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COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

NEWSLETTER

YOUR COMMUNITY

The Community Endowment Fund was established in 1988. The goal of the fund has remained the same over the last 20 years; to provide financial support for emergency and/or priority needs in the community. The various sectors that benefit from the fund are: social services, education, sports, arts and healthcare.

When you make a gift to the Community Endowment Fund, the capital remains in tact. Only the net investment income earned is used, thus perpetuating your gift to provide help and hope to people in need for generations to come.

Assets of the fund are professionally managed by the Community Endowment Fund. The assets are invested to achieve a balance between long-term security of capital, asset growth and a level of annual income that will allow for funding of worthwhile community programs and services.

The United Way of Sault Ste. Marie is trustee for the Community Endowment Fund.

If you would like more information about the Community Endowment Fund or are interested in leaving a legacy, please contact: **Maureen Dodd 256-7476 ext. 216** or **Gary Vipond 256-7476 ext. 201**.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We live in one of the best communities in Canada and the Community Endowment Fund evolved for those individuals looking for a way to give a gift that will permanently support the various aspects of our community.

Through the generous donations of the past we have over \$450,000 working in perpetuity to support five broad community areas: social services, education, sports, arts and health care or supporting specifically the type of projects that the donor chooses.

We would like to thank all of the previous donors without whose support we could not assist those that we do. Although the specific use varies greatly between different bequests, all of the donations have a common objective: to support activities not just for one year, or even one generation, but for perpetuity.

Mark Lajambe

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

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FALL FESTIVAL OF LEARNING

The Algoma Arts Festival Association recently recognized the Community Endowment Fund for their support of the 2007 Festival of Learning.

“Your investment has helped over 10,000 district children and teens sing, dance, laugh, learn and create with professional artists. Your contribution supports the arts and learning in our community. Take a bow!”

- Louisa van Lith, Festival Administrator



BUILDING LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Run by parishioners from St. John the Evangelist, the St. John's Back to Basics Children's Centre offers a supervised, safe environment for students of Étienne-Brûlé Public School to attend and socialize after school. Operating in a lower income, highly populated area of the city, the program gives students an opportunity to eat a nutritious snack and enjoy various activities such as board games, arts and crafts, ping pong, outdoor games, basic life skills, and tutoring. St. John's Back to Basics Children's Centre gives students something to do – keeping them out of trouble, giving them self esteem, self respect, and respect for others.

The program is staffed by two women from the parish and by volunteers from the community. In 2008, the Community Endowment Fund donated \$3500, allowing the St. John's Back to Basics Children's Centre to continue running by funding supplies, food, maintenance and the two hired staff.

Heather Nisbett sees the results first-hand as an instructor of St. John's Back to Basics Children's Centre. “The children can not believe how generous people are to their program. They are learning more about people, their world and their lives are changed forever. Words cannot say enough...thank you.”

KIDSHOPE: PROMOTING HEALTHY

Since 1991, KidsHope has been helping children between the ages of 3-12 (K-8) by running various prevention-oriented programs through schools in the Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding community. KidsHope operates programs for children to help develop fundamental communication and social skills, decision making skills, and to learn how violence prevention and anger management can better their lives. In 2008, the Community Endowment Fund donated \$4000 to KidsHope which relies on local and area funding to be successful.

“Excellent presentation, pace was very appropriate. A very worthwhile presentation. The presenter had great control and was very respectful to students.”

- Fifth grade Johnson-Tarbutt teacher

St. John's Back to Basics Children's Centre is always looking for supplies for crafts and activities they organize for the children such as: glue, play dough, tape, Lego, Barbie clothes, dolls with clothes, as well as larger items like freestanding bookshelves and a computer desk. If you would like to donate any of these items contact Heather or Nancy at 945-6000.



For more information or to request additional newsletters please call the United Way of Sault Ste. Marie and district at (705) 256-7476 or visit our website at smunitedway.ca/Endowment_Fund/index.html