



KENORA & LAKE OF THE WOODS REGIONAL

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Building Forever Together

## 2013 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



### "Your Community Makes You and You Make Your Community"

Community Granting Celebration distributes \$146,000 to Charitable Organizations.

Community Foundation donors, recipients and volunteers, came together on the evening of June 19, 2013 to celebrate the Kenora and Lake of the Woods region, by awarding \$146,000 in grants to the charitable sector. The evening included recognition of the Foundation's operating sponsors, "Give Where You Live Donors" in addition to the awarding of grants.



### Who We Are

The Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation is a volunteer driven, public foundation, which accepts 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 donors' wishes. The Community Foundation serves the needs of people in Kenora, Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, Minaki, Redditt, the First Nations Territories and the unincorporated areas surrounding Lake of the Woods. Through the generosity of our donors we have provided \$1,100,000 in grants to over fifty charitable organizations. Because the Community Foundation supports all kinds of charities, not just one sector, 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.

Top Photo caption: Donor Bert Alcock provided a grant of \$3,125 to the Great War Project, sponsored by the Lake of the Woods Museum, the Kenora Public Library and the Ancestor Seekers of Kenora

Centre Photo caption: Kenora Circus Kids received a \$1,000 grant from the Paterson Family Youth Program Fund



Bottom Photo caption: Bryce and Nicki Douglas Family Fund provided \$1,500 in support to Pope John Paul II School's Breakfast Program

# Retirement Gift Helps Build Community.



After twenty nine years of dedicated service as Executive Director of the Kenora Association for Community Living (KACL), Jim Retson was presented with a \$30,000 contribution to his endowment fund, in support of KACL. Retson established his own named endowment fund a year ago, to benefit the charity that he helped lead since 1984.

"After reflecting on Jim's generosity to the people he worked with and the many causes he personally supports,

as well as his commitment to his community through his active involvement in Rotary and other service endeavours, our staff decided that making a gift to his endowment fund was a most fitting tribute", said Deb Everley, incoming KACL Executive Director. "We set a goal of \$30,000, and our team proceeded to organize a year of events, most of them small, like Penny Drives and Survivor Pools, as well as one hugely successful event "The Sasquatch Bush Crawl". Jim's passion for creating conditions where everyone has the opportunity for a meaningful and satisfying life will be enhanced through this gift, a gift that will give back to his community now and in perpetuity", she adds.

The Community Foundation would like to thank Jim, his KACL family, family members, friends and everyone involved in this initiative, for going above and beyond for your community!

Photo caption: Jim Retson, retiring Executive Director of the Kenora Association for Community Living, is presented with a \$30,000 contribution to his named endowment fund by his staff, in support of KACL. Don Parfitt, Community Foundation President is in the back row.

# FIREFLY Establishes Endowment Fund



The Community Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of a \$50,000 charitable agency endowment fund with FIREFLY. Income from this endowment fund will continue in perpetuity and be used by FIREFLY as a source of funding for their programs. Anyone may contribute to the fund and donations will be accepted through the Community Foundation or FIREFLY. FIREFLY is a charitable organization that provides child and youth

mental health services, children's rehabilitation services, adult developmental services, child care services, as well as an array of community services that support children and their families. Their vision is Healthy People, Resilient Families and Vibrant Communities.

"FIREFLY is to be commended for having the vision and leadership to establish this endowment fund", says Community Foundation President, Don Parfitt. "They realize that this fund will help to support their programs now and into the future". "FIREFLY Board and staff are grateful for this opportunity to support the important mission of the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation and to strengthen our capacity to respond to the critical needs of children, youth, adults and their families.", notes FIREFLY Board Chairperson, Jackie Mitchell.

Photo caption: FIREFLY CEO Karen Ingebrigtsen left, is joined by FIREFLY Board CEO Jackie Mitchell right, and FIREFLY staff in presenting Don Parfitt with their \$50,000 contribution.



# Celebrating Our Generous Donors, Worthy Recipients and Dedicated Volunteers



■ **Golf Tournament:** For the fourth year in a row, the Mike Richards Annual Charity Golf Tournament is supporting the efforts of the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation, in helping to improve community living and the quality of life for citizens and visitors to the region. Since 2010, the event has raised over \$45,000 for an endowment fund benefitting local charities. Richards also added the proceeds of his local Hockey Camp which ran from 2006 to 2010, to the Community Foundation, providing an additional \$39,000. To date, this \$84,000 endowment fund has provided \$8,000 in grants to local charities. Income from this fund will benefit our community forever.

Photo Caption: Mike Richard, centre, and his team stopped in at the Community Foundation booth on #10 tee for some refreshments and lively conversation. Pepper – from “Chip and Pepper Apparel” is standing at the extreme right.



■ **Rotary Presentation:** The Rotary Club of Kenora proudly established their own \$10,000 endowment fund with the Community Foundation in February 2013. Club President Mike Szajewski led the initiative which created the fund in support of community needs. “We are pleased that our club will continue to play an active role in meeting local charitable needs and we are excited about an ongoing partnership with the Community Foundation” says Mike.

Photo caption: Kenora Rotarian President Mike Szajewski, third from left, and Past President, Cindy Behrsin, extreme right, present Community Foundation Directors; Diane Pochailo, Don Parfitt, Meg Cameron, Randy Seller and Richard Roy with the Club’s contribution.



■ **Cottage Show:** Volunteers Erin Roussin, Jim Lunny and Richard Roy travelled to Winnipeg to attend the LOW District Property Owners Annual Spring Cottage Show in May. They distributed over 800 copies of the Kenora Telephone Directory to summer residents and at the same time promoted the impact of Community Foundation grants to the Lake of the Woods Region. For the third year running, KMTS (A division of Bell Aliant) has featured the Community Foundation on the back cover of the Kenora phone book. “In a few short years, the Community Foundation has become a fundamental piece that defines the quality of life we enjoy in Kenora and KMTS is proud to assist their efforts”, says Stace Gander, General Manager of KMTS.

Photo Caption: Director Richard Roy is joined by Marketing Intern Morgan Hamp at the Community Foundation Booth.



■ **Hockey Tournament:** A Community Foundation grant of \$2,500 to the 5th Annual Hockey for Health 3 on 3 Tournament, helped achieve an outstanding total of \$66,000 in funds raised for the LOW District Hospital Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society and the City of Kenora for ice surface twinning. “This is an example of community leadership benefitting all parties,” says Community Foundation Vice President and Grants Committee Chair, Randall Seller. “Our grant helped to promote and grow the tournament this year, while ensuring that a portion of the proceeds would directly benefit our community by purchasing lifesaving cancer screening equipment for our local hospital.” Photo Caption: LOW District Hospital Foundation’s Managing Director, Jess Rheault is joined at centre ice by Community Foundation Volunteers Jim Lunny and Randy Seller.

# Recognizing The Significant Support Provided by our 2013 Operating Sponsors



■ **Copperfin:** As our major operating sponsor since our inception in 2004, Copperfin Credit Union continues to provide assistance to us in many different ways. Their staff serve as volunteers at our events and committees, in addition to having established corporate and staff endowment funds benefitting community needs. They have also been the sponsor of our Youth in Philanthropy Program at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School since 2007. We are deeply grateful for their continued gifts. Pictured is Orlo Mejia, Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy.

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■ **89.5 The Lake:** Beginning in 2008, CJRL has provided us with four complimentary radio spots each day. The scripts serve to highlight the generosity of our donors, the great work being done by the charitable sector in the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region and the dedication of our volunteers. "This gift has inspired many individuals to become donors and has greatly highlighted the support that the Community Foundation is providing to the charitable sector. The visibility that 89.5 The Lake provides us is tremendous," says Kelly Williams, Community Foundation Marketing Chair.

Photo Caption: Tom Davidson, News Director.



■ **LOW Insurance:** The Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Lake of the Woods Insurance (LOTWI) is providing complimentary office space to us for the coming year. "A gift of office space is very significant to us and we recognize LOTWI as one of our Vital Impact Sponsors", says Community Foundation President Don Parfitt. In addition, LOTWI staff have established their own endowment fund in support of community needs with the Community Foundation. This is an example of their strong belief and commitment to the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region.

Photo Caption: Tracy MacDonald, President.



■ **The Standard Insurance and Wawanesa Insurance:** The Community Foundation would like to thank The Standard Insurance and Wawanesa Insurance for their generous sponsorship of \$2,500 each towards our operating expenses. As past presenting sponsors of the Kenora Dragon Boat Festival, we are very grateful to have them become operating sponsors in this year.

Photo Caption: Edna Rossong, Vice President of Wawanesa Insurance in Winnipeg and Gord McCool, Senior Vice President of Business Development, at the Standard Insurance in Kenora, present their financial support.