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COMMUNITY FUND OVER THREE QUARTERS OF THE WAY TO GOAL

January 19, 2017 – STRATFORD – The [Stratford Perth Community Foundation](#) (SPCF) is pleased to announce another donation to the *Stratford Smart & Caring Community Fund* helping to grow the endowment to over \$200,000 in just a year and a half since it was launched.

Long-time residents Peter and Dianne Hiller recently made a significant contribution to the *Stratford Smart & Caring Community Fund*. “Stratford has been so good to our family,” shares Peter Hiller. “Dianne and I feel that supporting the *Smart & Caring* initiative is an excellent way of giving back to our community and also expressing our thanks.”

The *Stratford Smart & Caring Community Fund* was established by the SPCF in the fall of 2015 as a sustainable funding resource for the citizens of Stratford. It is one of six funds being built by the Community Foundation as part of their *Smart & Caring Initiative*. “We set a goal of \$250,000 in the first three years of launching the *Stratford Smart & Caring Community Fund*” says Tracy Van Kalsbeek, Executive Director of the SPCF. “And, thanks to the generosity of caring people like Peter and Dianne, we are already more than three quarters of the way there – amazing!”

To date, *Smart & Caring Community Funds* have been established in Stratford, North Perth, St. Marys and Perth South, with Perth East and West Perth kicking off later this year. Anyone can give to their local *Smart & Caring Community Fund* and donations raised in each community, stay in that community to address its critical priorities, key projects and ongoing needs.

“We like that the donations stay local and as the fund grows, so does the Community Foundation’s ability to invest in important causes – causes that will change over the years,” adds Peter. “The health of our community is dependent on our ability to respond to its needs and this fund has been set up to be here for all future generations.”

Donations can be made to the *Smart & Caring Community Fund* in your municipality by visiting www.spccf.ca and clicking on [Donate Now](#).

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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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