

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NOVA SCOTIA



Building Vibrant, Vital & Inviting Communities

## ENABLING EFFECTIVE PHILANTHROPY

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

This means 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 long-term impact.

In **2010**, we helped to create **10 new funds**. In three short years, we've grown to house **23 funds** and have granted almost **\$150,000** to nearly **70 different charities**. In some cases, we are the only external funding source for our grant recipients.

**Nova Scotia has over 4,000 charities, 350+ communities and countless generous citizens.** Our funds support a broad range of charitable causes from local food security through the **Local Food Fund** to helping children affected by domestic abuse through the **Healing the Bruises Fund**. We also have proven tools to identify key areas of community need. This year the Lunenburg County Community Fund completed a VitalSigns® report to gain a better understanding of important trends in their County and to begin the development of long-term actionable solutions.

What causes are most important to you? What is your legacy in Nova Scotia? Contact Allison today at 1-877-999-5907 or email [ak@cfns.ca](mailto:ak@cfns.ca) to find out how we can make your philanthropy simple, effective and rewarding.

## CFNS 2010 Highlights

### 10 NEW FUNDS

- 3 new Charitable Endowments
- 3 new Scholarship Funds
- 1 new Field of Interest Fund
- 1 new Community Fund
- 1 new Donor Designated Fund
- 1 new Donor Advised Fund

**\$70,350 distributed as GRANTS**

**27 charities directly IMPACTED by our charitable programs**

**VitalSigns® completed by the Lunenburg County Community Fund**



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# Community Foundation of Nova Scotia's Annual Letter to the Community

## OUR MISSION

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is a **public charitable foundation** created by the people of Nova Scotia to **enable effective philanthropy**. We work with **private donors, communities, businesses** and **charitable organizations** to build the **financial** and **social capital** that our **communities need**, both **today** and **tomorrow**. We do that by **stimulating charitable giving, establishing permanent endowment funds** and **supporting initiatives** that make an **ongoing difference** in communities throughout Nova Scotia.

## MAKING IT HAPPEN

Our donors make a difference every day, supporting causes as diverse and individual as they are. Learn how you can establish your own legacy and create a meaningful impact where it matters most to you.

Read about our:

Donor Advised Funds

Charitable Endowment Funds

Scholarship Funds

Donor Designated Funds

Community Funds

Field of Interest Funds

### *Focus on Donor Advised Funds*

**Donor-Advised funds offer the flexibility to support a multitude of interests over time. They enable you to give to a wide range of organizations, issues and communities, now and in the future.**

You can create a Donor-Advised Fund today to support the charities you hold dear to your heart now and forever.

John MacLeod created the **JSF Fund** in 2009 and each year he's able to support more than half a dozen of his favourite charities including the Stephen Russell Memorial Foundation, Dalhousie University, University of King's College, Université Ste-Anne, Dartmouth General Hospital Charitable Foundation, Christ Church and the Public Good Society of Dartmouth, Symphony Nova Scotia, Armbrae Academy, the Dartmouth Heritage Museum and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. John also sponsored the **Lord Dalhousie: Patron and Collector** exhibit at the Dalhousie University Art Gallery through his Fund in recognition of the importance of primary research to curatorial excellence.



Dr. Ron Stewart and friends.

Dr. Ron Stewart created the **Gilead Trust** in 2009, saying:

*"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."*

## Did You Know?

Establishing a **Donor Advised Fund** is easier and more affordable than you might think and it's just like having your own private foundation without having any of the burdens of investment management, tax receipting or reporting. Also, because we are a charitable organization, rest assured that our fees will remain as low as possible.

For more information about Donor Advised Funds, call Allison (902) 490-5907 or 1-877-999-5907 (Toll Free) or visit [www.cfns.ca](http://www.cfns.ca)

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

## *Focus on Community Funds*

**Community Funds enable effective local giving for local causes. Donations of all sizes are pooled together into a single fund that will support charitable causes in your local area for generations.**

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia welcomed the **Lunenburg County Community Fund (LCCF)** in 2010. This fund is the first county-wide community fund and joins the Yarmouth Area, Wolfville, Bridgetown Area and Annapolis Royal Community Funds.

The Lunenburg County Community Fund also completed a **VitalSigns®** report in 2010. **VitalSigns®** is a tool offered by Community Foundations to help communities identify and contextualize their needs using data from Statistics Canada and other credible sources.



Rissers Beach

Lunenburg County's **VitalSigns®** was launched in early October with more than 150 people in attendance. Residents were encouraged by news that Lunenburg County is a safe, giving community with affordable housing and with medical wait times and poverty rates that are much lower than the provincial average.

More troubling trends shared with the group were:

- An exodus of those 34 years & under
- Growth of those 55 years & over
- High Unemployment rates
- Lower than average Literacy & High School completion rates
- High smoking, obesity & physical inactivity rates

A follow-up session was held in November with over 70 people in attendance. Cross-sectoral working groups comprised of community members from throughout the County have been created to address the major trends identified in the report. Their work will continue in the New Year. Want to know more? Join the LCCF's mailing list by sending an email to [info@cfns.ca](mailto:info@cfns.ca)

After publishing its **VitalSigns®** report in 2009, the **Wolfville Community Fund** continued its **VitalSigns®** work in 2010 by focusing its attention on the level of poverty in Wolfville and what residents there could do to make a difference.

*“Organizations like the Food Bank are already addressing immediate mitigation of the effects of poverty, so we decided to concentrate on long-term poverty reduction. We’ve focused on motivating financially disadvantaged children to complete high school and encouraging them to explore options for post-secondary education.”*

*Dick Groot, Chair, Wolfville Community Fund*

With help from generous citizens in the Wolfville area, the Wolfville Community Fund was able to make the following three grants:

- **Wolfville School** - \$1,000 to enable children living in poverty to participate in extracurricular programming
- **Wolfville School** - \$ 500 to enable children living in poverty to participate in the hot lunch program
- **Wolfville and Area Inter Church Council** - \$400 to defray the administrative costs of opening Education Bonds accounts for local children

**VitalSigns®** coupled with an established Community Fund gives local residents the resources they need to take control of their destiny and create positive long-term change in their community, beginning today.

## **Why give to, or create a Community Fund?**

### **Local Giving for Local Causes**

Donations of all sizes are pooled together into a single fund that will support important charitable causes in your local area today and forever. Help ensure that the organizations which make your community a great place to live will remain to benefit future generations.

### **Local Decision-Making about Local Priorities**

Community Funds are community-led meaning important grant decisions are made by those who are closest to the issues. A Community Fund Board of local citizens ensures the Fund supports the community's current priorities and stays relevant over time.

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The Community Foundation of NS welcomed the **Colin Chipman Memorial Fund** in 2010 as part of the **Bridgetown Area Community Fund (BACF)**.



*Colin Chipman*

Colin Chipman, son of Robert and Margie Chipman, is described as a kind, enthusiastic, optimistic, team player. At just 13, Colin had made a lasting impression on his classmates, school and community. He was a natural athlete and loved all sports but his greatest passion was hockey. The **Colin Chipman Memorial Fund** was established by his parents as a Donor Advised Fund so that Colin's legacy will forever live on in his community. Each year, the Fund will support charitable activities within the Bridgetown area that best reflect Colin's character.

The **Bridgetown Area Community Fund** was established in 2008 to support the broad concerns of the community including culture, education, heritage, recreation and tourism. Over the past summer, the BACF held a fundraising event to raise awareness and money to support future community projects though a Bridgetown Area Summer Homecoming (BASH) Challenge. All former students of Bridgetown Regional High School were invited to the event to learn about the Community Fund and classmates were challenged to contribute what they could to support the local area through the BACF. The BACF also has a **Schools Fund** within its structure which supports local schools in the area.

Leaders of the **Yarmouth Area Community Fund** have also been working hard to raise awareness and support for their two year-old fund. Their goal is to raise \$50,000 by the end of 2011 and the donations have already started!

*"We're on our way! We're planning ways to raise those pennies and hopefully we can raise enough awareness to quickly nickel and dime our way to \$50,000."*

*- Peter Eldridge,*

*Co-chair, Yarmouth Area Community Fund*



*L-R: Peter Eldridge, Co-chair, YACF, Allison Kouzovnikov, Executive Director, CFNS, Mary Eldridge, Co-chair, YACF. Photo by Eric Bourque.*

Co-chairs Peter and Mary Eldridge have worked hard to gain the confidence of community members and keen individuals are now coming forward to get involved and to share ideas for fundraising. The Yarmouth County Action Committee has come up with the idea to encourage every man, woman and child in Yarmouth Town and County to contribute 1¢ a day for 365 days. With full participation, the Community Fund will reach its 2011 goal.

### **Did you know?**

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

**For more information about Community Funds, call Allison (902) 490-5907 or 1-877-999-5907 (Toll Free)**

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### *Focus on Charitable Endowments*

**A Charitable Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation is a simple and efficient way to build a steady source of income for your favourite 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.

The Community Foundation welcomed three new Charitable Endowment funds in the past year: **the Healing the Bruises Fund, the Nova Scotia Nature Trust, and the Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve.** These funds joined the Heart of the Bay Fund, the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens Fund and the Eastern Shore Heritage Preservation Fund.

The **Healing the Bruises Fund** was established by Alice Housing to help it create a reliable funding source for its Healing the Bruises program for children and their mothers who have been affected by domestic abuse.

The unique program is designed to offer modified play and art therapy, toddler check-ins, one-on-one counseling for school-aged children, STRAIGHTtalk for tweens and teens, workshops for mothers, and on-going parental support. In addition, Counsellor Advocates in schools and other agencies are involved with families to make sure the right service is provided to the right child at the right time.



Other new funds established this year are the **Nova Scotia Nature Trust Fund** and the **Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve Fund.**

The Nature Trust works in partnership with landowners and local communities to permanently protect land to ensure our natural legacy is kept for future generations. Its conservation lands network includes unique natural areas from pristine coastal and lake shore habitats to old growth forests, rugged highlands, and rich and fertile river valleys.

Donations to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust Fund help to create a reliable source of funding for the Nature Trust's operations. Donations to the Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve help support ongoing preservation efforts with respect to 605 acres of old growth forests, undisturbed wetlands and unique flora and fauna in the Annapolis Valley.



**Did you know?** Many Executive Directors spend most of their time fundraising, instead of focusing on their charity's mission. Please consider leaving a legacy to support your favourite charitable causes at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia in your will. Imagine the true impact our charities could have if the burden of operational funding was removed! Your gift can help make that possibility a reality.

### **Your privacy is important to us.**

One donor learned about the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia through her financial advisor. She wanted a safe and reliable way to continue to support her local church and cemetery when she is no longer around, while protecting her privacy at the same time. Through her will, the Community Foundation helped her to create a lasting personal legacy that will forever support the causes she holds dear to her heart while protecting her identity forever.

# Community Foundation of Nova Scotia's Annual Letter to the Community

## Focus on Scholarship Funds

Scholarship Funds help students realize their academic dreams. Education is a must in today's society. Nova Scotia has 11 universities, 13 community college campuses and some of the highest tuition rates in the country. Find out how some Nova Scotians are helping to ease the burden.

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia welcomed three new Scholarship Funds in the past year: the **Ethel F. Grant Scholarship Fund**, the **Bob Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund**, and the **Ron Stratford Memorial Scholarship Fund/Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers**. These funds joined the Buddy Daye Scholarship Fund, the Burns Lodge Legacy Scholarship Fund and the Donald Lee Eagles Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Mrs. Ethel (Grant) Eagles

*In 2009, Mrs. Ethel F. (Grant) Eagles created a Scholarship Fund in memory of her beloved husband Donald to support business students at the Kingstec campus of the NSCC. This year, she created her own Scholarship Fund to support nursing students at Cape Breton University.*

In 2010, the Mrs. Ethel F. Grant Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Chantel Kelly of Sydney, NS and the Donald Lee Eagles Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Derrick Jamieson of Wolfville, NS.

### 2010 Buddy Daye Scholarship Recipient

Basketball player, volunteer, and all-around exemplary student, Chika Chiekwe was this year's recipient of the **Buddy Daye Scholarship**. Ms. Chiekwe attended Auburn Drive High School in Dartmouth where she maintained an 87% average in the French immersion program. She was nominated by the Auburn Drive Awards Committee because of her positive attitude and desire to learn. In addition to her school work and extra-curricular activities, Ms. Chiekwe worked an average of 15 hrs/wk. Ms. Chiekwe will use the award to help offset the costs of business studies at Acadia University.

The **Buddy Daye Scholarship Fund** was created to honour Buddy Daye, the first Canadian Jr. Lightweight Boxing Champion and respected community leader who fought passionately for community, political and minority rights on behalf of African Nova Scotians.

The **Bob Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund** was established by friends and family to honour the late Bob Taylor, co-owner of Taylor Agencies Ltd. and an active member of the Canadian Association of Foodservice Professionals (CAFP). Bob is remembered for his charming personality, perseverance and dedication to the Food Service Industry.



Mr. Bob Taylor

Established as a 10-year term Fund, the Bob Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide two scholarships annually to select student members of the CAFP and the Junior Chef's Association who embrace Bob's dedication, interest and longstanding commitment to the foodservice industry.

Members of the Halifax/Dartmouth branch of the CAFP will adjudicate scholarship applicants, while the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia will look after the charitable tax receipting and reporting and other grant administration.

### 2010 Burns Lodge Legacy Scholarship Recipient

Despite facing tremendous personal adversity, Dartmouth High School student Delaney Frances Vann has given selflessly back to her community as a fundraiser, volunteer, Sunday school teacher, violinist, skater, softball player, youth leader and friend to many.

Even after losing her father and a close friend, she still managed to maintain a position on the Principal's List. Ms. Vann will use the scholarship award to help offset the costs of nursing studies at Dalhousie University.

The **Burns Lodge Legacy Scholarship Fund** provides one scholarship annually to a resident of HRM who will pursue post-secondary education in Atlantic Canada. Applicants are adjudicated on the basis of their scholastic achievement, community involvement, athletic accomplishments and financial need.

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## Focus on Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Funds are endowment funds established at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia to support a specific purpose or cause such as the arts, the environment, poverty, etc.

In 2010, the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia welcomed its first Field of Interest Fund – the **Local Food Fund**.

The **Local Food Fund** is the only charitable funding source in the province with a mandate dedicated to healthy local food issues. It provides financial support to community organizations that are helping to strengthen the food system throughout Nova Scotia.

The **Local Food Fund** was established by a catalyst group within **Spirit Nova Scotia**, a grassroots movement focused on purposeful society building. Lil MacPherson, co-owner of the Wooden Monkey restaurant and mentor on climate change, made the inaugural donation to the Fund in memory of her brother Jimmy who shared her love for food. Lil's gift was matched by Sean Sears, co-Chair of Spirit Nova Scotia and his wife Barbara Thomson. Since then, many others have contributed to this Fund which provides an annual investment into a variety of activities that help to improve our ability to feed ourselves and our neighbours with food that is fresh and safe.

If you're passionate about the environment, healthy food and supporting a strong local food system here in Nova Scotia, please donate to the Local Food Fund today and help ensure that it can continue to support important initiatives throughout Nova Scotia each and every year. Call Allison at 490-5907 or 1-877-999-5907 (Toll Free) or visit [localfoodns.ca](http://localfoodns.ca) to find out how.

The **Local Food Fund** awarded over \$10,000 in grants to the following organizations in 2010:

The **Baddeck and Area Community Market** will help Middle River elementary students to learn how to showcase and sell produce grown in their existing school garden at the local community market.

**Voices Antigonish** will maintain a coordinator for their popular Local Food Box Program which enables residents to access locally-produced food at affordable prices, benefitting both consumers and producers.

The **Ecology Action Centre (EAC)** will build a demonstration root cellar as part of a workshop for people interested in learning how they stretch their grocery budget by buying vegetables in bulk and storing them for the winter.

The **North End Community Health Centre** built a greenhouse to extend the growing season of their successful community garden. It will also help to sustain their thriving salad-dressing business, **Hope Blooms**, the proceeds of which support a scholarship fund for local youth.

The **Cape North Farmer's Market Cooperative** will create a series of workshops to encourage local residents to return to their glory days of self-sufficiency when a wide-variety of farming and food production took place in the Cape Breton Highlands.

The **Shelburne Women's Fishnet** will create the Sable River Community Garden which will help foster community spirit and serve to teach new generations about how to build sustainable food sources, cook, preserve and share parts of the local heritage.



Local youth with their *Hope Blooms* Salad Dressing



Sample root cellar from the EAC tour



Voices Antigonish Food Box



Sable River Community Garden

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## 2010 Grants Impact 27 Charities

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia distributed **\$70,350** to the following charities through new and existing Funds and programs:

Acadia University  
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia  
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board  
Armbrae Academy  
Christ Church and the Public Good Society of Dartmouth  
Clarence Community Club  
Dalhousie University  
Dalhousie University Art Gallery  
Dartmouth General Hospital Charitable Foundation  
Dartmouth Heritage Museum  
Ecology Action Centre  
Gulf Aquarium and Marine Station Cooperative  
Independent Living Resource Centre  
Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre  
Municipality of the District of Shelburne  
Municipality of Victoria County  
North End Community Health Clinic  
North Highlands Community Organization  
Nova Scotia Community College  
Sackville Rivers Association  
St. Francis Xavier University  
Symphony Nova Scotia  
The Stephen Russell Memorial Foundation  
Town of Bridgetown  
University of King's College  
Université Ste-Anne

## 2010 Endowment Funds (total)

### Donor-Advised Funds

Colin Chipman Memorial Fund  
Gilead Trust Fund  
JSF Fund

### Donor-Designated Funds

George D. McLeod Fund

### Community Funds

Annapolis Royal Community Fund  
Bridgetown Area Community Fund  
Lunenburg County Community Fund  
Wolfville Community Fund  
Yarmouth Area Community Fund

### Charitable Endowment Funds

Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens Fund  
Eastern Shore Heritage Preservation Fund  
Heal the Bruises Fund  
Heart of the Bay Fund  
Nova Scotia Nature Trust Fund  
Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve Fund

### Scholarship Funds

Bob Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Buddy Daye Scholarship Fund  
Burns Lodge Legacy Scholarship Fund  
Donald Lee Eagles Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Ethel F. Grant Scholarship Fund  
Ron Stratford Memorial Trust Fund

### Field of Interest Funds

Bridgetown Schools Fund  
Local Food Fund

## A Note of Thanks

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We would also like to thank our corporate donors:



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