmas Exchange is a totally volunteer-run, seasonal master registry, clearing house and coordinator for needy families or individuals and the groups or sponsors that help them (churches, community and government agencies). The network of cooperation, which oversees and ensures about 6,000 individuals or 4,000 families, are provided a Christmas basket and other gifts, is funded in 2008 and 2009.	\$6,000
Coats for Kids (Boys & Girls Club of Saint John)	Funds granted to help annual collection, cleaning and distribution of about 1,000 donated winter children's garments.	\$1,000
Community Foundations of Canada	Support to Vital Signs national program to produce annual "report card".	\$1,875
Community Health Centre - Client Support Fund	Funds for Client Support Trust Fund for individuals in crisis and unable to meet their most basic needs: medication, energy, food and transportation costs.	\$3,250
Community Meals on Wheels Saint John Inc.	Agency delivers nutritious, affordable meals by volunteers to clients unable because of health, age or other disabilities. Due to program changes and the growth in frozen meal demand, a change in food products and storage, is being given financial support.	\$5,000
Coverdale Centre for Women Inc. & (The Clothes Closet)	Centre for women involved in criminal justice system or requiring support and services receives funds for 1. Weekly drop- in breakfast & lunch programs for at-risk women 2.The Clothes Closet, a free, travelling clothing/consultation program which builds women's self-esteem and seeks to expand to offer salon & dental services.	\$5,000

Early Music Studio of Saint John Inc.	Funds for an instrumental (16 musicians, including some youth), vocal and choral concert of Baroque and Classical music in celebration of Saint John's 225th anniversary, planned for St. John's Stone Church.	\$1,500
Ecumenical Saturday Supper Ministry of East Saint John)	Volunteer-run, inter-church service ministry providing full, nutritious evening meal weekly to about 40 individuals/families in need at St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's Church granted support. Funded by the Dr. J.P. and Anita McInerney Family Fund.	\$2,000
Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John	Funding for group supporting women in conflict with the law to offer Crossroads to Success, a teen intervention program of personal skill development to deal with stress, peer pressure and depression.	\$2,000
Family Plus	Organization which enriches & promotes personal, family & work life through self-development, family wellness and work solutions given funds to develop, conduct & evaluate a program for female adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Funded by the St. Barnabas Chapel of Ease Fund.	\$1,000
Family Resource (S.J.) Inc.	The Centre provides a supportive environment, education, information and resources to caregivers of children and expectant parents. Grant to purchase car/booster seats for transporting children by taxi to the Centre's programs to promote enhanced safety and reduce potential accidents.	\$1,000
Hammond River Angling Association	HRAA promotes stewardship, protection, conservation, restoration and enhancement of the Hammond River ecosystem and granted funds to construct a living willow Green Space as a teaching tool for at-risk students (25) and river bank conservation project.	\$2,000
Hampton Alliance for Lifelong Learning	HALL provides resources & support to Hampton area families with children 0-5yrs. to create an environment & culture of learning which recognizes & values parents as children's primary teachers. Funds granted for "Celebrate Baby" program targeting new parents with activities and education.	\$500
Hospice Greater Saint John	Group providing end-of-life care programs to support non-medical needs of dying people & families given funds to purchase computer equipment for a 24 hour, 10 bed residential palliative care facility on West Side, which will alleviate the need for hospitalization.	\$2,000
Imperial Theatre Inc.	Saint John's premier theatre granted funding to assist admission costs for economically disadvantaged, disabled or challenged senior theatre patrons. Funded by the Dr. J.P. and Anita McInerney Family Fund.	\$3,000
John Howard Society, Saint John Branch Inc.	This organization which accepts responsibility for dealing with the problems of crime and the criminal justice system is provided funding for a Resiliency Centre for youth and their families. It will focus on those unable to pay and building pro-social communication and relationship skills for youth in conflict with the youth criminal justice system. Funded by the Gladys and Samuel Davis Fund.	\$3,040
KV3C - Kennebecasis Valley Community Caring for Children	"Kennebecasis Valley, Community, Capacity, Children" partners with parents, government and businesses to develop and enhance existing child development resources in 3 KV locations. They offer programs & connect parents of pre-schoolers to information and services to enhance their learning & development. Two grants made for 1. playgroups and 2. to provide a transportation subsidy for families who can not attend classes, due to lack of transportation.	\$4,000
Loch Lomond Villa Foundation, Inc.	Nursing home and seniors' complex given support to resolve the re-design, expansion/renovation/ refurbishment of its 50 bed Dogwood Lane nursing unit. Funded by the Old Ladies Home Fund.	\$3,000
Nature Conservancy of Canada	National group for protection, conservation of areas of biological diversity for future generations granted funds to enhance Musquash Estuary Nature Preserve Trail Project at Five Fathom Hole- Frenchman's Creek through community involvement, further trail improvements and promotion.	\$3,000

New Brunswick Association for Community Living	NBACL supports people with intellectual disabilities and their families in NB so they can live with dignity, respect and a sense of belonging. An inclusive conference for these families is planned for 2010 and given funding to help support those who often require extra financial support to attend, share information and experiences.	\$1,635
New Brunswick Competitive Festival of Music	Performer's Award	\$100
New Brunswick Museum (Professional Visual Artists' Award)	Professional Visual Artists First annual award to Alison Murphy. Funded by the Professional Visual Artists Fund.	\$300
Opera New Brunswick	Live opera group produces and performs, showcasing local talent to enrich the cultural community. Proposal to establish "Opera in Schools" funded to lead up to next production by creating a study guide, in class visits and attending a dress rehearsal for 600 students.	\$3,000
Parkinson Society	Donation (see also VON grant)	\$100
P.R.O. Kids	Group which provides positive recreation activities for children and youth from Greater Saint John, who have social and economic limitations, granted funds for serving additional youth. All funding goes to program because of municipal operational subsidy. Funded by the Brian Lund Memorial Fund.	\$2,500
Portage Atlantic	Funding for programs and services at residential addiction treatment Centre for youth of Atlantic Canada.	\$3,000
Prince Charles School - After School Program	After school (inner city, priority neighbourhood) program offering academics assistance, literary development, recreation, and the arts to strengthen and develop students' academic, social and life skills. Funds granted for media program to buy laptop, digital projector and video camera. Funded by the C.N. Wilson Fund.	\$2,430
Quality Learning New Brunswick	Literacy-promotion group encourages families from socio-economically challenged neighbourhoods to become independent learners. Granted support for 3 North End Saint John communities to create/maintain small community libraries (workshops, management, catalogue systems, shelving & book purchases) in response to interest from these communities.	\$1,500
Saint John Amateur Speed Skating Club	Youth skating group given support to replace & purchase protective arena board pads.	\$500
Saint John Association for Community Living	SJACL, which fosters opportunities in Greater Saint John for people with intellectual disabilities and people with multiple barriers to employment, proposes a Family Network. Funds to provide a facilitator to bring together families of students with an intellectual disability (Gr. 9-12, School Dist. 6 & 8) to share information, resources and mutual support. Acknowledgements to the Faye Somers Fund.	\$2,000
Saint John Community Loan Fund	Saint John Community Loan Fund provides small loans and support to low-income individuals to start a business or return to work. Now established in their own building, funding is granted for 1. adjacent land acquisition for affordable housing; 2. manager time to develop building project, 3. to build a matching savings pool for clients to break poverty cycle.	\$5,000
Saint John Free Public Library	Purchase of Talking Books, a talking board and large print library materials to serve growing numbers of the community, mainly seniors, with impaired vision or hearing. Funded by the Old Ladies Home Fund.	\$5,000
Saint John High School Concert Choir	Saint John High School Concert Choir (60 students) is given funds to compete in the renowned International 11th Annual New York Choral Festival, at Lincoln Center, in March 2010. Funded by the Saint John Country Music Week Legacy Fund.	\$1,000

Saint John Human Development Council	Research and production of Greater Saint John's Vital Signs 2009 Report. Partial funding from the Saint John Human Development Council Fund.	\$12,000
Saint John School Milk Fund	Funds for free milk program (Nov.-April) for school children from K-Gr. 4 in 14 schools (523 children) to improve their nutrition and development requests support.	\$3,000
Saint John Theatre Company	Theatre group producing high-quality 3 show season and other festivals & programs granted funds for Community Access Partnership Program- attendance at performances, theatre access, sign language interpretation, community partnerships and literacy promotion for students & non-profit groups whose members may not be able to otherwise afford to participate.	\$3,000
Salvation Army Booth Residential Services	Funding for 40 bed residential centre serving low-income clients, some with disabilities. Donation in recognition of 2009 Community Service Award to Connie Erb.	\$2,500
Salvation Army Turkey Drive	Christmas turkeys collection.	\$2,500
Scholarships & Bursaries	CFUW-Saint John (Jean Flemming and Lillian D. & Charles R. Bone Scholarships), \$3,000; Florence Christie Bursary, (\$750); Belleisle Valley Health Centre Bursaries, (\$3000); Garfield T. Meltzer - Jewish War Veterans Scholarship, (\$600); Rachael Dawn Duffley Memorial Scholarship, (\$1000); Cook Family Bursary, (\$2000); Old Ladies Home Fund Bursaries, (\$4000); Dr. Malcolm Somerville Bursaries in Business, (\$1000); Saint John Law Society Bursary, (\$500); Supersteel Band Bursary, (\$1000); C.N. Wilson Scholarships, (\$2000); Margaret Willis Awards (\$100). (Other scholarships to be noted in 2010 fiscal year)	\$18,950
School District 8	Students' Personal Needs Program funding for modest, direct, easily accessible and confidential financial assistance to students for basic necessities which may come to teachers' or school administrators' attention.	\$2,000
School District 8 Senior String Orchestra	School String orchestra (45 youth) supported to participate in performance/cultural exchange in Ontario. Students also perform community service activities. Funded by the Saint John Country Music Week Legacy Fund.	\$1,000
Sophia Recovery Centre	Funding to The Sophia Recovery Centre which offers free, non-residential support for women recovering from addiction, opportunities for personal growth, addiction counseling, a resource library, volunteer opportunities, and a way to create a new way of life. They are to offer a new, accessible, cost-effective program: "Sobriety and Transformation".	\$3,500
TRC - The Resource Centre for Youth	Resource Centre for teens and youth (many from low-income backgrounds) given funds for Nutrition (healthy snacks, special meals & education for drop-in & after school) and Teen Advisory Leadership (monthly speakers & personal development) programs.	\$5,000
VON - Health Baby & Me Program	Transportation grant for the months of inclement weather (fall, winter and spring) to participants/parents (of the Healthy Baby & Me Program).	\$5,786
YMCA - YWCA	The "Y", which dedicates programs/services to individuals & families to develop spirit, mind & body, given funding for sponsorship of day and residential camping programs and Rainbows, Sunbeams and Spectrum counselling programs, for children with economic hardships who have suffered a traumatic family experience such as divorce or death.	\$5,000
Youth Enhancement Program Inc.	Funding for The Youth Enhancement Program, which supports a large proportion of Hazen White/St. Francis School students (in a priority, low-income neighbourhood) with a free nutritious breakfast and a subsidized lunch.	\$3,000
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