



Hello friends of the foundation! We wish you the best this festive season and may the New Year bring you many joys. The Foundation has had a very busy year in our Island communities awarding grants and looking to establish new endowments. We have also initiated new projects that we will explain in other sections of this newsletter.

So keep reading and have yourself a Merry Little Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUNDS

Catherine G. Hennessey Fund
North Tryon Women's Institute Fund
Dr. Gerry Barrett Scholarship
Indian River Festival Fund
The Community Fund

If you would like to make a contribution to any of The Community Foundation's fifty three funds, please contact us and we will help you direct your money to the areas of interest that are important to you.

CFPEI funds cover all areas including:

- Education
- Athletics
- Church Groups
- Environment
- Communities
- Arts and Culture
- And many more...

Building Community Capacity

The Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island has taken a leadership role by commissioning a community capacity building strategy to improve its ability to effect positive change in Prince Edward Island non-profit organizations. Non-profit groups play an important role in the Prince Edward Island economy in terms of making the region a more attractive place to live and do business. CFPEI intends to help non-profit organizations build necessary resources to meet future needs and help sustain these economic benefits. The study will reveal how CFPEI can help to:

- 1) Develop a new capacity for collective thinking, planning and action amongst community organizations
- 2) Create stronger, more financially stable community organizations
- 3) Enhance organizations governance processes and procedures
- 4) Attract new human resources and ideas from the community
- 5) Increase opportunities for information sharing and learning

Scholarships

We have started to receive applications for both the Joseph Spriet and Wilmot Scholarships and we will soon be announcing the recipients of these fabulous and generous gifts.



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Youth in Philanthropy

Our discussions with charitable organizations reveal a major problem in recruiting and retaining directors and trustees. Discussions of the issue reveal that many current trustees are serving out of obligation; the pool for recruitment is small because so many young people leave their home community.

The Foundation is creating a Youth in Philanthropy program for young people between the ages of 15 and 18. The program will be offered through schools and youth organizations. Each group will:

- Meet monthly to study philanthropic needs of their community
- Visit groups that need help
- Solicit and assess proposals
- Select proposals for onward transmission to the Foundation with recommendations for financial support
- Establish and fundraise for a permanent endowment in the name of their school or group

We have already commenced the processes of talking with schools and youth group leaders in various communities across PEI. If you would like any more information about this program or to make a contribution, please contact our office at your leisure.



*Christmas is the season for
kindling the fire of
hospitality in the hall, the
genial flame of charity in
the heart.*

~Washington Irving

CHERYL AND DR. HARRY CALLAGHAN PAEDIATRIC TRUST

This fund was created to honour the memory of the late Dr. Harry Callaghan. Its purpose is to award grants to qualifying agencies for programs providing travel and other assistance for paediatric patients who need to travel off Island for medical care and treatment.

This is the newest fund that the Foundation has been trusted to manage and therefore still relatively small. For more information regarding this fund please contact our office.



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