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Local Food Fund Awards Over \$10,000 to Support Traditional and Modern Food Initiatives

(Nova Scotia, Dec. 21, 2010) –The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is pleased to announce the recipients of grants from the Spirit Nova Scotia’s *Local Food Fund*. The 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 helping strengthen the food system in Nova Scotia.

“We had some wonderful applicants to the program and we are confident that the recipients chosen will help generate awareness and education to help with our mandate of creating a secure, healthy, local food supply for all Nova Scotians,” explains Dr. Ralph Martin, Chair of Local Food Nova Scotia and Chair of the Nova Scotia Food Policy Council.

Fifteen exceptional applications were received and six projects were awarded funding. The 2010 winners are:

Name	Area Served	Project	Amount Granted
Cape North Farmer’s Market Co-Op Ltd.	North Highlands area of Cape Breton	5 Workshops to Encourage Local Food Production	\$1,500
Baddeck and Area Community Market	Baddeck and Area	Marketing a School Garden	\$1,500
Voices Antigonish	Antigonish Town and County	Program Coordinator for projects including the popular “Local Food Box” program	\$1,260
North End Community Health Centre	North-end Halifax	Greenhouse for community garden	\$2,000
Shelburne County Women’s Fishnet	(Eastern) Shelburne County	Establish a Community Garden	\$2,000
Ecology Action Centre	Province (based out of Halifax)	Demonstration root cellar at the EAC	\$2,000
Total	6 Projects		\$10,260

The 2010 granting program was made possible through generous donations from Ogden Pond Capital and Dr. Martin. Ogden Pond is a Nova Scotia based Merchant Bank, which supplies funding to emerging growth companies and has developed a dedicated local food industry practice.

The Local Food Fund (localfoodns.ca) is an endowment fund held at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia. It was created by the Local Food Group within Spirit Nova Scotia (spiritnovascotia.ca) a grassroots movement focused on purposeful society building with the intention of assuring the society we enjoy in 30 years holds the same spirit as the one we cherish today. It celebrates the Spirit of Nova Scotia as a beacon in our lives and a catalysts for our communities.

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

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Background Information

- Inaugural donation to the Local Food Fund was made by Lil MacPherson, owner of the Wooden Monkey restaurant in Memory of her brother – Jimmy MacPherson
- Lil honoured her brother’s life and love of music by founding the annual event, “Jimmy’s Jam”.
- Lil donated the proceeds from Jimmy’s Jam back to the community he loved through the Local Food Fund to honor their collective love of food.
- Spirit Nova Scotia Co-Chair Sean Sears and his wife Barbara Thomson were so inspired by Lil MacPherson’s story that they matched her donation.