



COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Since the Community Endowment Fund of Sault Ste. Marie was established, more than 19 years ago, by a single gift it has grown substantially with countless other gifts to benefit a wide variety of community wide interests/charities. The common interest of these donors is embodied in our philosophy - working together to serve our community.

The credit for being able to make the individual grants to worthwhile organizations from all five sectors of the community - social services, education, sports, the arts, and health care - rests squarely on the shoulders of many donors from all walks of life, like yourselves, that support and grow the permanent capital pool.

Any successful grant-making organization relies on the efforts of those that put resources to work in an effective way and that are able to distribute those funds properly. We are proud to have a variety of partners in these efforts, not the least of which is the UnitedWay of Sault Ste Marie, whose expertise in assisting to evaluate proposals and facilitating the fund provides an invaluable and cost efficient resource for the benefit of the community and our donors.

The Community Endowment Fund is a truly wonderful and unique opportunity to give back for the members of this community. Thank you to all of our donors whose generosity will benefit residents for generations to come and we hope that you will continue to support us.

Sincerely Yours,

Mark Lajambe

Community Dollars at Work

After a successful Taking Care I program, Community Endowment funded the Taking Care II project at Phoenix Rising. On April 12, 2007, Taking Care II, an eight-week program for community women commenced.

The Taking Care II program was designed to empower women to share their experiences in a safe and supportive group setting. During each seminar, the women used art making to explore their feel-

ings and emotions. "The main goal of the program is to assist women with mental health problems learn skills to enhance their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being," says Lee Fraser, Director of Services at Phoenix Rising.

The funds received from Community Endowment were essential for the success of the Taking Care II program. The money ensured the program could take place at Phoenix Rising, which was critical for many participants of the seminar.

Lee Fraser says, "[We] are a not for profit organization and... we are forced to rely on the generosity of organizations and businesses such as Community Endowment to assist us in providing the funds for programming that would not otherwise be possible."

We congratulate Phoenix Rising on the success of the Taking Care II program!



Planning Today For The Community Needs of Tomorrow

Your Fund

The Community Endowment Fund was established in 1988. The goal of the fund is to provide financial support for emergency and/or priority needs in the community. The various sectors that can benefit from the fund are: social services, education, sports, arts and healthcare.

The Community Endowment Committee accepts proposals in any of these sectors from all registered charities. If you would like more information about the Community Endowment Fund or are interested in making a donation, please contact: Mark Lajambe 942-4276, Maureen Dodd 256-7476 ext. 216 or Gary Vipond 256-7476 ext. 201.

The Search is Over

A major contribution that the Community Endowment Fund made this year was to Sault Search and Rescue. In September 2006, funds were donated to this organization that provides a uniquely Canadian response to emergency situations with the help of many dedicated volunteers.

Together with the Trillium Foundation, the Community Endowment Fund donated the necessary funds required to purchase a new vehicle for the organization. Up-to-date, reliable vehicles are essential to the proper functioning of Sault Search and Rescue and "these funds made it possible to replace an aging vehicle," says Dennis O'Reilly, President of Sault Search and Rescue.



The new 2007 Expedition 4X4 will be used in various missions in the Sault Ste. Marie area. The vehicle will not only benefit the organization but also serve our community in many ways. "The vehicle [will] support our first response team whenever they provide safety support to community based events, which take participants into remote areas such as Eco challenge and biathlon competitions, etc," says Dennis.

With the help of the Community Endowment Fund, Sault Search and Rescue will continue to provide quality services to the Sault Ste. Marie area and its ongoing support is appreciated!

Education on the Road

St. John Ambulance is an international organization dedicated to improving the health, lifestyle and quality of life of community members.

St. John Ambulance has been able to further its goals with the assistance of the Community Endowment Fund. On May 29, 2007, a donation was made to St. John Ambulance to purchase an optoma portable DVD player.

The purchase of the DVD player has multiple benefits for the organization. Because the player is portable, it can be taken to multiple locations and can be played on any wall to train community members and volunteers in First Aid and CPR. The DVD player will also be used to present specialty training DVDs that are currently being developed at St. John Ambulance.

The surface benefits of the player are plentiful, but have a much deeper meaning to St. John Ambulance. "Our intent is to promote our services more widely in the community to gain more volunteers so everyone will have the opportunity to help saves lives at work, home and play," says Joanne Bremner, St. John Ambulance Office manager.

The donation of funds to St. John Ambulance has benefited not only the organization but also the community as a whole. The continued support of the Community Endowment Fund is truly appreciated

The Art of Giving

A Legacy can be in many forms such as: bequests, wills, insurance policies, securities and property. The Community Endowment Fund received 70+ pieces of artwork from EDS Canada. The sale of this artwork has the potential to increase the capital in our Fund and thereby assist local organizations with worthwhile projects, so together we can build a better community.

The Community Endowment Fund is seeking businesses willing to host these art pieces in their lobbies or open areas. Those willing to host will be given a plaque for each art piece that provides information on how it can be purchased. To view our art work property, please visit this link:
<http://ssmunitiedway.ca/Artwork/index.php>.

Interested businesses are asked to call Maureen Dodd at 256-7476 ext. 216 or visit the United Way at its new location: 7A Oxford Street after Sept 7, 2007. All proceeds of the collection will go to the Community Endowment Fund.