



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HOSTS SECOND COMMUNITY IMPACT CELEBRATION

- **Announces 2016 grants**
- **Highlights Charitable Partners**
- **Panel of local philanthropists**
- **Lloyd Robertson as Master of Ceremonies**

June 5, 2016 – Stratford, ON – The Stratford Perth Community Foundation (SPCF) celebrated “all for community” today with over 120 of their donors, community leaders and charitable partners at the second Community Impact Celebration held at the Best Western Plus The Arden Park Hotel in Stratford.

Presented by WK Financial, the event featured SPCF Honorary Patron Lloyd Robertson as the dazzling Master of Ceremonies. Showcased was a panel of local philanthropists – Matt Staffen from St. Marys, Mayor Dan Mathieson and Sue Orr from Stratford. Moderated by Mr. Robertson, the panel discussed what inspired them to ‘give back’ and what their philanthropic vision was for their community.

Also sharing their story were Steve Stacey from The Local Community Food Centre and Kendra Martin from Little Falls Public School in St. Marys. The two provided details about their organizations and how grants from the SPCF had helped enable them to facilitate programs and projects.

The SPCF also presented updates on their new plans 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 2016 grants being made by the SPCF (details below). A total of \$118,678 will be granted to important projects and initiatives happening in Stratford, St. Marys and Perth County. “Since 2004 we have invested over \$604,000 back into our communities,” shares Tracy Van Kalsbeek, Executive Director of the Stratford Perth Community Foundation. “We’ve granted to programs that tackle our communities’ most pressing needs – helping to create real change. We are proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish and, with the help of our loyal donors, look forward to growing our granting abilities in the years to come.”

STRATFORD PERTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2016 GRANTS		
ORGANIZATION NAME	PROJECT/INITIATIVE	SPCF FUNDS
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Listowel & District	In-School Mentor Program	Lloyd and Nancy Robertson Family Fund McGratten Children’s Fund North Perth Smart & Caring Community Fund
City of Stratford - Stratford Police Services	Road to Mental Readiness Training	Brain & Mind Matters Community Fund
Foundation for Education Perth Huron - Little Falls Public School	Forest School Program	Annie and Isabelle Chesterfield Fund
Foundation for Education Perth Huron - Leading Mentally Healthy Schools Team	Hérons Care Wellness Space (The Nest)	Brain & Mind Matters Community Fund
Friends of the St. Marys Public Library	Maker Programming at the Library	The Reading Fund, Timothy Findley Fund

SpringWorks Indie Theatre and Arts Festival		Hachborn-Courtnege Fund for the Arts
Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp Inc.	Hidden Acers Camper Subsidies Program	George and Edna Hislop Family Fund Jim and Laurel Laughton Family Fund John and Colleen MacDonald Family Fund
House of Blessing		Stratford Sports for Kids Fund
Huron Perth Catholic District School Board - Holy Name of Mary	Natural Outdoor Play and Learning Space Project	Annie and Isabelle Chesterfield Fund
Junior Achievement	Financial Literacy Skills Program	Maranger Family Fund
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority	Middle Maitland River Headwaters Restoration Project	IPM Fund (2005) Meulensteen Tire Environment Fund Smart & Caring Community Fund
Municipality of North Perth - North Perth Community of Character	North Perth Community of Character Initiative	John and Colleen MacDonald Family Fund
North Perth Community Hospice		Sid and Margaret Henry Fund
North Perth Public Library		North Perth Public Library Fund
Salvation Army North Perth		North Perth Sports for Kids Fund
Salvation Army Stratford - Hockey Bursary Program		John Mavity Hockey Legacy Fund
Stratford Central Secondary School	Two scholarships	Ian Garner Scholarship Fund Peter Donaldson Memorial Fund
Stratford General Hospital Foundation		Strickland Community Fund
Stratford House of Blessing	Food Bank Protein Project	Melanson Family Fund
Stratford House of Blessing	Strategic Planning Project	Melanson Family Fund
Stratford Northwestern Secondary School	Six scholarships	Jean Aitcheson Nursing Scholarship Fund Scott Diamond Legacy Fund Peter and Lisa Hyde Family Fund Gordon and Elaine Steed Family Fund
Stratford Perth Community Foundation		TMFC Fund
Stratford Perth Museum	Heritage Trails Project	Ideal Supply Community Fund
Stratford/Perth Shelterlink	Enabling Socialization and Learning Opportunities for Homeless and At Risk Youth Initiative	Richardson Family Fund
Stratford-Perth Family YMCA - Stratford Youth Centre	Youth Centre Rejuvenation Project, Phase 3	Lloyd and Nancy Robertson Family Fund
Stratford-Perth Family YMCA - Stratford Cross Country Ski Trail	Trail Grooming Initiative	Orr Family Fund
St. Michael Catholic Secondary School	Scholarship	Peter and Lisa Hyde Family Fund
Thamesview United Church	Thamesview Community Access Project	Melanson Family Fund
The Emily Murphy Centre Second Stage Residences	Women's Services Promotion Project	Annie and Isabelle Chesterfield Fund Judi Hemmingway Memorial Fund
The Foundation for Enriching Education Perth Huron - 14th World Festival of Children's Theatre	Stratford International Children's Theatre Festival	Culliton Fund Keith and Frances Culliton Family Fund Smart & Caring Community Fund

The Rotary Club of Festival City Stratford Foundation - Skate Stratford	All Wheels Park Project	Smart & Caring Community Fund
Town of St. Marys - St. Marys Community Players	Upgrade to Theatre Auditorium Chairs	Smart & Caring Community Fund
United Way Perth-Huron	Crossing Bridges Initiative	Brain & Mind Matters Community Fund Carnegie Family Fund Smart & Caring Community Fund
University of Waterloo - Stratford Campus	Code-A-Character Project	Mathieson Family Fund
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority	Shakespeare Conservation Area Trail Enhancement Project	Smart & Caring Community Fund
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority	Field Windbreak - Tree Plantings	Donald McTavish Conservation Fund
Wellspring Stratford Cancer Support Centre	Cook, Create, Compose Your Health Programs	Frank and Edda Lang Family Fund Irene McKennitt Fund for Nursing Excellence Smart & Caring Community Fund

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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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