



## Building Forever Together

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### The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees: “Christmas at the Lake”

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees Charity Fundraiser for the Community Foundation welcomed more than 1,200 guests to view the magic of this year’s theme: “Christmas at the Lake”. The generosity of the tree, wreath and gingerbread house decorators continues to grow each year, with elaborate and intricate designs of unparalleled creativity.

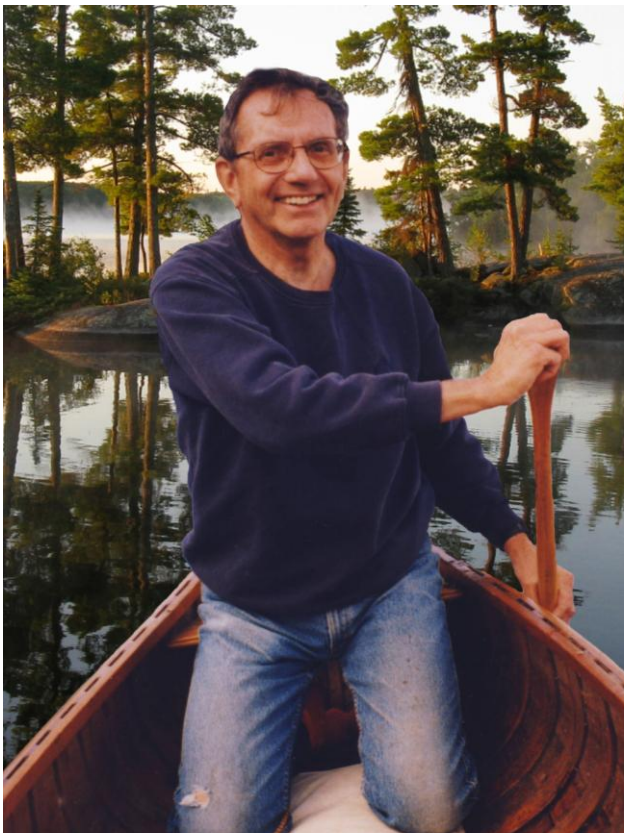
The festival is a three-day event, embracing seniors, children, families and the community at large, with musical entertainment provided throughout. During the sold-out Gala Evening, guests bid on the trees and in the spirit of the season; many were donated back into the community for all to enjoy. Recipient locations this year included: Lake of the Woods District Hospital, Pinecrest Home, Kenora Fellowship Centre, Minto Parent Child Resource Centre, Kenora Preschool Playground, Women’s Shelter Saakaate House, Bay Terrace Seniors Complex and Seven Generations Education Institute. Many thanks to all our donors, sponsors, auction bidders, musical guests and volunteers for their dedication to this event in raising an unprecedented \$35,000.

#### *Photo Caption:*

Left hand side: Treaty Three Police Service Constable Mitch Boulette and Staff Sgt. Jim Harty pose with their entry - An Ice Fisherman’s Dream. The tree was brightly decorated with a variety of fishing lures, ice fishing seats, an ice auger, and a full size kayak.

Right hand side: Participants at Seniors’ Night and Family Day enjoy the beautiful creations.

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## John Maunder Fund for Music and Performing Arts

*John Maunder was an active performer in many of Kenora's premier groups; including the Other Mother's Sons, the Music Men, Trylight Theatre and many others.*

Irene Maunder describes her father John as a naturalist, a real boy scout. "A favorite quote of his was from Henry David Thoreau: In wilderness is the preservation of the world. It's something that sort of summed up her father's perspective of nature and the world around him."

John Maunder spent most of his life in Northwestern Ontario. He was born and raised in Port Arthur Ontario, now known as Thunder Bay, and eventually made his way to the Kenora region with his family when he was transferred as a hydro employee in 1971.

**John Maunder's love for music can be traced to when he was just a young boy imitating country music stars such as Hank Williams. Here John enjoys another past time of his, paddling his canoe at the family camp on Longbow Lake.**

Life in Northwestern Ontario procured a love for the outdoors that led John to many different campsites not only across the province but the country. John's passion for the outdoors was equally matched by his passion for music. He was an active performer in many of Kenora's premier groups; including The Other Mother's Sons, The Music Men, Trylight Theatre and many others.

"My dad began playing guitar at an early age, learning how to play from old country musicians. Anything musical, he was involved but in a very quiet way. He wouldn't look for attention; he always enjoyed music for the love of it. It was his gift to other people."

When John Maunder passed away in January 2012, Irene wanted to pay tribute to her father's life. In recognition of John's musical talent and his deep love for the Lake of the Woods Region, she established the John Maunder Endowment Fund for Music and the Performing Arts.

Every year, grants from John's fund will go to support programs and organizations in the arts and culture field. "My father used to say you can't give back to those who have given to you but you can pass it on, this fund is an opportunity to pass on what my father has given."

To learn more about establishing a legacy endowment fund for the Lake of the Woods Region, please contact our office at 807-467-4427.



# The Pauline Rosdobutko Fund for Health & Wellness

*"The fund is to ensure that her generosity will live on forever, she will be pleased knowing that", Lawrence Rosdobutko.*



Lawrence and Pauline Rosdobutko lived in the Kenora region their entire lives. Lawrence grew up in Kenora and Pauline in Keewatin. It's where they met and subsequently where they built a life with each other over the course of their 58 year marriage.

Known as very generous people, Lawrence and Pauline were always willing to lend a helping hand. Whether it was to friends, family, neighbours or just to a person in need, helping others was something that Lawrence and Pauline believed in.

"We had neighbours who were quite poor so we used to bring them food. They also didn't have running water so I would wheel over jugs of water for them, we always believed in helping those who couldn't help themselves," recalls Lawrence.

When Pauline passed away in June 2011, Lawrence wanted to honour his wife with a gift that would perpetuate her generosity to those in the community forever. Since helping those in need was important to the two, Lawrence decided to establish the Pauline Rosdobutko Fund for Health and Wellness.

Every year grants from Pauline's fund will go to support various programs and organizations in the health and wellness field. The fund ensures that the Rosdobutko's continue to support friends, family, neighbours or just that person in need, forever.

"The fund is to ensure that her generosity will live on, she would be pleased knowing that," says Lawrence.

To make a contribution to the Pauline Rosdobutko Fund for Health and Wellness or for more information, please call the Community Foundation office at 467-4427



**(Top) The couple enjoy a ride on the Holiday Train on Dec 4 2010**

**(Bottom) Lawrence and Pauline share their first dance as a married couple in 1953.**

# Minto Parent Child Resource Centre establishes fund to ensure sustainability of services



**Dennis Alvestad, CEO Copperfin, presents Karen Campbell with a \$5,000 cheque for The Minto Endowment Fund, while Darlene MacGillvray, Executive Director of the Community Foundation and several Centre clients look on.**

*"Every person deserves to have enough nutritious food to support their well being", Karen Cambell.*

Karen Cambell has been an employee with the Minto Parent Child Resource Centre for four years and knows just how rewarding and beneficial the Centre is to the community.

The centre was established in 1993 as a toy lending library but has since evolved and now focuses on the need for better nutrition for low income families in the area.

The centre strives to eradicate the food security issues experienced by most low income families in this area and holds a philosophy that every person deserves to have enough nutritious food to support their well being.

"Many of the families who visit the Resource Centre would not eat a proper meal without these programs. Some adults eat lunch at the Minto Centre so they can feed their children what they have at home. Our biggest issue is ensuring the necessary funding to provide our services; if we do not get enough funding we cannot provide these food programs. Without these programs many families would be going hungry", says Karen.

In order to ensure the long term availability of its services, Minto Parent Child Resource Centre decided to establish their own fund with the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation. The fund provides the Centre with a permanent source of income that will help ensure the sustainability of Minto's Programs. As the fund grows through donor contributions the Centre will become more self reliant.

"Donating or volunteering in a place such as the Minto Centre is a very rewarding experience. You can see firsthand where your time and /or money is enhancing the lives of families in your own community", says Karen.

To make a contribution to the Minto Parent Child Resource Centre or for more information please call the Community Foundation office at 467-4427

## Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Helps Community Foundation Build Sustainability

An \$11,800 grant from the Trillium Foundation to purchase a joint donor database and accounting software program is helping the Community Foundation to improve the tracking of donors' contributions, grant disbursements, investment growth and many other financial requirements.

This grant is a significant step toward achieving sustainability. We are very grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for helping us meet this important goal.



**Pictured left to right are: OTF representative Len Compton, MPP for Kenora – Rainy River Riding Sarah Campbell, Community Foundation Treasurer Diane Pochailo and Community Foundation Finance Committee Chair Rob Aitken.**

## Youth Involved in their Community

Since 2007, the Community Foundation has led philanthropy programs at Beaver Brae and St. Thomas Aquinas High Schools.

To date, over 100 students have researched the needs of our community, awarded grants to charities and even established endowment funds for each high school. Pictured below are some of the 2011-2012 Youth in Philanthropy Participants.

The YIP Granting Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 4:00 pm at the Best Western Lakeside Inn. Everyone is invited to attend.





