

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NOVA SCOTIA



Building Vibrant, Vital & Inviting Communities

Connecting Philanthropy with Community Needs and Opportunities

It has been another year of growth at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia. In **2011**, we helped to create **nine new funds** – bringing our total number of endowments to **31** - and granted out over **\$70,000** – bringing our total investment in local charities above the **\$220,000** mark. All of this has been achieved in just four short years thanks to your support.

So what's so special about a Community Foundation? At the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia we do philanthropy differently. We've tossed out the old idea of "who" creates a Foundation and created a space where people of all financial means can build their own Fund and begin to make their own impact in their own way. We've also created a space where donors, non-profits and other community stakeholders can learn more about what's happening in their own backyard through the publication of Nova Scotia's Vital Signs® 2011 and a companion website www.novascotiasvitalsigns.ca. All of these efforts are aimed at inspiring civic engagement – or in other words – encouraging you, your co-workers, family, friends and neighbours to get together to try to figure out how we can pool our resources to bring a new perspective to some age-old issues and ultimately build more resilient communities throughout Nova Scotia.

How will you make a positive impact in your community? Are you ready to play your part? Contact Allison today at 1-877-999-5907 or email ak@cfns.ca to find out how you can make a difference.

CFNS 2011 Highlights

NINE NEW FUNDS

- 2 new Charitable Endowments
- 1 new Scholarship Fund
- 1 new Donor Designated Fund
- 3 new Donor Advised Funds
- 2 new Special Purpose Funds

\$70,267 distributed as GRANTS

55 charities directly IMPACTED by our charitable programs

VitalSigns® completed for the province – a first in Canada!



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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.

We offer:

Donor Advised Funds

Charitable Endowment Funds

Scholarship Funds

Donor Designated Funds

Community Funds

Special Purpose 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.



Don and Elaine Peeling

Don and Elaine Peeling Fund

St. John's Anglican Church in Westphal has always played an important role in the lives of the Peelings so, in 2011, they established the Don and Elaine Peeling Fund to provide a source of ongoing financial support to the church. The Peelings wanted to help ensure that the church would be able to carry out its good work year after year for generations to come, helping others just as it had helped them. In August 2011, "The Little Church with the Big Heart," as it is known, received its first donation from the Peeling's Fund.

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.

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Preparing for the Future

NOVA SCOTIA'S

VitalSigns®

On October 4, 2011, we launched Nova Scotia's Vital Signs® - a snapshot of quality-of-life trends in the province. The 31-page report, the first in Canada to be done on a province-wide basis, generated a lot of buzz that continues to reverberate throughout the province.

Some of the report's highlights include:

- Nova Scotians score higher than average on attachment to our communities
- Our crime severity index is declining, and in some cases is lower than the national average

Download a copy of the report from www.novascotiasvitalsigns.ca

- Our kitchen composting rates are more than double the national rates
- Our scores show math literacy decreases as students advance in our public school system
- We tend to fare worse than the Canadian average on most common health measures
- Our consumer and business bankruptcy rates consistently exceed the national rates

Vital Signs® reports help us to develop a good understanding of where we are – an essential first step to get where we want to be. The next step is to mobilize existing community resources to effect positive social change. Both the Wolfville Community Fund (Vital Signs® '09) and Lunenburg County Community Fund (Vital Signs® '10) are leading the way with these efforts.

Preserving the Past

In 2011, the Community Foundation welcomed two new endowments with a heritage focus.



A group of dedicated parishioners established **The Historic Saint Paul's Preservation Fund** to ensure the perpetual maintenance of Halifax's oldest building created by Royal Charter in 1749 and constructed in 1750. Amongst other unique items, it houses a 1908 Cassavant pipe organ.

Over the years, the church has witnessed the history of Halifax. It has also supported the needs of many residents and visitors of all denominations. Since the first service in September 1750, worship and community outreach have been continuously conducted by active congregations.

Today, Saint Paul's parish community is strong and diverse and supports the ongoing operation and basic maintenance of the church. However, the growing challenges of preserving this National Historic Site while incorporating modern standards and technologies creates an ongoing need for financial support.



The **Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society Fund** was established to support the ongoing work of this organization that has been collecting, preserving, and protecting Cole Harbour's cultural and natural heritage for 40 years. A community response to the rapid change from rural to urban landscape, the Society continues to champion this once prosperous agricultural community and bring its story to life to the delight of thousands each year at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum - "the Farm". An authentic glimpse of living history, the Farm offers an instant connection to our rural past and speaks unassumingly of the enduring human relationship with the land and the sea. Under cultivation for 200 years, the Farm connects us to our food and keeps small scale farming just a stone's throw away from the urban communities who depend on it.

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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.



Robert Wade Nason
(Feb. 5, 1949 – Sept. 19, 2011)

In September 2011, our dear friend Bob Nason passed away. Bob was the inaugural chair of the **Bridgetown Area Community Fund (BACF)** and was very active in its work. Donations in honour of Bob's life were directed to the BACF. Earlier in the year, the BACF supported the **Jubilee Park Natural Playground** in Bridgetown.

After publishing Lunenburg County's Vital Signs® in 2010, **the Lunenburg County Community Fund** spent much of 2011 facilitating and supporting the work of four grassroots working groups that were formed in response to the key findings of its report (literacy, health and wellness, the economy and those under 34 years of age). In December 2011, thanks to the support of our sister community foundation – the Rural Communities Foundation- Cindy Lamson was hired to facilitate and support the literacy working group while Cate de Vreede will facilitate and support the remaining three groups. We look forward to working with them in 2012!

Partnership with Emera & Aliant

A recent partnership between Emera and our Community Funds helped over a dozen organizations benefit from the donation of "new-to-you" computer towers and screens. Keyboards, mice and power cords were provided by Aliant Pioneers. Lucky recipients included the Split Rock group in Yarmouth which assists homeless youth, the YMCA of Yarmouth, the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department, Bonnie Lea Farm, Mahone Bay Food Bank, Wolfville Childrens' Centre, L'Arche Homefires, the Settlers Museum and Bridgetown Regional Elementary School.



Student Andrew Long, BACF Chair David Mack and student Keaton Long try out new computers at Bridgetown Elementary School.
Photo courtesy of the Annapolis Spectator.

The Yarmouth Area Community Fund (YACF) supported four local organizations working with those in poverty through its 2011 Small-Grants program. Recipients included the **Yarmouth Food Bank Society** which provides food to approximately 400 families or 1,000 individuals in the Yarmouth area, the **Canadian Mental Health Association – Yarmouth, Digby, Shelburne Branch** which assists youth with club registrations, swimming and musical instruments on an ongoing basis, **Split Rock Learning Centre Association/Youth Service Centre** which assists homeless youth find suitable housing and **Ste. Anne's Parish** which provides Christmas dinners, clothing, presents, etc. to those in need.

The Wolfville Community Fund (WCF) welcomes Vincent den Hartog as their new Chair. Vincent, a local Architect, takes over for former Chair Richard Groot who was instrumental in establishing the Fund and bringing the first Vital Signs® report to Nova Scotia. Both the Community Foundation of NS and the WCF extend their sincere thanks to Dick for all of his hard work and commitment. Dick's efforts and those of all involved in the WCF were honoured as front-page news in the Chronicle Herald in October 2011. The WCF continued its work in the poverty field in 2011 with grants to the **Wolfville Area Food Bank** to assist with their Canada Learning Bond Program and to the **Wolfville School's** After School Art Program.

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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 **Shelburne County Arts Council Endowment Fund for the Arts** was created in 2011 to support the Shelburne County Arts Council in its everyday operations and in the implementation of its programs, all of which support artists and the arts in Shelburne County. These programs exist to:

- Commission local artists to create original works of art;
- Archive the artistic history of the County;
- Generate artistic activity through competitions and exhibitions;
- Provide seed money to individuals and organizations engaged in important artistic activity;
- Provide scholarship funds to County graduates pursuing the arts at a post-secondary level;
- Record and publish local musicians and artists;



Tunnel by Ernie Dexter, used with permission of the artist.

- Promote the work of local artists;
- Bring artists to local schools; and
- Fill gaps in artistic activity wherever they may appear

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 is pleased to welcome the Peter Oliver Scholarship for the Arts in support of the educational pursuits of local artists.



Peter Oliver

When Peter Oliver and his wife Joan retired to Shelburne in the mid 1980's to be close to their daughter Odette, they founded Basement Theatre, a loose group of adults and youth keen on community theatre. Together, they mounted many plays, most of them Peter's adaptations of famous stories like Alice in Wonderland, Three Penny Opera and the Greek tragedies.

Peter Oliver, best remembered as a professional and innovative actor and director, was considered, along with his wife Joan and others, as a founder of British alternative and fringe theatre. He turned a youth club into London's Oval House Theatre, one of London's most exciting experimental arts centres. Peter led a generation of actors, writers, directors and musicians who went on to become household names like Salman Rushdie, Athol Fugard, David Hare and Pierce Brosnan.

The people of Shelburne considered themselves extremely fortunate to have counted Peter Oliver as one of their own, and his legacy lives on in an active theatre community, the many friends he left behind and in this scholarship for supporting the young people he cared so much about.

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Focus on Scholarship Funds

Investing in the Next Generation.



Ethel F. (Grant) Eagles, Dana Rennie and Ms. Rennie's daughter

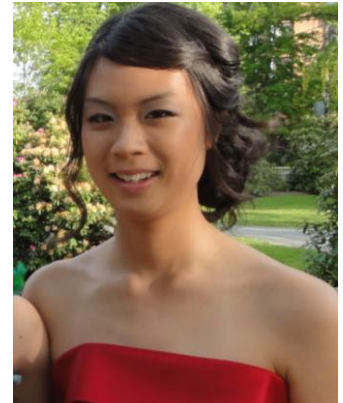
Dana Rennie was the 2011 recipient of the **Donald Lee Eagles Memorial Scholarship** for Business Students at the Kingstec campus of the NS Community College. The award was presented by Mrs. Ethel Eagles at the awards reception in June.

In 2011, Mrs. Ethel Eagles supported a second student, **Ms. Chantel Kelly**, through her own scholarship fund - **The Ethel F. (Grant) Eagles Scholarship** for nursing students at Cape Breton University. Like Mrs. Eagles, Chantel shares a passion for nursing and thanks to Mrs. Eagles' financial support, she will soon realize her dream.



Chantel Kelly

2011 Burns Lodge Legacy Scholarship Recipient Emily Chua is an outstanding scholar who knows the importance of giving back to her community. She inherited a strong work ethic from her parents who immigrated to Canada from Malaysia. Emily is a shining example of their commitment. Not only is she an exemplary student but she holds a first-degree brown belt in karate, stays active in sports, school clubs and volunteers in her community. After graduating from Sacred Heart School in June 2011, Emily was accepted into a four-year Bachelor of Science program at Dalhousie University.



Emily Chua

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.

2011 Buddy Daye Scholarship Recipient

Selected from almost two dozen applicants, athlete and community-minded volunteer **Nico Jordan Jones** was this year's recipient of the **Buddy Daye Scholarship**. Mr. Jones attended Charles P. Allen High School where he was a valued football player and the student representative on the Black Student Advisory committee dealing with issues that affect African Nova Scotian youth in the school system. A native of Upper Hammonds Plains, Nico's achievements have made him a role model for youth in the community. Nico is currently studying Social Science at McMaster University and plans to go on to Law School.

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.

2011 Bob Taylor Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Established in 2010, the **Bob Taylor Memorial Scholarship** recognizes exemplary qualities that were quintessentially those of Mr. Bob Taylor himself. The award was created by members of the Canadian Association of Foodservice Professionals and receives annual financial support from many local businesses in the food service industry. In March 2011, two well-deserving young women were each awarded \$2,250 to support their food-service-related education. Award recipient **Alexandra Yule** is enrolled in the Human Nutrition program at St. Francis Xavier University and award recipient **Kristin Knight** is studying Food Production Management in the Department of Applied Human Nutrition at Mount Saint Vincent University.

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2011 Grants Impact 55 Charities

The Community Foundation of NS distributed **\$70,267** to the following charities through new and existing programs:

Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens Society
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board
Armbrae Academy
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
Bonny Lea Farm
Boys and Girls Club of Yarmouth – Split Rock Learning Centre
Canadian Cancer Society – Nova Scotia Branch
Cdn Mental Health Association - Yarmouth, Digby, Shelburne
Cape Breton University
Clean Nova Scotia
Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society
Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation
Dalhousie University
Dalhousie University Art Gallery
Dartmouth General Hospital Charitable Foundation
Doctors Without Borders
Ecology Action Centre
Nova Scotia Community College - Kingstec Campus
Landmark East Association
Micmac Benevolent Society
Mocean Dance
Municipality of the District of Shelburne (Womens' Fishnet)
New Dawn Community Dev. Educational Foundation
North End Community Health Clinic
North Highlands Community Organization
North Range United Baptist Church
Nova Scotia Lung Association
Nova Scotia Nature Trust
Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra
Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada Foundation
Parkinson Society Canada
QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation
Saint Leonard's Society
Seeds of Diversity Canada (SODC)
St. Francis Xavier University (Voices Antigonish)
St. George's, St. James', St. John's, St. Margaret's and
St. Paul's Anglican Churches
Ste. Anne's Parish/ Paroisse Saint Anne
Symphony Nova Scotia
The Anglican Foundation of Canada
The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada - NS Branch
The Kidney Foundation of Nova Scotia
The Old Burying Ground Foundation
The Stephen Russell Memorial Foundation
Town of Bridgetown
University of King's College
Université Ste-Anne
Victoria County Municipality
Wolfville and Area Inter Faith Church Council (WAICC)
Wycliffe College Bursary Fund
Yarmouth Area Food Bank

2011 Endowment Funds (total)

Donor-Advised Funds

Carolyn's Fund Colin Chipman Memorial Fund
D & H Fund Gilead Trust Fund
JSF Fund

Donor-Designated Funds

Don and Elaine Peelings Fund George D. McLeod Fund
Orpheus Legacy Fund

Community Funds

Annapolis Royal Bridgetown Area
Lunenburg County Wolfville
Yarmouth Area

Charitable Endowment Funds

Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens Fund
Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society
Eastern Shore Heritage Preservation Fund
Healing the Bruises Fund
Heart of the Bay Fund
Nova Scotia Nature Trust Fund
Shelburne County Arts Council Fund for the Arts
Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve Fund

Scholarship Funds

Bob Taylor Memorial
Buddy Daye
Burns Lodge Legacy
Donald Lee Eagles Memorial
Ethel F. (Grant) Eagles
Peter Oliver
Ron Stratford Memorial Trust Fund

Special Purpose Funds

Bridgetown Schools Fund
Historic Saint Paul's Preservation Fund
Local Food Fund

A Note of Thanks

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We would also like to thank our corporate donors:

