

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NOVA SCOTIA



Building Vibrant, Vital & Inviting Communities

HELPING NOVA SCOTIANS GIVE BACK

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NOVA SCOTIA IS A PUBLIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION CREATED BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This means that Nova Scotians of all financial means are working through the Community Foundation to give back to the charities and communities they love in a way that will have both an immediate and a lasting, long-term impact.

Nova Scotia's 4,000+ charities and 350+ communities need our support. In many cases, the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is the only source of external funding for our grant recipients, yet initiatives like the [Angel Care Society](#) in Pugwash which provides free transportation to local residents who need to travel outside of the village to attend medical appointments, [Supportive Housing for Young Mothers](#) which helps young moms and their children develop the skills they need to build strong families in a safe, encouraging environment, and the [Buddy Daye Scholarship Fund](#) which helps local youth like Justine Colley attend university, are essential if we want to ensure a strong and bright future for our province.

Charitable giving is more affordable than you might think. Donations of all sizes add together to create an impact that is larger than what can be achieved if we choose to work alone. If you want to put your charitable dollars at work locally where it is needed most, contact us to find out how you can get involved and make a lasting difference. Call Allison today at 1-877-999-5907, email ak@cfns.ca or visit our website at www.cfns.ca

CFNS 2009 Highlights

9 NEW FUNDS for 2009:

- 2 new Donor Advised Funds
- 2 new Charitable Endowments
- 2 new Community Funds
- 3 new Scholarship Funds

\$62,600 distributed as GRANTS:

\$53,200 disbursed directly and another \$9,400 disbursed locally by Community Foundations of Canada and Benjamin Moore

40 charities directly IMPACTED by our charitable programs

First VitalSigns® completed by the Wolfville Community Fund



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Community Foundation of Nova Scotia's Annual Message to the Community

Focus on Community Funds

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia welcomed two new Community Endowment funds in the past year: the [Bridgetown Area Community Fund](#) and the [Annapolis Royal Community Fund](#). These funds joined the [Yarmouth Community Fund](#) and the [Wolfville Community Fund](#) which were both established in 2008.

Community Funds benefit from national class action lawsuit

The Community Foundation was fortunate to receive \$9,700 through a national class action settlement. Communities that had either established a Community Fund, or were exploring this option, each received \$1,000 to distribute to local groups for transportation-related projects. The remaining funds were distributed through a provincial pool.

Annapolis Royal pool:

- Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP)



Bike rack, Annapolis Royal

"We were able to carry this project much further than originally hoped. A local sculptor designed and built two bicycle racks. He donated his labour and the CFNS paid for the materials. The bike racks have inspired Annapolis in Motion, a community-based bike share program that is just getting set up."

—Steve Hawboldt, Exec. Dir., CARP

Bridgetown Pool:

- Trans County Transportation Society
- Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue

Cape Breton Pool:

- Centre for Adults in Progressive Employment
- Girl Guides (Sydney)
- Cadets (Sydney)



CCTS, Amherst

Parrsboro Pool:

- Cumberland County Transportation Services (2 grants awarded to the same organization)

The CCTS used its grant to subsidize transportation costs for those in their County who needed financial assistance to attend medical and other health-related appointments.

Pugwash Pool:

- Meals on Wheels
- Angel Care Society



L'Arche Homefires, Wolfville

L'Arche Homefires used its funding to support day trips taken by the Cornerstone Day Program for adults with significant disabilities.

Wolfville Pool:

- L'Arche Homefires Society
- JUDES

Yarmouth Pool:

- HOPE
- VON (Tri-County)

The VON used its funding to help defray the costs associated with delivering frozen meals to clients in Yarmouth and Digby County who can't prepare their own.



VON, Yarmouth

Why give to, or create a Community Fund?

Local Giving for Local Causes

Community Funds give citizens an opportunity to give back to their **local community** and demonstrate their community pride. Donations of all sizes are pooled together into a single fund that will support charitable causes in their local area for generations.

Local Decision-Making about Local Priorities

Community Funds are **community-led** meaning that the important decisions about how a community should benefit from its Community Fund are made by those who are closest to the issues. A Fund Advisory Committee comprised entirely of those who either live in the local area - or who have a meaningful connection to it - ensures that the Fund supports the community's current priorities as well as its emerging needs and opportunities for the future.

Lasting Legacy

Unlike buildings or equipment, a Community Fund will never outlive its usefulness. Wise stewardship of your investment by the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia will ensure that your Community Fund becomes a **permanent community asset** that will contribute to the quality of life in your community forever.

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Recently, the Bridgetown Area Community Fund completed its first grant program using funds it raised within the Bridgetown Area.



Members of the BACF celebrate their first grants to the Clarence Community Hall and Jack and Jill Nursery School.

Grants were awarded to the Clarence Community Hall and the Jack and Jill Nursery School at a small reception held at the Paradise Community Hall on November 25th.

Shirley Fralic accepted the grant on behalf of the Clarence Community Club. She indicated that the grant will be used to help with the upkeep of the Hall which is home to the Annapolis County 4-H Club where approximately 40 children and youth from the local area meet monthly, and also the local seniors group who use it for card games, other social activities and community events.

Cindy Caldwell, Director of the Jack and Jill Nursery School, accepted their grant and spoke about how the money will be applied to their Community Green Area Project. Their plans include creating a teaching garden, a play area and a picnic area that will be used by the school and the community at large.

The Community Fund Difference

Many organizations help to make our communities great places to live, but a few important factors make our approach stand out:

Our concern is the community as a whole.

That's why our grants support everything from shelter, sustenance and care for those most in need, to recreation, the arts, and the environment. We also work with a wide range of community groups - not just one charity or sector - to give us a comprehensive view of local issues and the ability to make connections between various community needs, issues, and resources.

We use an unbiased and objective approach to understanding the greatest needs in our community.

Often it's the "squeaky wheel" that gets the grease. But, how do we know that the "squeaky wheel" is the part that's most in need? To help ensure that we put our local dollars to work where it's needed most, we do our homework first - sometimes in the form of a VitalSigns® report.

We take the long-term view for our community.

We identify long-term needs and opportunities and invest in sustainable solutions, helping our community become resilient, resourceful, and ready for the future we want.

WOLFVILLE'S

VitalSigns®



Wolfville community members attend the launch of Wolfville's VitalSigns® at a breakfast provided by the WCF at the Lion's Community Hall.

Vital Signs® is an annual community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada that measures community vitality using data obtained from Statistics Canada and other credible sources, identifies significant trends, and assigns grades in at least ten issue areas critical to quality of life. Wolfville's Vital Signs® is the first report of its kind in Nova Scotia.

"We wanted to produce a Vital Signs® report for Wolfville in order to separate fact from fiction and provide the community with local information on a wide range of topics that are very relevant to our everyday lives."

- Dick Groot, Chair of the WCF

Wolfville's Vital Signs® report confirmed that there is much to be happy about in Wolfville. It also highlighted some surprising and disturbing facts about economic and health inequalities, particularly child poverty.

"The first Vital Signs® report for Wolfville urges us to be more aware of our community through analysis and exploration, to celebrate what is good, to seek to improve that which needs attention, and in the process enrich the lives of all our residents."

- Bob Stead, Mayor of Wolfville

This spring, the WCF will launch a grant program that will provide funds to local organizations that are working toward sustainable, long term solutions for those living in poverty in the Wolfville area. The WCF will also focus on building its endowment to create a sustainable source of funding to address issues like poverty and others, year after year, forever. As WCF member, Dr. Ron Stuart sums it up, "We've only just begun."

For more information on Wolfville's Vital Signs® and to read a copy of their report, please visit our website at www.cfns.ca or contact Allison at 1-877-999-5907

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Charitable Endowments

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia welcomed two new Charitable Endowment funds in the past year: the **Eastern Shore Heritage Preservation Fund** and the **Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens Fund**. These funds joined the Heart of the Bay Fund – an initiative of the St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association - which was established in 2008.

Establishing a Charitable Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is a simple and efficient way to build a steady source of income for local charitable organizations. Donors can be sure that the endowed fund's principal will not be spent and can grow over time, providing a source of lasting support. In addition, the Community Foundation's economies of scale provide local organizations with the benefits of a diverse investment portfolio and low investment fees that typically come only with very large funds.



About the Eastern Shore Heritage Preservation Fund

The Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society is dedicated to preserving and sharing the unique human and natural history of the Lake Charlotte area on the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia. Like many nonprofits, it works hard to cover its ongoing expenses and create a model that is self-sustaining.

The Society recognized the need for an endowment fund to provide a steady source of income for the Society's work. At the same time, it did not want to over-burden its staff or volunteer base with a new and complex piece of work, so it turned to the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia for help.

Member Gordon Hammond says, "We simply didn't have the resources to manage an endowment fund ourselves, yet we saw the importance of having one. Working with the Community Foundation also takes care of any succession issues we might have faced over time." As a result of establishing the Eastern Shore Heritage Preservation Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia, the organization has added the ability to accept large and complex gifts, leaving the management and reporting to the Community Foundation.

Scholarship Funds

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia welcomed three new Scholarship Funds in the past year: the **Burns Lodge Legacy Scholarship Fund** - established in honour of the late Robbie Burns - which provides scholarships to residents of HRM pursuing post-secondary studies in Atlantic Canada, the **Buddy Daye Scholarship Fund** - established in honour of Buddy Daye, a former Canadian boxing champion and the first Black Sergeant of Arms in the Legislative House of Assembly - which provides scholarships to youth in the African-Nova Scotian community, and the **Donald Lee Eagles Memorial Scholarship Fund** - established in memory of the late Donald Lee Eagles who was an exceptional husband, father, and teacher and also loved this province very much - which provides financial support to students undertaking full-time studies in the Business Administration program at the Kingstec campus of the Nova Scotia Community College.



In September, East Preston's academic all-star Justine Colley was awarded the 2009 Buddy Daye Scholarship Award. "Our committee received nominations for Justine from the Athletic Director at the Halifax Grammar School, the Executive Director of the East Preston Boys and Girls Club, and a long-time friend of the Colley Family who is now in the Masters Program at Dalhousie. Combined, they presented our committee with a compelling justification of why Justine is the ideal recipient of this Award," says Gilbert Daye, Chair of the Buddy Daye Scholarship Committee. "She really captured the spirit of this Award and our father, especially through her community work."

Ms. Colley is now a first year student in the B.Sc. Program at St. Mary's University where a reception celebrating the Buddy Daye Scholarship Award was held in her honour. The President of St. Mary's University, Dr. Colin Dodds, was joined by the Daye and Colley families and friends along with the Vice Chair of the Community Foundation and President and CEO of Ocean Nutrition, Mr. Robert Orr, the Honourable Member for the House of Legislative Assembly, Mr. Leonard Preyra, former Minister of Health, Dr. Ronald Stewart, and the Member of Parliament for Halifax, Ms. Megan Leslie, who also provided Ms. Colley with a commendation from the House of Commons.

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Focus on Donor Advised Funds

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia welcomed two new Donor Advised Funds in the past year: the **JSF Fund** and the **Gilead Trust Fund**.



"I created the JSF Fund at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia because I wanted to create something that would make possible things that might not ordinarily happen if I didn't do something."
- John MacLeod, Donor

Meet John MacLeod. John is a native of Dartmouth and is an Archivist. John established the **JSF Fund** at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia in honour of his grandfather - John Simon Fraser MacLeod - who came to Halifax with his wife, Willina Murray MacKay, a few years prior to the Halifax Explosion. The MacLeod home quickly became a popular stopping place for those traveling to the city from the Pictou and Earlestown areas. This warm maritime generosity was passed down through the MacLeod family. As a child, John learned first-hand the importance of giving back to his community through his parents, Dr. Ian and Marjorie MacLeod, who gave regularly to Symphony Nova Scotia and other local charities. When John's sister Sandra passed away, scholarship funds were established in her honour at Armbrae Academy and the University of King's College and they continue to benefit local students each year.

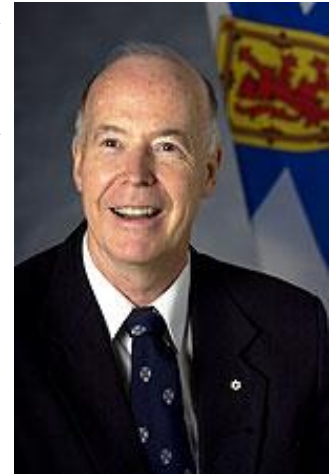
John regularly supports over a half dozen of charities which focus on education, music, health, and the relief of hunger and poverty. He is especially interested in supporting projects which use new approaches to addressing old problems.

Did you know?

Donor Advised Funds are convenient, flexible tools for individuals, families, businesses, or groups that want to be personally involved in suggesting grants made possible by their gifts. If you have a range of community interests, a Donor Advised Fund may be the ideal vehicle for fulfilling your charitable wishes. They are typically less costly and easier to administer than other forms of charitable giving, such as private family or corporate foundations.

Your gift can be combined with others to increase its impact, and you can add to the fund you establish at any time, receiving tax benefit with each new gift. You can establish a fund today and make grant recommendations now, or in the future.

"Learning about the Community Foundation from a close friend and Board member, I decided that this was the instrument I could use to help make a continuing contribution, however large or small, to making Nova Scotia a better place for all of us."
- Dr. Ronald Stewart, OC, ONS, BA, BSc, MD, FACEP, FRCPC, DSc(Hon).



This is Dr. Ronald Stewart. Dr. Stewart is a former Minister of Health whose wide-ranging medical career has taken him from a village family practice along the north coast of Cape Breton to Los Angeles' emergency rooms. Dr. Stewart has received awards and acknowledgements of his academic and life achievements, too numerous to mention here.

When asked why he wanted to establish the **Gilead Trust** at the Community Foundation, Dr. Stewart replied, "In my own case, I left the province to take up a new and emerging specialty not yet recognized in Canada. That sole academic program for specialty training was in Los Angeles, and so, for almost 20 years, I was an accidental tourist tied to my role as one of the 'pioneers' of my specialty and unable to return home until the Royal College accepted my specialty and academic positions opened. I came home the same year. And now, exactly 20 years after coming back 'home', I am struck with what I had missed over those years, and feel a profound need to make up for the years away.

The opportunities provided by the Foundation offer to me and to every citizen the chance to "pay back" or to contribute in anyway we can, to a very special spot on the planet. I am grateful to those who created and have supported the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia and want to do my part to help make our communities better in everyway. Just perhaps, the efforts we all make will mean that now and in the future, fewer of us will have to - or even want to - 'go down the road'. We all will be better for that."

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2009 Grants Impact 40 Charities

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia distributed \$53,200 directly and another \$9,400 through Community Foundations of Canada and Benjamin Moore for a total of \$62,600 in 2009.

Our **Community Grants Program** aimed to support projects which build and inspire, especially if they fill a gap in a community, develop local leadership, promote collaboration and sharing, and/or mobilize civic participation and resources. Four grants of \$2,000 were distributed through this program to:

- Supportive Housing for Young Mothers
- Independent Living Resource Centre
- Annapolis Valley Regional Library
- Nova Scotia Sea School

Our **Foundation for Heritage and the Arts Grants Program** supported arts and heritage organizations wishing to engage in initiatives which will improve their organizational governance; financial management; organizational effectiveness; marketing; and community outreach and/or membership/audience development. Four grants of \$1,000 were distributed through this program to:

- Debut Atlantic
- St. Paul's Anglican Church
- Ship's Company Theatre
- Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens

Our **Environmental Endowment Incentive Program** supported the longevity of an environmental charity and its activities through an endowment incentive program. One grant of \$12,500 was awarded to the St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association.

Our **Transportation Grants Program** (provincial pool) supported transportation-related projects carried out by the following organizations:

- Mersey Tobetic Research Institute Co-operative Limited
- Annapolis Heritage Society
- Bridgetown Band Parents Association
- Cadets (Sydney, NS)
- Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotia (Sydney, NS)
- Yarmouth Junior High School, Home and School Association

Please see page 2 of this report for a listing of the other organizations which received funding through this program.

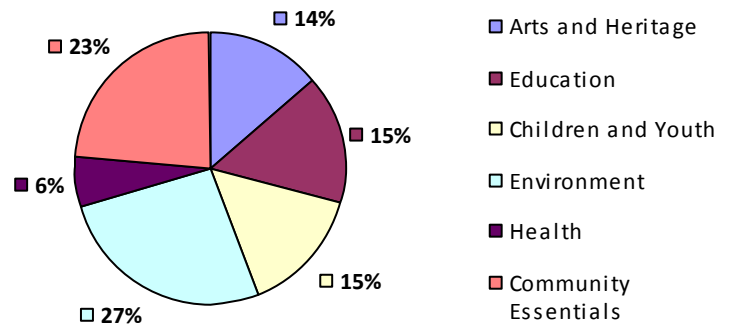
Our **JSF Fund** provided \$19,000 to a variety of organizations and charitable causes including:

- The Stephen Russell Memorial Foundation
- Dalhousie University
- University of King's College
- Université Sainte-Anne
- Dartmouth General Hospital Charitable Foundation
- Christ Church (Dartmouth)
- Symphony Nova Scotia
- Armbrae Academy

Our **Community Foundations of Canada and Benjamin Moore Heritage Restoration Program** provided grants of \$2,000 plus a donation of paint valued at \$350 to:

- Adsum House
- Canadian Mental Health Association (NS Division)
- Discovery Centre
- Old Sydney Society

Meeting Diverse Needs: Total grants to date can be broken down into these broad categories as follows:



A Note of Thanks

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia could not exist without the generous support of both private and corporate donors. In particular, we would like to thank private donors Margaret and David Fountain and an Anonymous Donor (now deceased).

We would also like to thank our corporate donors:

