



“There are so many wonderful organizations supported by the Community Foundation. It is comforting to know that our community has somewhere to turn for help for practically everything”, Jess Rheault, Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation.



Giving back to the area you love

Photos by Cory McCrindle

In this issue: Ladies Luncheon, Mike Richards Charity Golf Tournament, KLWCF crashes wedding, KMTS phonebook, Mothers’ Day Run establishes Endowment Fund

We have some great news to share with you. Great news that comes right from your very own community. Our June, 2011 granting ceremony was monumental, as we were able to distribute a record amount of grants that totaled just over \$100,000. These ceremonies are a great opportunity for recipients to thank donors and describe how the granted funds will be used; if you haven’t attended a granting ceremony, I would highly encourage you to do so. Since 2004, the Community Foundation has granted \$854,000 to charitable organizations in the Kenora and Lake of the Woods region and has built endowment funds of \$2.3 million.

The stories included in this newsletter highlight the outcomes that have resulted because of our generous donors. Our donors are helping to improve community living and the quality of life in the Kenora and Lake of the Woods region. Their compassion makes Kenora a better and stronger place to live in every day. **Our donors are committed community builders.**

Photo captions top l to r: Community Foundation Director Meg Cameron presents a grant of \$2,542 to LOW District Hospital Foundation. Community Foundation Director Richard Roy poses with Lake of the Woods Dream Fund Community Needs’ recipients who shared a total of \$6,198 in grants: The Northland, Kenora Special Olympics, Changes Recovery Home and Kenora Fellowship Centre. Keynote Speaker: Mr. David Northcott, Executive Director of Winnipeg Harvest.

Photo captions bottom-l to r: Keewatin Forever Endowment Fund donors, Carol Davis and Stan Phinney present a grant of \$872 to Keewatin Summer Splash volunteers Joyce Murray and Haley Smith. Donors Dr. Colin and Monica Foster present a grant of \$683 to Harbourfront Concert Series and a total of \$1,830 in environmental grants supporting Sioux Narrows’ walking trails and Kenora’s walking and bicycle trails

Building Forever Together

Inspiring change and making a difference

Ruth Brinkman and Melanie Sifton of the Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club were instrumental in organizing the Ladies Luncheon in July 2011 that provided needed funds for the Women's Shelter Saakaate House endowment fund.

Moved by the everyday struggle of women and their children who live in violent environments, the ladies of the Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club felt it was important to do their part and decided to donate a portion of the funds from the Ladies Luncheon to the Women's Shelter Saakaate House Endowment Fund.

The money donated by these ladies will help the shelter to continue providing a safe and secure emergency shelter for abused women

Thank you to the auction participants, volunteers, the local merchants who donated items and to Ruth and Melanie for their hard work. Thank you for your tremendous support

*"Everyone really came together and wanted to help out." Co-Chair
Melanie Sifton*



OPP Dock Masters pose with co-chair Melanie Sifton and Chair Ruth Brinkman at the 2011 Ladies Luncheon held at the Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club

Spirit of Youth Shines at the 9th Annual Dragon Boat Festival

With over 340 paddlers, including a record number of youth participants and celebrity guests, our 9th Annual Dragon Boat Festival was enjoyed by all. A total of \$21,000 was raised for the Community Foundation. Sixteen teams of twenty paddlers each, donned lifejackets for the 500 m challenge aboard the six hundred pound vessels.



In keeping with the festival theme, local youth band, the Freaky Green Beetles provided the lunch hour musical interlude. Also during this time, four teams were selected to participate in the always-challenging 200 m sprint race. The Dragon Tamers Breast Cancer Survivor Team led a meaningful flower ceremony in remembering those who have lost their lives to breast cancer. 'Division A' winners were the local team "Super Troopers" made up of members from the Boucha and Seymour families. 'Division B' winners were a new team from Winnipeg "Think Headwaters" representing employees from Qualico Headwaters and Think Shift Marketing. The Ladies Division winners were returning champs "Aeolian Ark" while the Rotary Youth Team claimed victory in their division.

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From left: Kathleen Novak RBC Branch Manager, Mike Richards, and Community Foundation Directors Meg Cameron, Randall Seller and Diane Pochailo



“Being part of a community is worth more than it costs.”

Raising funds to support community needs

Mike Richards is one of Kenora’s most decorated hockey players, a leader both on and off the ice.

Every day people in our community, including children, face the realities that come with the different needs of our community. The Mike Richards Charity Golf Tournament for Community Needs provides support to alleviate these needs.

This summer RBC hosted the 2nd annual Mike Richards Golf Tournament which raised \$21,000. The work of Mike, RBC and all the volunteers will help to fund programs that address the immediate needs of our community, ranging from child development to care for our seniors.

Thank you to Mike, RBC, all the volunteers, and to all of those who came out to the event. It’s your support that helps our community move forward.

Giving Back to Honour

Wedding Guests

Wedding bells were ringing loud and clear this summer with the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Al and Kelly Staple.

There are many ways to give back to your community and Al and Kelly certainly added a new one to that list. The newlyweds kindly decided to honour their wedding guests by making a donation to the Keewatin Forever Fund Endowment Fund. The gift was very creative and really speaks to how community minded Al and Kelly are.

The contribution to the Keewatin Forever Endowment Fund will help support various charities within the boundaries of Keewatin. The couple has set the bar for creative contributions and for that we send a very heartfelt thank you.



K & A

Kelly & Al have made a generous donation in honor of their wedding guests to the Keewatin Forever Endowment Fund.

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Mothers` Day Run Creates Endowment Fund



This past spring, the Kenora Borealis Multi Sport Group held a Mothers' Day run to encourage people to get outside and get active. Not only did participants get physical exercise but their involvement helped raise money for the community.

The proceeds were donated to create a new endowment fund for the Kenora Borealis Multi Sport Group that will be used to support community needs. Such needs will undoubtedly help others within the community live a healthier lifestyle. Their team of volunteers did an excellent job of attending to the many details involved in this large project with a total of 152 participants.

Recognition goes out to the many sponsors, race organizers Lana Marcine and Rob Aitken and lead sponsor Copperfin Credit Union.

We Are Moving!

It's true, we are moving. But don't worry, we're not moving far. Actually we are moving right across the street. This November thanks to the ongoing generosity of our major operating sponsor Copperfin Credit Union, we will now be physically located at the Park Street branch. All of our contact information remains unchanged.



KMTS places Community Foundation on the inside back cover of phonebook



Former KMTS marketing manager Doug Anderson with Community Foundations Directors Diane Pochailo, Don Parfitt and Brenda Chambers-Ivey with copies of the 2011 KMTS telephone directory

KMTS has done many great things for the community over the years and yet again they are coming through. In 2011, KMTS featured the Community Foundation on the inside back cover of the telephone directory.

This summer KMTS announced that the 2012 phonebook will devote the entire back page to the Community Foundation. The commitment and support from KMTS is instrumental in getting our name out and into the public.

Thank you KMTS for your incredible support which helps us connect and build relationships with new donors.