

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HOSTS THIRD COMMUNITY IMPACT CELEBRATION

- **Announces 2017 grants of \$174,668**
- **Keynote Ian Bird, Community Foundations of Canada**
- **Showcases Charitable Partners**

June 13, 2017 – Stratford, ON – The [Stratford Perth Community Foundation](#) (SPCF) celebrated “all for community” last night with over 140 of their donors, charitable partners and community leaders at the third Community Impact Celebration held at the Best Western Plus The Arden Park Hotel in Stratford.

Presented by [Ideal Supply](#), the event featured SPCF Honorary Patron Lloyd Robertson as the dashing Master of Ceremonies. Showcased was keynote speaker, Ian Bird, President of [Community Foundations of Canada](#) (CFC). He shared details about the community foundation movement and commended the SPCF on providing strong leadership within Stratford, St. Marys and Perth County. He also presented an exceptional overview of Canada 150 initiatives happening across the country.

Also sharing a bit of local history were John Kastner, General Manager of the [Stratford Perth Museum](#) and Amy Cubberley, Curator of the [St. Marys Museum](#). Both organizations have also been recipients of Community Foundation grants and shared details about the impact those grants have made in facilitating their programs and projects.

The SPCF also presented updates on their plan to reach \$12 Million in endowed assets and details about the ongoing creation of regional *Smart & Caring Community Funds* in Stratford, St. Marys and the four municipalities of Perth County. These “community funds” will address the needs in each community for generations to come.

Announced at the event were the 2017 grants being made by the SPCF (details below). Through endowment, flow-through funds and matching grants like the partnership with CFC’s [Community Fund for Canada’s 150](#) Grant Program, a total of \$174,668 will be granted to important projects and initiatives happening in Stratford, St. Marys and Perth County – the most the Community Foundation has ever granted annually. “Since 2004 we have invested over \$780,000 back into our communities,” shares Tracy Van Kalsbeek, Executive Director of the SPCF. “We’ve granted to programs that tackle our communities’ most pressing needs – helping to make a difference where it’s needed most. We are proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish and, with the help of our generous donors, look forward to growing our granting abilities in the years to come.”

STRATFORD PERTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2017 GRANTS		
ORGANIZATION NAME	PROJECT/INITIATIVE	SPCF FUND(S)
Avon Trail	Design and Implementation of new Website	Ideal Supply Community Fund, Mansbridge Environment Fund
Big Brother Big Sisters of Listowel & District	In-School Mentor Program	North Perth Smart & Caring Community Fund, Jim & Laurel Loughton Family Fund
Camp Bimini	Cook’s Cabin Renovations	Mathieson Family Fund, Melanson Family Fund
Choices for Change	Client & Family Engagement Strategy Implementation, Dialectical Behaviour Training (DBI) and Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Training	Richardson Family Fund, Brain & Mind Matters Community Fund with matching funds from The Cowan Foundation

Elgin Missionary Church	Non-Denominational Project Funding	Laverne Heath Fund
Emily Murphy Centre	Access for All Initiative	Annie and Isabelle Chesterfield Fund, Judi Hemmingway Memorial Fund
Family Services Perth-Huron	Youth Counselling Waitlist Reduction	Brain & Mind Matters Community Fund with matching funds from The Cowan Foundation and RBC Royal Bank
Gallery Stratford	Family Art Sundays & After-School Art Program	Culliton Family Fund, McGratten Children's Fund
Guelph to Goderich (G2G) Trail Inc.	Perth Trailhead Development	IPM (2005) Fund
Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp Inc.	Camper Subsidies	Larkworthy Family Fund
Huron-Perth Centre for Children & Youth	Building Resilient Communities Initiative	Brain & Mind Matters Community Fund
John Howard Society	Funding for Inmate Projects and Initiatives	Dave Persad Fund
Ladies of the CNR	Historical Performance Project	Annie and Isabelle Chesterfield Fund
Milverton Agricultural Society	Accessible Bathrooms Project	Smart & Caring Community Fund
Municipality of North Perth	Memorial Park - Walkway & Lighting	Carnegie Family Fund, Meulensteen Tire Environment Fund
North Perth Community Hospice	For Current Programming	Sid and Margaret Henry Fund
North Perth Public Library	For Current Programming	North Perth Public Library Fund
Optimism Place	Healthy Relationships LGBTQ+ & Pilot Program	Lloyd and Nancy Robertson Family Fund
Perth District Health Unit	Perth County Sunscreen Dispenser Project	John and Colleen MacDonald Family Fund
Royal Canadian Legion	New Air Conditioning Unit	Ideal Supply Community Fund, North Perth Smart & Caring Community Fund
St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation	Parkwood Planning & Pacing App	Brain & Mind Matters Community Fund with matching funds from The Cowan Foundation
St. Marys Museum	Early Settlers & Community Development Program	Annie and Isabelle Chesterfield Fund, St. Marys Smart & Caring Community Fund
St. Marys Public Library	Digital Media Lab	Annie and Isabelle Chesterfield Fund, The Reading Fund, Smart & Caring Community Fund
St. Marys Youth Centre	Inclusion for All Project	Maranger Family
Salvation Army North Perth	Sports Subsidies for Children	North Perth Sports for Kids Fund
Salvation Army Stratford - Hockey Bursary Program	Hockey Bursary Program	John Mavity Hockey Legacy Fund
Social Research and Planning Council	myPerthHuron Data Initiative	Melanson Family Fund
SpringWorks Indie Theatre & Arts Festival	Giant Puppet Project	Hachborn-Courtnege Fund for the Arts
Stratford Chefs School	Summer Explorer Initiative	Keith and Francis Culliton Family Fund, Smart & Caring Community Fund
Stratford General Hospital Foundation	Anesthetic Equipment	Strickland Community Fund
Stratford House of Blessing	Food Bank Flooring Project	Melanson Family Fund
Stratford Perth Community Foundation	Operating Expenses	DesRosiers Endowment for the Advancement of Stratford Perth Community Foundation, Tim MacDonald Founding Chair Operating Endowment Fund
Stratford Perth Museum	Franklin Expedition Student Access Project	Orr Family Fund

Stratford Public Library	Capital Projects	Stratford Public Library Foundation Literacy Fund
Stratford Summer Music	Music for an Avon Morning	Frank and Edda Lang Family Fund
The Local Community Food Centre	Loving Spoonfuls Project	George and Edna Hislop Family Fund, John and Leslie Wright Family Fund, Brain & Mind Matters Community Fund with matching funds from The Cowan Foundation
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority	Tree Plantings	Donald McTavish Conservation Fund
Wellspring Stratford Cancer Support Centre	Celebrating 10 Years Initiative	Irene McKennitt Fund for Nursing Excellence
CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150TH – MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WITH COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA		
Playmakers! Theatre School	Stratford Lantern Parade	Community Fund for Canada's 150th, SPCF Smart & Caring Community Fund
Stratford Perth Heritage Foundation	Spring Education Programming	Community Fund for Canada's 150th, SPCF Smart & Caring Community Fund
Stratford Public Library	Preserving Personal History at Your Library	Community Fund for Canada's 150th, SPCF Smart & Caring Community Fund
The Local Community Food Centre	Community Garden	Community Fund for Canada's 150th, SPCF Smart & Caring Community Fund
SCHOLARSHIPS		
Stratford Central Secondary School		
		Peter Donaldson Memorial Fund
		Ian Garner Scholarship Fund
		Alan Slater Memorial Scholarship Fund
Stratford Northwestern Secondary School		
		Jean Aitcheson Nursing Scholarship Fund
		Peter and Lisa Hyde Family Fund
		Scott Diamond Legacy Fund
		Gordon and Elaine Steed Family Fund
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Photo enclosed of Master of Ceremonies Lloyd Robertson during opening remarks.

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About the [Stratford Perth Community Foundation](#)

The Stratford Perth Community Foundation (SPCF) is an organization for everyone and unique because donations – large or small – are never spent but are combined and invested. The earned income is used to make grants to local charities year after year to build a vibrant not-for-profit sector in Stratford, St. Marys and Perth County. To make all this work, we share our unique understanding of community needs and help mobilize and guide donors to specific community initiatives. For more information about SPCF please visit www.spccf.ca

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