



# Kenora and Lake of the Woods

Regional Community Foundation

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **8<sup>TH</sup> Annual Festival of Trees will celebrate “Christmas at the Lake”**

**Kenora**– The Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation is set to launch its annual Christmas fundraiser at the Lake of the Woods Museum from December 1 to 3. This year’s theme is “Christmas at the Lake”. The event is presented by Copperfin Credit Union and KMTS and typically attracts over 1,000 people during the three day festival. Trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses are decorated and auctioned with all proceeds benefiting the Community Foundation. Since 2004, the event has raised more than \$140,000 for the Community Foundation. Tickets are available at the Lake of the Woods Museum.

“We have local businesses, community groups, schools and families coming forward to donate these beautifully decorated creations” says committee chairman Linda Wideman. “Each year we continue to see many of the trees purchased and then donated back into the community for everyone to enjoy during the Christmas season”. “The event really involves the entire community”, says Wideman.

Seniors Night, originally launched by the Retired Teachers of Ontario – District 26 Kenora, kicks off the Festival on Thursday Dec. 1 at 6:30 pm, with entertainment provided by Pat Brett and the Kenora Strings. The gala night and auction is set for Friday December 2 while Family Day runs from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday December 3. Local musical and story telling talent are featured throughout Family Day with performances by Cathedral Brass, Sideways, Enchante, Ryan Van Belleghem, Kat the Dog and many others.

The Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation accept donations and builds endowment funds - creating a nest egg that will always be there for the community. The investment income earned on the funds is granted to local registered charities that enhance the quality of life, in line with the donor’s wishes. Since 2004, the Community Foundation has granted \$804,000 to over fifty different local charities.

Because the Community Foundation supports all kinds of charities- not just one sector or issue area – we are well positioned to bring diverse voices together to address local issues. Together we build networks, we collaborate; we build community.

### **Building Forever...Together**

#### **Here is the Final List of Participants for this year’s Festival of Trees:**

#### **TREES**

Meyers, Norris Penny  
Kenora Rotary  
Kenora Massage & Wellness Centre  
Scotty’s Auto Service  
Women’s Shelter – Saakaate House  
BDO Canada  
Valleyview School  
Silk, Satin & Lace  
Kenora Métis Council  
Pope John Paul II School  
Image One Designs  
Kenora Anishinaabe Kweg  
Kenora Preschool Playgroup

Scouts Canada  
Treaty Three Police Service  
City of Kenora – Engineering Dept.  
Tunnel Island Management (Timanco)  
LOW Art Collective  
Lakewood School of Fine Arts  
KACL – Arts Hub  
OPPA – Kenora Branch  
Canada Safeway 0671 Kenora  
The Standard Insurance Brokers  
Bestway Rental  
CIBC Staff

#### **WREATH**

Page Florist

#### **GINGERBREAD HOUSES**

Lakeside Inn  
The Chassie Family