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The Foundation has had a very busy year in our Island communities awarding grants and looking to establish new endowments.

New Endowment Funds

The Community Foundation has had an outstanding year with the number of new funds we have received.

The **David “Jiggs” MacDonald and Gerry Rutten Music Legacy Fund** was established to honor the memory of two prominent members of the Island musical community. David MacDonald was a graduate of music from UPEI and taught for many years in O’Leary. He left teaching and purchased Sober’s Music where he combined his passion for music, with his passion to run his own business. David was a student of Island educational pioneer, Gerry Rutten. Gerry was a leader in the expansion of instrumental music in the high school system. He was a long standing and well known Island educator. He directed the Regimental Band, Salvation Army Band, and Miscouche Community Band and started the Strathgartney Orchestra. Monies from this fund will provide grants to support Island musicians and community groups.

This summer, Prince Edward Island was pleased to have the Duke and Duchess of

Cambridge visit our Island as part of their Royal Tour. With the initial contribution and generous donation from Mary Mills Dunea, the Province of Prince Edward Island matched that donation and Community Foundation established the **HRH Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Legacy Fund**. This fund will provide scholarships to students who are attending a recognized post-secondary institution on the Island. Also, the fund will provide grants to non-profit organizations on Prince Edward Island that embody the causes of which the Royal Couple are patrons, such as: helping young people in society; raising awareness and support for servicemen and women; and developing sustainable models of living in the light of climate change and dwindling natural resources.

The Stephen Turner Memorial Fund was established to honor the memory of Stephen Turner. Stephen was a young, intelligent, enthusiastic man with a willingness to do good for all. He was also a devoted member and activist in the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island. This scholarship fund will help assist deserving young Islanders wishing to further their education and who are entering into the University or Prince Edward Island (UPEI), Holland College, or College Acadie.

The Jack Blanchard Music Program for Kids was created to help give elementary school children, with the desire to play music but don’t have the financial means necessary, the opportunity to be involved in music lessons. This fund was established to honor the memory of Jack Blanchard; teacher, counselor, family man and musician. In 2009, Prince Edward Island was host to the Canada Games. In honour of that, the Canada Games Society established the **Canada Games Dreams and Champions Legacy Trust Fund** being administered by the Community Foundation. This fund will provide the much needed support to our athletes and volunteer sport organizations of

Prince Edward Island, now and in the future. The Trust will provide financial and other material support to programs that enhance the development of emerging and high performance athletes; help increase the leadership capacity and development of coaches, administrators, and officials; and, help support and sustain any facilities built for the 2009 Games. An agreement has been signed by the four parties including; The Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island, The Canada Games Host Society, 2009 Canada Games Dreams and Champions Legacy Trust and Sport PEI to administer this fund on behalf of Islanders.

Building Community Capacity Study

As part our continuing efforts to strengthen charitable and non-profit organizations, the Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island, working with its consultants MRSB, commissioned a Building the Community Capacity study which was completed in April 2011. The intent of the study was to look at the social and economic impacts of the third sector, to identify key challenges and to determine which supports; resources and initiatives would be most beneficial for building capacity and sustainability within third sector organizations.

Recently, we have been holding information sessions for organizations of the Third Sector across Prince Edward Island to report on the findings of the study; the proposed recommendations; to gather input and to discuss possible next steps. In 2012 we will continue to work with the Third Sector to develop strategies for implementation of the recommendations based on the feedback that we have received. To read the full report, visit our website at www.cfpei.ca.

Scholarships

We are pleased to announce the second round of applications for Rear Admiral Louise C. and Mr. James E. Wilmot Scholarship fund. In

January 2012, five (5) deserving students will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship towards their education in the Resident Care Worker Program at Holland College- Souris Center.

This scholarship fund was established in 2010 by Rear Admiral Louise C. and Mr. James E. Wilmot, who are summer residents of Prince Edward Island, to support health education in Eastern PEI. One of the first recipients to receive this scholarship, Tania Peters, said "The award helped me in a great way. It helped me to pay for things I needed for school, to pay some bills and to get me through the hard times. It helped me reach my goal of working with the elderly in a long term care facility". For more information, please contact the Community Foundation at cfpei@pei.aibn.com or (902)892-3440.



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