



Kenora and Lake of the Woods

Regional Community Foundation

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8TH 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.

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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