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Community Foundation Nets \$75,000 in 10 hours for Endowment Funds

The Community Foundation's 10 Hour Giving Challenge, celebrating its first ten years of connecting donors with the charities they care about, was a resounding success. "We were overwhelmed by the generosity of donors in making gifts to our endowment funds", said event co-chair Megan Dokuchie. "What also surprised us, was the number of first time contributors, people who may not have known too much about the Community Foundation before hand, but came out to the event and made a gift", said event co-chair Kelly Williams. "The spirit of community giving was alive that day and we gratefully accepted gifts of all sizes", said Williams. The original goal of raising \$10,000 was surpassed in the first hour.

A significant gift of \$25,000 was received by the Wauzhushk Onigum

Foundation for their First Nations Scholarships and Bursaries Endowment Fund. Established in 2012, through the proceeds of a Monster Bingo, the fund was created to provide educational opportunities for First Nations Youth. With the addition of the May 30th gift, the Fund doubled in size to \$50,000.

The celebration took place over 10 hours on Friday May 30, 2014 and was sponsored by Copperfin Credit Union, 89.5 The Lake and Lake of the Woods Brewing Company. Beginning in the lobby of Copperfin and finishing up on the stage at the Brewing Company, the event featured the voices of donors, sponsors, grant recipients and volunteers. "Having the event broadcast live by 89.5 The Lake was a major factor in the success we experienced", said Don Parfitt, Community Foundation President. If you would like to

make a gift to any of our endowment funds, in celebration of our 10th year anniversary, please feel free to contact us at 807-457-4427 or visit our web site at www.klwcfc.ca.

Photo Left: Donors, Sponsors, Grant Recipients and Volunteers gather for the launch of the Community Foundation's 10 Hour Giving Challenge at Copperfin Credit Union.

Photo Top Right: Community Foundation Directors distributed pieces of the 10 Year Anniversary cake to guests dropping by the lobby of Copperfin Credit Union.

Photo Bottom Right: 10 Hour Giving Challenge Volunteers took to the stage of the LOW Brewing Co. to continue accepting donations later that night.

First Nations Youth Endowment Fund receives \$25,000 boost



"It is our belief that education and training are the key pillars in assisting our First Nations youth to grow and flourish in today's world of constant challenges. This was the motivation for the establishment of this endowment fund. Today we are very proud and pleased to contribute an additional gift to the Endowment. This is an exciting time and we hope that many other partners will join us in growing the fund, so that additional opportunities can be given to our students. It is our hope that once their educational goals are reached, they will return to their communities and share the benefit of their knowledge with other community members," said the Wauzhushk Onigum Foundation.

Photo Caption: Vanessa Skead, of the Wauzhushk Onigum Foundation, centre, presented the gift along with Pat Brett, manager of the Golden Eagle Charitable Bingo Hall, to Community Foundation directors.

Wauzhushk Onigum First Nations presented a leadership gift of \$25,000 during the 10 Hour Giving Challenge, towards their First Nations Youth Scholarships and Bursaries Endowment Fund, established in 2012. The fund was originally created with the proceeds of a Monster Bingo and has also attracted additional gifts from families and local businesses. With the addition of the May 30th gift, the Fund doubled in size to \$50,000.

Youth in Philanthropy Groups Celebrate Eight Years of Meeting Community Needs



Kenora high school students have been helping to meet community needs, through the Youth in Philanthropy Program, which began in 2006. The program is led by the Community Foundation and seeks to engage youth in their community to create an awareness of local needs. To date, the program has involved over 100 students at Beaver Brae and Saint Thomas Aquinas and has granted over \$18,000 to dozens of charities in the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region. Students come together in the fall to examine community needs and set their granting priorities. Next they select a group of charities to visit, and finally award small community grants in the spring. The 2014 program was generously sponsored by Copperfin Credit Union.

"The Youth in Philanthropy program is a great opportunity for our young people in Kenora to gain skills that can last a lifetime," said Community Foundation President Don Parfitt. "They will learn about our registered charitable organizations, who are doing wonderful work to make our community stronger." Past students tell us that they learned a great deal about the charitable organizations and that they did not realize how many volunteers are involved in working to improve the quality of life in the Kenora area.

In addition to their grant making efforts over the years, thanks to the generosity of program sponsors, students have also created their own endowment fund for their high schools. The funds now totals \$4,000.

Photo caption: The 2014 Youth in Philanthropy Granting Ceremony was held at Beaver Brae Secondary School. Each group presented \$2,000 in grants to deserving charities, which included; the Addictions Programs at the Lake of the Woods District Hospital, The Kenora Fellowship Centre, The Cat Shelter and Minto Parent Child Resource Centre.

Celebrating Our Generous Donors, Worthy Recipients and Dedicated Volunteers



■ For seventy-five years, the Knights of Columbus, Father Lacombe Council 2806, has been giving back to the community with ongoing support of local charities in need. In 2013, they created a \$50,000 endowment fund with the Community Foundation to provide support to various programs such as student bursaries and social welfare. In the summer of 2014, they added a further \$50,000 to provide greater support to these programs.

Photo Caption: Don Parfitt, Community Foundation President, left, accepts a \$50,000 contribution from Grand Knight Paul Landry and brother Knight Richard Roy.



■ Community Foundation Inaugural Board of Directors; Don Parfitt, Randy Seller and Marie Seymour were saluted by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI) at a ceremony held in Kenora on May 27, 2014. They each received an Ontario Volunteer Service Award. All three directors have been instrumental in the development and growth of our Community Foundation and we greatly appreciate their years of service to us.

Photo Caption: Pictured is Randy Seller, left, and Rick Beaver representing MCI.



■ Kenora Borealis Multisport Annual Mothers' Day run gathered over 200 participants, in support of their endowment fund for Community Needs. They added a spaghetti supper event this year, sponsored by Borrelli's Restaurant on the Harbourfront.

Photo Caption: Pictured left to right, are Community Foundation Director Rob Aitken, son Lachlan and Roberto Borrelli.



■ We extend a warm welcome to Mack Hall, joining us for the year, as our 2014-2015 Marketing Intern. Mack is from Kenora and holds a degree in Communications from the University of Windsor. Mack has been representing us at a variety of events this summer, including; the Mike Richards Charity Golf Tournament and the weekly Mاتيowski Farmers' Market. He is working on a variety of marketing projects and has been ensuring that all our social media connections remain current.

Photo Caption: Mack Hall, 2014-2015 Marketing Intern spends each Wednesday at the Mاتيowski Farmers' Market meeting with existing and potential donors.

10 Hour Giving Challenge Exceeds Goal



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■ Agency Endowment Fund Holders representing Women's Shelter Saakaate House and Kenora Handi Transit, had the opportunity to speak, "live on air" about their programs and encourage donations to their funds. The entire day featured the voices of donors, grant recipients and volunteers describing the first 10 years of "Building Forever Together".

Photo Caption: Pictured left to right: Kendall Trembath and Jan Kowal from Saakaate House and Jackie McAllister from Kenora Handi Transit.



■ City of Kenora: City of Kenora workers got healthy and active on Friday May 30 and contributed over \$200 to the 10 Hour Giving Challenge. Led by Parks Supervisor, Barb Manson, the group completed a power walk to Husky the Muskie and also helped to clean up the Harbourfront along the way.

Photo Caption: City employees took a break at Husky the Muskie, after raising funds for the 10 Hour Giving Challenge.



■ Copperfin Credit Union Staff put forth a 10 Hour Giving Challenge to all financial institutions in the Kenora area. The results were very successful and we thank the staff for designing this great challenge! Pictured are, Kenora staff members, left to right: Linda Holmstrom, Bev Beach, Patti Edie, Wendy Voth and Debbie Koch.



■ Karen Ingebrigtsen, CEO of FIREFLY and Debbie Everley, Executive Director of the Kenora Association for Community Living, together with their staff members, designed some very original fundraising ideas in support of their endowment funds. Congratulations to both organizations for all the time and effort put forth.