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**"It's All Good!"**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2016**



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### Board of Directors and Staff Legacy Fund

We believe that it is important for us to contribute to the community through endowed funds. In 2013 we created the Board of Directors and Staff Legacy Fund as a symbol of our commitment to the Community Foundation's work. This is a direct way for both current and past Directors of the Board and staff to contribute to a fund in their name.

Together, we are the bridge between caring donors and causes that matter.

## A Message from our Chair & Executive Director

You are never too young or too old to leave a legacy. As the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada quickly approaches, we think about our history and look to our future. What are our dreams for our country, our community, our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren? What will be our legacy?

This past year, people in our community created their own legacies. They made donations to set up eight new named funds that will forever bear their names and will forever provide grants that will touch the lives of future generations.

For the past 60 years, our donors have been creating legacies that improve our community. Thanks to them, this year, we were able to provide almost \$680,000 in grants to over 100 organizations in our community.

It was a year of successes! We celebrated our third annual Random Act of Kindness Day, with the participation of thousands of people in our community. Jim Ross and John Wood, our Philanthropy in Action Award recipients, inspired our community with their stories of selflessness and commitment to improving the lives of others. The John Wood Foundation received our \$10,000 Philanthropy in Action Grant. For the first time, we provided three impact grants of \$15,000 each to support literacy, victims of sexual assault and the most impoverished and vulnerable in our community.

It was also a year of sorrow. Fredericton lost a young boy, Jackson Wright, in a tragic accident. The community rallied around his family and came to us for assistance. Together, funds were raised for Jackson Square, a new playground at Connaught Street School. We also lost several donors and supporters of the Foundation, including Sheila McLeod who was the first person to make monthly donations to the Foundation, and Rosemary McCain-McMillin, who set up six different funds over the years. They live on in our community through their legacies.

Mostly, it was a year of doing good. We provided grants once again to over 100 organizations in the Greater Fredericton area through our Community, Field of Interest, Donor Advised and Designated Funds. We supported children's camps, music programs, theatre, health programs, education and scholarships. Our grants helped to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, provide skills training to the blind, provide a bereavement retreat for families who have lost a child or parent, and provide non-violent crisis intervention training to staff working with clients with behavioral issues. We funded infant CPR kits, playground equipment, and literacy programs. Simply put, we funded programs and projects that changed people's lives for the better.

This coming year will be one of celebration throughout Canada. We will honour our past and make plans for the future. There is no better time to establish your legacy than now, and we're here to help you do just that. One thing is for certain, the Fredericton Community Foundation will always be here to be the bridge between caring donors and the causes that matter to them. Let us be your bridge.



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# Who We Are

## Our Mission

We enhance and strengthen the quality of life of all citizens in the greater Fredericton region through ambitious and meaningful grant making. We proactively engage in community leadership and the development and stewardship of endowed funds.

## Our Vision

To be the vital link between caring donors and the needs and interests of our community.

“It’s All Good!” is a phrase we use a lot at the Fredericton Community Foundation, because good is what we do: we fund good, we start good, we grow good! So whether we’re funding local youth summer camps, giving funds to start crisis social services like the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre support group, or helping local service charities reach out to those in need of food and shelter, the Fredericton Community Foundation works hard to ensure more good is done in our community.

Every year we use our funds to focus on important areas of our community. We provide grants to over one hundred organizations in the greater Fredericton area! We fund youth attending local camps because we recognize that investing in our youth is the best way to ensure a strong future community. We provide funding to educational resources like Ducks Unlimited and the Learning Disabilities Association of NB. We help support health and social programs including the Canadian Deafblind Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Kidney Foundation. We invest in arts and culture with grants for multiple music festivals. And this is just a fraction of what we do every year for our community! So when you ask anyone at the Fredericton Community Foundation what we do, you’ll always get the same answer:

**“It’s All Good!”**





## Fund Types

The Fredericton Community Foundation offers you the opportunity to support your community in a way that best suits your needs and wishes. The Foundation specializes in building endowment funds and using the funds' earnings to support the ever-changing needs of Fredericton and the surrounding area. We have a variety of funds available for donors to consider, allowing them to tailor their fund to their individual needs. For investment purposes, all Foundation funds are co-mingled as a single fund. Anyone may contribute to an established fund, therefore all of us have the opportunity to support causes that matter.

**Designated Fund**—You designate which charitable organization(s) you wish to benefit from your fund.

**Donor Advised Fund**—You advise the Foundation each year as to which organization(s) you would like to see receive grants from your fund.

**Field of Interest Fund**— You are able to define your charitable field of interest. The Board of Directors selects community-based charities from within your specified field of interest and directs grants to this specified field. Examples include: arts, education, heritage, youth, and poverty reduction.

**Emerging Fund**—Allows donors to establish a fund in any fund category without immediately meeting the minimal donation level. The emerging fund will be part of our Community Fund until the pledge is fulfilled and the named fund is created.

**Community Fund**— You do not provide any restrictions to the Foundation, allowing us the most flexibility to respond to the changing needs of our community. All unassigned donations go into this type of fund.

\*If you are interested in establishing your own fund, complete with naming privileges, please call us at (506) 454-2262.

## Top 10 Reasons to Become a Donor

1. We are a local public charity with deep roots in the community.
2. Our staff and volunteers have broad expertise regarding community interests and needs.
3. We provide highly personalized services tailored to individual charitable and financial interests.
4. Our funds allow you to invest in the causes you care about most.
5. We accept a wide variety of assets and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
6. We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
7. We offer maximum tax advantages for most gifts under federal law.
8. We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
9. We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.
10. We are a community leader, fostering collaboration on issues of broad interest to create positive changes.



### JACKSON WRIGHT YOUTH FUND CREATED

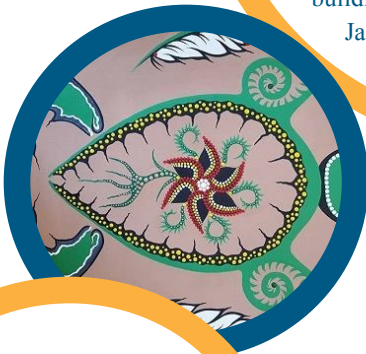
The Jackson Wright Youth Fund was created to help local children with lesser financial means attend a variety of summer camps. This fund is in its early stages and is in need of additional charitable support. Family and friends of the Wrights are committed to building this endowed fund to further Jackson's legacy in perpetuity.



### ROSEMARY'S PLACE FUND CREATED



### LISTUGUJ COMMUNITY FUND CREATED



### SCIENCE EAST SCIENCE CENTRE FUND CREATED



### K&F MACHIN FUND FOR ANIMALS CREATED



### RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY

# Highlights from the



### MIKE FITZ TOURNAMENT

The Mike Fitz Memorial Games took place on Saturday January 30th. Each year Leo Hayes High School and Fredericton High School tip off in support of the Fredericton Community Foundation's Mike Fitzgerald Fund, which provides scholarships and bursaries to local student athletes.

### SOLD OUT PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION AWARDS DINNER



### MACPHERSON FAMILY FUND CREATED



### JACKSON WRIGHT PLAYGROUND UNVEILING



### FONDS COMMUNAUTAIRE SAINTE ANNE CREATED



### CT SIMMONS YOUTH ATHLETIC FUND CREATED

# 2015-2016 year!

# Philanthropy in Action Awards Dinner

## Philanthropy in Action Awards Dinner 2016

### Presented by Stewart McKelvey

On the evening of May 26, 2016 the Fredericton Community Foundation was pleased to recognize the Hon. James W. (Jim) Ross and John Wood—two outstanding individuals who exemplify Philanthropy in Action. This award honours those who have given their talents and financial resources for the well-being of our community. Both Jim Ross, the founder of Ross Ventures Ltd. and Partners For Youth, and John Wood, the founder of the John Wood Foundation, have given so much of themselves to enrich the lives of so many in our community.

Jim Ross has always been a community builder, but in the charitable sector he is best known for building Partners for Youth Inc., a non-profit organization that has developed a support program for at-risk youth. John Wood created the John Wood Foundation, an organization that provides financial assistance to those with disabilities. John, who himself has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, has become a leader in our community.

The Board of Directors, committee members, and staff were thrilled with the dinner's attendance. The event, held at the Fredericton Inn, was sold out in recognition of Mr. Ross and Mr. Wood.

The Fredericton Community Foundation would like to express its gratitude to its generous sponsors, donors, and friends. We hereby extend our most heartfelt thanks for making this special evening a memorable one.

We invite you to recognize those doing good in our community by submitting your nomination for the 2017 Philanthropy in Action award by October 31, 2016. The nomination form and further information can be found on our website at [www.fredfdn.ca](http://www.fredfdn.ca) or by email at [info@fredfdn.ca](mailto:info@fredfdn.ca)



Remember "It's All Good" at the Fredericton Community Foundation.

Nominate a deserving candidate today!





# Philanthropy in Action Grant Recipients

## 2016: The John Wood Foundation

The John Wood Foundation is a small and mighty foundation that provides funding for people with significant disabilities who are in need of financial support. The foundation's vision is to help such people by giving them the tools they need to succeed in life.

Over the years, The John Wood Foundation has provided over \$120,000 in grants. By partnering with both government and independent organizations and programs, John's grants have purchased equipment and services, valued at over \$700,000, for persons with disabilities.

In a touching moment during the Philanthropy in Action Dinner the Hon. James W. (Jim) Ross graciously donated his share of the \$10,000 Philanthropy in Action Grant to his fellow award recipient's charity: The John Wood Foundation. Jim saw the need for additional aid for people with significant disabilities in our community.

With this grant, the John Wood Foundation was able to fulfill recent requests for aid by individuals in Fredericton. This support included assistance towards bathroom accessibility renovations for an adult, adapted therapeutic equipment for a child, adapted computer technology for a quadriplegic adult, a wheelchair ramp for a home, and a contribution towards personal care attendant costs so another quadriplegic could continue working fulltime.

As an individual with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy himself, John knows firsthand the many challenges faced by those with disabilities. He hopes that his foundation will provide comfort and support to those in need.

With no paid staff or rented office space the John Wood Foundation's administrative costs are minimal. Therefore practically all funds donated are used to help persons living with serious disabilities.

## 2015 The Playhouse

At last year's Philanthropy in Action Awards Dinner, recipients Gordon and Carol Burt saw the need for artistic outreach within Fredericton. For that reason, they supported the Fredericton Playhouse with the 2015 Philanthropy in Action Grant.

The Playhouse allocated the money to support their Arts are for Everyone and School Field Trips programming for the 2015-2016 performance season.

Reaching more than 2,000 local students, The Arts are for Everyone program helps to open doors by offering discounted and complimentary tickets to the Playhouse's Spotlight performances. The School Field Trips program offers a series of school matinee field trips each season. These trips are designed to expose students to the magic of live professional performing arts. Their programming offers performances for students from pre-school to Grade 12 in music, theatre, and dance.





# Impact

## Impact Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide funds for a project that will have a positive impact on the community and would not occur without the Foundation's grant. The IMPACT GRANT will be a significant component of the project's overall budget, but preference will be given to projects able to leverage funds from other sources as a result of the Foundation's grant. The 2016 Impact Grants were three grants at \$15,000 each.

The Fredericton Community Foundation's areas of interest are: arts & culture, heritage, youth, environment, health & wellness, education, athletics, and community or social development.

If your organization is a registered Charity with CRA, and you have a proposal for an initiative geared toward a positive impact in one of these areas, you are invited to submit an application to the Fredericton Community Foundation. The Grants Committee of the FCF will review all applications of interest and notify your organization if you are selected to make a presentation to the committee.

Application deadlines and further information can be found on our website at [www.fredfdn.ca](http://www.fredfdn.ca).



## Capital Region Mental Health & Addictions Association

The Capital Region Mental Health and Addictions Association (CRMHAA) has partnered with the John Howard Society to provide Co-ordinated Intake and Assessment of homeless individuals. Impact Grant funding provided the necessary equipment for a shared information strategy to alleviate some of the trauma experienced by clients reliving a painful past at each new service. Dawn Maskill, Executive Director of CRMHAA, notes "having all outreach workers using the same tools across agencies would have tremendous impact in the community for homeless individuals as they would not need to retell their story with each service provider provided they have consented to the sharing of information across the community team."

Funding was also provided for one outreach worker to assist with the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) to make decisions on which individuals need services in what order, and to meet individuals where they are located.

According to the first strategy outlined in the community's Plan to End Homelessness, systems planning and coordination is exactly what the CRMHAA is dedicated to delivering. To sum up the aim of this mission even further by again quoting Dawn Maskill,

"Collaboration is the plan, it's that simple."



# Grants



## Reaching Out to Read

Reaching Out to Read, in partnership with Horizon Health, is an essential program to aid in the development of literacy skills in both infants and first time mothers. This voluntary program is designed to fit under the pre-existing Healthy Families Healthy Babies Act, where select families are paired with a public health nurse to receive health and care services at home.

The Reaching Out to Read program is a great addition to the Healthy Families Healthy Babies initiative and is a great example of how Vital Signs, a key report on the economic and social wellbeing of our community, is being utilized. The Public Health Agency of Canada recognizes education and literacy as strong determinants of health. Therefore, the Fredericton Community Foundation was pleased to award an Impact Grant to the Reaching Out to Read Program. This program will continue to better prepare infants for school and a lifetime of literacy success by providing free age-appropriate books to families in the program every three months up until the infant reaches the age of two.

Reaching Out to Read is about much more than simply reading a story. It is about developing vital literacy skills and creating a strong relationship between mother and child, a bond that will last a lifetime.

Happy reading from Reaching Out to Read and your friends at the Fredericton Community Foundation!

## Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre

The Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre (FSACC) works tirelessly to provide information, support, and counselling to those affected by sexual violence in all forms. The wonderful individuals who run this centre work hard to eliminate sexual violence and provide vital information and support for impacted persons.

They were chosen as this year's Impact Grant recipient to continue their work providing care and comfort for women in crisis. The grant provides funding to support the FSACC's Power of Community project. This 10-month project seeks to help more women through support groups and individual counseling. This balance between group therapy and one-on-one mentorship is beneficial in the creation of new healthy relationships and lasting trauma relief to various degrees. Funding will help ensure an expansion of therapeutic services to better support victims of violence.

The six women currently enrolled in this program are not only finding aid and comfort from the staff running the support group, but also in the encouragement from the other program participants.



# Random Act of Kindness Day

## What is Random Act of Kindness Day?

Random Act of Kindness Day (RAK Day) was started in 2008 by The Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation to bring communities together by engaging citizens in small acts of kindness and generosity.

RAK Day is our opportunity to do something kind for someone else, to appreciate fellow citizens, and to build community. It's not about fundraising or giving money—it's just a day to celebrate kindness! Simple acts of kindness are endless: buy someone a coffee, rake their leaves, open and hold a door for someone or hug someone and tell them you love them! You can perform a random act of kindness for a friend or for a complete stranger

## How to Get Involved

There will be 20,000 RAK Day cards available in our community. The cards encourage the holder (you) to perform a simple act of kindness for someone, then hand over the card to that person and encourage them to do the same! The cards show the following message, "You have been touched by Random Act of Kindness Day. Please return the favour and perform a Random Act of Kindness for a fellow citizen! Pass this card on and pay it forward."

RAK Day cards will be available at most shops in Downtown Fredericton, at the Fredericton Community Foundation office, and online at [www.fredfdn.ca](http://www.fredfdn.ca).

RAK 2016 will be celebrated on **Friday, November 4, 2016** across Fredericton. Grab a card, be kind, and become inspired to perform random acts of kindness the remaining 364 days of the year.

**#FredRAK16**

## A Look Back at RAK 2015

The 2015 Random Act of Kindness Day (#FredRAK15) was a huge success thanks to our community! The day started with a celebration of kindness on STU and UNB campuses, where both Student Unions participated in spreading the good. At noon Jim Gilbert's Wheels and Deals hosted a free RAK Day BBQ, and at 7:00 pm there was a RAK game where UNB's Varsity Reds took on U De M's Aigles Bleus.





## Ginger Gives 5% of Profits

Fredericton marketing agency, Ginger, has committed to donate 5% of their proceeds to the Fredericton Community Foundation each year for 5 years. The funds will be used towards the creation of a “Ginger Fund” within the Foundation’s Community Fund.

“What I absolutely love about this is the example Ginger is setting. This is more than a donation, it is a commitment to our community and it is really entrenching the philosophy of giving back into the core of their business.” Tim Fox, Executive Director of the Fredericton Community Foundation.

Supporting the community has been a core principle at Ginger since day one and the partnership with the Fredericton Community Foundation is their way holding themselves accountable. Commitment to the community and the success of their ‘Work Hard and Be Nice’ philosophy acts as encouragement for other small businesses to join in and make a similar commitment.

“Fredericton is an amazing city to live and do business. When I look around, I see a city full of good people doing good things. A happy, healthy community requires a balance of community spirit, leadership and business. This has been part of our dream for a long time now and we are so very happy to be making it a reality. I personally encourage other business owners to make a similar commitment. It builds strong communities, strong businesses and strong teams. It’s simple, Work Hard and Be Nice.” Andrew Bedford, CEO, Ginger Design Inc.

To mark their fifth anniversary and their new partnership with the Fredericton Community Foundation, Ginger teamed up with Picaroons Traditional Ales to craft a ‘Ginger Ale’ to celebrate community. For each growler of the appropriately named Ginger Ale #communitybrew sold, Picaroons & Ginger each donated \$1 to the Fredericton Community Foundation. Picaroons is well known for pioneering their community minded business model and have served as inspiration to the development of Ginger’s business model.



## NBCCD Students Donate Mugs

In May of 2015, the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design’s pottery students created 160 mugs and donated them to the Fredericton Community Foundation. The students asked that the FCF sell these mugs and use the proceeds to support women’s issues in our community.

In June of 2016, the Fredericton Community Foundation presented a cheque for \$3,460 to the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre from the proceeds of the mug sales. Our thanks to NBCCD.



# Acts of Kindness All Year Long



## Jackson Wright

Somehow, even in the midst of overwhelming grief, we knew we had to do something to ensure our son's legacy in the City of Fredericton.

Last year our eight-year-old son, Jackson Leith Wright, was struck and killed by an out of control vehicle while playing on our lawn. The vehicle hopped the curb and ended up in our backyard, and in an instant our lives were forever changed. Twenty-four hours later we found ourselves arranging a funeral and we were asked how we would like memorial gifts directed. In a miracle moment of clarity my wife says we need to fix up the playground at Jackson's school – Connaught Street School. A few days later I called the Fredericton Community Foundation to ask for their help in accepting, processing and managing the memorial donations. With sixty years of experience managing charitable support and an unprecedented commitment to the quality of life for Frederictonians, Tim Fox and the FCF Board graciously agreed to help accept what I referred to as a few dozen gifts that might total \$50,000.

I knew going to the FCF was the right thing to do, but 500 donations and \$200,000 later I can't begin to explain how glad I am we went to the Foundation for help.

The Jackson Wright Playground Improvement Fund – supported by hundreds of people, foundations and companies – provided a substantial facelift for Jackson's school playground. The resurfaced asphalt space is a huge hit with the "wall-ball" and four-square crew, the new Cosmos climbing structure and rubberized surface is the most popular feature of the playground, and the new shade structure, named Jackson Square has become a hub for all kids, parents, teachers and community members visiting the playground; just as we had hoped.

At the outset there were two goals of the project: to ensure Jackson's legacy in the city and amongst his young friends, and to invest in a space that was so dear to him. Jackson was a great bringer-of-people-together, just as playgrounds are, but in a physical way.

But this is not the end of the story. We continued to receive such generous support in memory of our son that we made a decision, with the guidance and advice of the FCF, to begin building a donor-advised fund: the Jackson Wright Youth Fund. With the playground improvement project sufficiently funded, we have turned our attention to this fund holding Jackson's name; a fund that will help local children with lesser financial means attend a variety of summer camps; an initiative right in FCF's wheelhouse, and lines up perfectly with the Foundation's mission and purpose. This fund is in its early stages and is still in need of additional charitable support, but our families and friends are committed to building this endowed fund to further Jackson's legacy in perpetuity.

We are grateful to the many people who have supported these projects over the last year, and proud and comforted to know that the FCF has been at the helm of both funds since the beginning.

Jeff Wright (Jackson's father)

# Donor Stories



## The MacPherson's

The Fredericton Community Foundation is pleased to announce a new Donor-Advised Fund set up by Lee and Dianna MacPherson. This fund has been established with an initial donation of \$100,000 as the MacPherson Family Fund.

The MacPherson's implemented this fund as "the gift that keeps on giving." They are excited not only by the vast opportunities to give to different organizations, but also by the community model displayed by the FCF. The MacPherson's feel the values they grew up with will be reflected in their gift to the community.

As a Donor-Advised Fund, the MacPherson's will have ongoing participation in selecting charities who benefit from their gift. Involved donors may wish to choose this type of fund instead of creating a family trust or private foundation. The donor, or the donor's designated representatives, may advise the Board of the Foundation on the application of the earnings of their gift. The Board shall consider and respect such advice.

The Fredericton Community Foundation wishes to bridge the gap between caring donors and causes that matter, and that is exactly what is happening with the MacPherson Family Fund! As caring donors, Lee and Dianna wish to give back to the community the same opportunities they had while growing up in and around Fredericton.

Lee and Dianna have varied interests for the fund, but have a particular love for literacy and sports. Lee grew up playing baseball and hockey in his hometown of Marysville and later coached in Harvey, even before having children. Dianna is a retired teacher who passionately recognizes the value of both child and adult literacy. She sees the fund as her way of giving back to the profession she loves. Like everything that led them to where they are today, the MacPhersons consider their fund as another family opportunity.

"We are lucky enough to be able to do that [create a fund], anybody who has worked hard and made some money for themselves, we would like to see them give back. You only need so much...so we will always have money to help others. If you can, why not."

This message is one Lee and Dianna instilled in their own children; with three children now working professional careers and beginning families of their own, Lee and Dianna wish to model the opportunities available upon success.

"They [their children] were given an opportunity and they did something with it and we're very proud of them. We're bringing them into this fund to show them the opportunities we have. Everyone within reason can give something, so that's a message we want to get out there"

The Fredericton Community Foundation is pleased to work alongside such caring donors who are willing to share their opportunities with those around them. We eagerly anticipate the effect the MacPherson Family Fund will have on the community at large in addition to the opportunity it gives to all those involved.





## Solo Chicken Productions

Solo Chicken Productions is a theatre group that aims to foster youth arts and expression through the creation and development of youth works.

The Moving Stories Project, in association with the Charlotte Street Arts Center, is a program that worked with the youth of Doone Street, a small community on the northside of Fredericton. The program's goal was to help youth learn new artistic skills and to strengthen and build a positive community image. The program ran for two months with two rehearsals a week to prepare "The Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf," shown on June 1st and 5th, 2016.

This adaptation of the traditional story, "The Three Little Pigs," included 5 little pigs (of which 3 were named Kevin) and some misunderstood wolves. Not only was the play entertaining, it also acknowledged problems of anxiety and depression. The Doone Street youth who created this production reported post-production that they had a blast working with Solo Chicken's theater company.

The show was unique in that the story was actually written by the youth of Doone Street based on the template of "The Three Little Pigs." Moving away from the traditional story, the show included breakdancing, modern props, and even plot modification, whereby the wolf was simply misunderstood and neglected by others. The story had an interesting twist at the end, with the wolf and the pigs coming together to search for the wolf's long-lost family.

Dieu-Merci, playing Kevin #3, said in response to the theatre production "I liked the whole thing a lot, it was fun to get out of the house and play with my friends, as well as express my own talents." Dieu-Merci then went on to say he would encourage other members of his community to get involved, as it was a hugely positive experience for him.

Alexa Higgins, one of the adult facilitators of the project had this to say about the production: "It was a really fun show and it was great to be working with the super energetic youth on Doone street, who were excited at the opportunity."

Solo Chicken's Artistic Producer Lisa Anne Ross was extremely happy with the show and expressed her thanks for the grant provided by the Fredericton Community Foundation.

After the performance, the community enjoyed a BBQ supper, and much like the pigs and the wolf, they all lived happily ever after!



# Arts & Culture



## Frontier College

Literacy is an essential skill. For many immigrants, including Syrian refugees arriving in Canada, English proficiency can be a struggle. Fortunately, Frontier College is offering programs specifically for new Canadians!

In collaboration with the Multicultural Association of Fredericton, Frontier College's literacy programs are designed to help new immigrants and refugees adapt and integrate into Canadian society. The programs are extensive and have helped approximately 75 youth and 20 adult newcomers in the Fredericton Region.

These programs are offered free of charge to immigrants and refugees. They are taught almost entirely by volunteers who gain leadership skills in addition to volunteering and teaching experience.

Amanda Collicott, EAL Teacher from the George Street Middle School In-School 1:1 Program (one of the programs designed to help Syrian adolescents from grade 6-8) had this to say: "These kids are just amazing... and, like me, they are so thankful for the extra help the tutors are providing."

Frontier College used a \$3,000 grant provided by the Fredericton Community Foundation to purchase updated reading materials. The teachers and staff at Frontier College required new textbooks for adult immigrants and refugee families, as the previous materials were outdated. The adult learners will now be able to increase their learning level and continue to grow their literacy skills.

Frontier College's New Brunswick Regional Coordinator, Janette Desharnais, said this about the grant: "We really appreciate the help of the Fredericton Community Foundation. Your support, along with many others including the individual donations and contributions, the teachers, the staff, etc. has all been great and it allows us to keep doing what we love to do, which is making a difference."

The Fredericton Community Foundation would like to express its well-wishes to all new Canadians on their journey to literacy.



# Education

# Health & Social Services

## Hope Air

River is only a year old, but she's been through a lot in her short life. Her mother, Erin, glows with pride discussing River's resilience in the face of frequent flights, grueling surgery and continuing treatment.

When River was born, Erin learned that the newborn had a bilateral cleft lip and palate and would require treatment quickly. "It is absolutely necessary to get the best care for a baby with cleft lip and palate as soon as possible," Erin says. When doctors told Erin that River would need to travel to Halifax for treatment, "it was daunting. I had lived in the deep woods with my first child, River's sister. We didn't even go in the car for the first six months."

But River and Erin quickly rose to the challenge. "I thought 'this is gonna be an adventure'. I didn't know how to prepare, I didn't know what to expect. I decided to just go with the flow. So I attached the baby to my body with a sling and we went. I decided to just take it one moment at a time."

It was a social worker who first told Erin about Hope Air. "The social worker said, 'you're gonna need a lot of flights. A lot of flights.'" Hope Air, an organization providing free travel to those in need of medical assistance, helped Erin and River fly almost weekly to the IWK in Halifax for several months. At six months old, River underwent surgery to correct her cleft lip and have tubes put in her ears due to conductive hearing loss.

River handled the surgery with characteristic serenity. "She's so resilient and sweet. The doctors don't understand how she's so peaceful all the time. When she goes into treatment, she'll give a sigh and then a smile." But River's recovery from the surgery was difficult. "Pain management was definitely a heart-breaking challenge for us," Erin says.

Erin is grateful to Hope Air for providing her with flights to River's treatment. "Hope Air has taken away a lot of stress. It has been an enormous burden taken off of us. She is hypotonic - she has low muscle tone - and it's not good for hypotonic babies to be in a car. Being in a car for long durations could compromise her oxygen flow because of her heart issues. It just wasn't an option. I have no idea how I would have gotten the flights. It's been huge, it's been unbelievable. I didn't have to worry about that stressor," Erin says.

Through all her travelling, River has become a familiar face to the staff she meets on her journeys. "The people at the airport recognize her. She's made some friends along the way. People are rooting for her." River will have another surgery for her cleft palate in the coming months. When she was born she was also diagnosed with Down Syndrome and two heart defects, which will require heart surgery in the future. River's conditions have brought a lot of changes to family life – including a move from the deep woods of rural New Brunswick to Fredericton to be near a hospital, in case of emergency – but Erin says that everyone has adapted well. "River is doing great. She is breezing through with dignity and grace. She's such a happy baby....It's a gift – it balances out the difficulties of having to go through this."



## Worlds UNBound

Worlds UNBound is an organization based out of the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. Its goal is to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) through hands-on, fun, interactive, approaches. Worlds UNBound runs yearly, bilingual, summer STEM day camps organized by UNB Fredericton's engineering and science students. It offers campers high-quality hands-on workshops, interactive activities, and guarantees that youth participating in the camp will have a blast!

The camps run every week for a total of 8 weeks each summer. Each week focuses on a different STEM theme. For example, "Be an Engineer", saw campers coming to meet and talk with engineering professors who demonstrated interesting equipment/phenomena within the engineering world! Every theme is created to shed light on an aspect of STEM.

Additionally, campers enjoy group activities and can collaborate on projects! Through these camps children can meet new friends and build essential teamwork skills.

With a program as extensive and educational as the Worlds UNBound Summer Camps, it is unfortunate that some youth are not able to participate due to financial reasons. The Fredericton Community Foundation wishes to recognize the value of this education and its importance for youth in our community (Vital Signs, 2014). Therefore, we are pleased to have provided a \$2,500 grant to Worlds UNBound to sponsor attendance for 20 youths.

With this funding, Worlds UNBound has ensured a "no camper left out" policy.

Sign your child up to experience more at a Worlds UNBound camp this upcoming 2017 season.



# Youth

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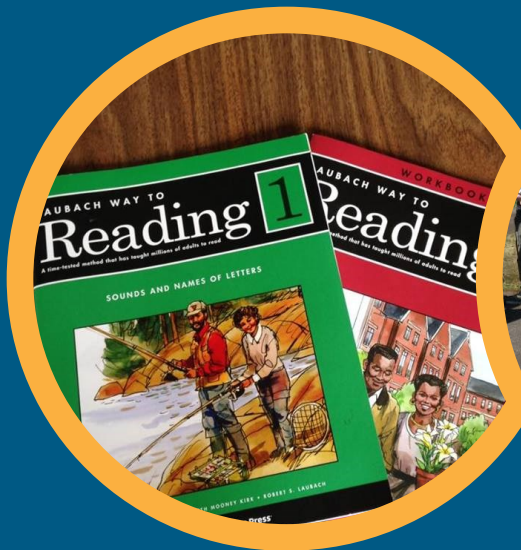
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- For mental health related projects

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- For music related projects

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## 2015-2016

**Autism Connections Fredericton:** This grant was used to purchase a flat screen tv and mounting system for the charity's resource and training room to benefit their clients.

**Beaverbrook Art Gallery:** This grant was used to offset costs for 20 students to attend the Gallery's After School and Outreach Programs.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fredericton and Oromocto:** This grant was used to cover all of the costs associated with two Brother/Sister matches.

**Camp Kerry Society:** Camp Kerry is a family bereavement retreat to assist families who are dealing with the loss of a child or parent. This grant was used to cover the cost of two families from Fredericton area to attend the retreat.

**Canadian Cancer Society:** This grant was used to cover the cost of purchasing wigs and turbans for patients in the Fredericton region who are undergoing treatment that results in hair loss.

**Canadian Council of Provincial and Territorial Sport Federations:** This grant went towards an enclosed trailer for the Elm City Wheelchair Sport Club to transport equipment to and from schools for parasport presentations.

**Canadian Deafblind Association – NB:** This grant went towards additional equipment for the Snoezelan (sensory stimulation) Room.

**Cat Rescue Maritimes (CARMA) Fredericton Branch:** CARMA provides a Trap Neuter Return program for feral cat colonies as well as providing food and shelter for the colonies. This grant was used to purchase food for 12 colonies, provide supplies to build cat shelters, and heated water bowls.

**Chapman Youth Centre:** This grant was used to cover the registration fees for 14 children (10 from marginalized families and 4 Syrian refugees) to attend their summer program which focuses on social skills training and tutoring.

**Children's International Summer Village:** This grant will be used to help our community host the CISV camp in 2016 at Camp Magaguadavic to 11 year old youth from around the world.

**CHIMO Helpline:** This grant will be used to purchase five new computers for the provincial 24/7 suicide and crisis helpline. (Funded by the Jeff McGuigan Fund for Mental Health).

**Christ Church Cathedral Outreach Committee:** This grant was used to fund the purchase of bus tickets, food, refreshments and items for personal and home use for Fredericton residents who "live on the edge".

**CNIB:** This grant was used to pilot a new 4 week project, "Safety in the Kitchen", covering a variety of topics to assist with independent living skills for persons with vision loss.

**Connaught Street School:** This grant was used to fund the Healthy Snack Program, specifically for those students whose families cannot afford to contribute to the program.

**Conservation Council of NB:** This grant was used to expand their workshops in the pollinator garden by offering educational workshops and pollinator kits for the general public.

**Ducks Unlimited:** The grant is for the creation of a new pond and sponsoring five classes to be mentored by the FHS Wetland Centre of Excellence program.

**East and Central Africa Association for Indigenous Rights:** This grant from the Jeff McGuigan Memorial Fund for Mental Health and the Community Fund was used for the "I am Me" youth project that addresses mental health.

**Easter Seals NB – Camp Rotary:** Camp Rotary offers camps for adults and children with physical/cognitive disabilities. This grant provided camp councilors with training manuals for non-violence crisis intervention training.

**Family Enrichment and Counselling Services Fredericton:** This grant funded the purchase of a new server for this charity as well as allowing them to upgrade their office computers.

**Fredericton Arts and Learning (Charlotte Street Arts Centre):** This grant funded the three day Songwriter's Intensive workshop for emerging musicians as well as assisting with musician and technical fees for the 2016 FEST FORWARD music festival in November. (Funded by the Lillian E. Covey Estate Fund)

**Fredericton Homeless Shelters:** This grant assisted with the general operations of the two shelters. (Funded by the Blanchard Family Poverty Reduction Fund and the Community Fund)

**Fredericton Playhouse:** This grant was used to cover 800 student admissions for the School Field Trip program. This program offers school children the opportunity to experience live theatre during a matinee performance.

**Fredericton Regional Family Resource Centre:** This grant from the FredKid Fund was used for FredKid programming, including the re-introduction of the speakers series.



We provided \$143,364 in community and field of interest grants this fiscal year.

## “It’s all Good!”

**Fredericton Residential Youth Services:** This grant will send four senior program managers to a workshop on working with traumatized children and youth.

**Fredericton SPCA:** This grant was for the Fredericton SPCA humane animal education summer camps for youth ages 6-13. Funds will be used for supplies needed to deliver the camp programs.

**Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew Pipe Band, Grade 5:** This grant from the Lillian E. Covey Estate Fund was used to provide four new carriers for drums and six new argyle jackets for band members.

**Frontier College:** This grant was used to purchase tutoring supplies and assist with volunteer recruitment and training in partnership with the Multicultural Association of Fredericton to offer tutoring programs to immigrants and refugees.

**Gesner Street Elementary School:** The school is developing volunteer based breakfast and lunch programs and is in need of kitchen renovations. This grant helped with those renovations.

**Habitat for Humanity:** This grant allowed Habitat for Humanity to purchase a sea container that was modified to become a secure storage facility to store tools and equipment at build sites.

**Kiwanis Club:** This grant was used to subsidize 20 youth (ages 14 to 18) from the Fredericton region to attend Key (service) Leader camp for personal growth and community excellence.

**Learning Disabilities Association of NB (LDANB):** This grant allowed LDANB to purchase levels 6 and 7 of a one-on-one tutoring system. (Funded by the Creed Beattie Fund.)

**MS Society of Canada Atlantic Division:** This grant was used to fund assistance requests from residents of the Fredericton region who are living with MS.

**Nashwaaksis Memorial School:** This grant was used for the school drama production of “Space Pirates”. The funds were used for set building, costumes, program design, printing and the transportation of the students.

**Nature Trust of NB:** This grant was used for signage and repairs/maintenance at the Ferris Street Forest and Wetland Nature Preserve.

**NB Duke of Edinburgh’s Award:** This grant was used for all costs associated with a volunteer training session.

**NB Heart and Stroke Foundation:** This grant was used in partnership with the New Brunswick Family Resource Centers to provide training kits for infant CPR. (Funded by the Creed Beattie Fund and the Community Fund)

**NB Summer Music Festival:** This grant from the Lillian E. Covey Estate Fund was used to offset costs associated with the operation of the festival.

**New Maryland Home & School Association:** This grant was used to purchase a Punch Buggy for the playground at the New Maryland Elementary School for the children and community alike.

**Partners for Youth:** This grant was used to cover the cost of sending five Fredericton area youth to Camp Tippy Canoe (Send a Child to Camp Project). This week long summer wilderness camp is for youth with risk factors.

**Roots of Empathy:** This grant from the Community Fund and FredKid Fund was used to train a new instructor for a new program in a Fredericton area school.

**St. Thomas University (Fine Arts):** This grant was used to purchase an additional brass instrument for the music program. (Funded by the Lillian E. Covey Estate Fund).

**Science East Science Centre:** This grant allowed Science East to purchase “The Swirl”, a musical outdoor exhibit. (Funded by the Lillian E. Covey Estate Fund).

**Solo Chicken Productions:** This grant allowed them to work with children from the Doone Street Community to produce a play about their community.

**The Kidney Foundation of Canada, Atlantic Branch:** This grant was used to provide last resort financial assistance for Fredericton area kidney patients for travel and accommodation costs related to medical treatments.

**UNB – Fredericton Community Collaboration Initiative:** This grant was used towards the costs of a digital media promotional campaign to bring attention to a social issue facing our community in partnership with a local charity.

**Wilmot United Church Outreach Committee:** Wednesdays at Wilmot is a program that provides a variety of support to marginalized and at-risk individuals. This grant covered a portion of the costs of the program.

**Worlds UNBound:** This grant was used for bursaries to send underprivileged children from the Fredericton area to their camp program at UNB .

**York Sunbury Historical Society (Fredericton Region Museum):** This grant was used to sponsor five Fredericton area children to attend the Museum’s summer camp program.

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**Report from the Investment and Audit Committee**  
**Amy Murdock, Treasurer**

Although modest by comparison to our returns over the past three years, given the volatility in the market over the past year, I am pleased to report a 2.70% return for the year ended June 30, 2016. I am delighted to say that investment returns and generous contributions from our donors made it possible for us to distribute grants totaling \$679,352 this year!

The Board of Directors of the Fredericton Community Foundation, through the work of the Finance Committee, has developed an Investment Policy Statement outlining investment guidelines designed to meet the long-term investment objectives of the Foundation. We also monitor the performance of our Investment Manager against benchmarks established within the Investment Policy Statement.

Our focus remains on the long-term and I am happy to report that our Investment Manager has outperformed the established benchmark on both a four and a five year basis.

Overall, the Board and Finance Committee are satisfied with our investment returns over the past 5 years.

	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Return (net of fees)	2.70%	4.49%	7.99%	8.35%	6.89%
Benchmark	2.55%	4.84%	8.33%	8.14%	6.88%
Over (Under) Performance	0.15%	(0.35%)	(0.35%)	0.21%	0.01%

**Statement of Operations and Fund Balances**  
**Year Ended June 30 2016 with Comparative Figures for 2015**

	<u>Community</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>2016 Total</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>
Contributions	273,250	956,149	1,229,399	1,274,086
Interest and Dividends	130,903	297,483	428,386	342,354
Realized Capital Gains	104,184	236,468	340,652	457,196
Unrealized Capital Gains and (Losses)	(120,503)	(252,867)	(373,370)	(103,571)
Other Income	102,245		102,245	97,281
Grants	(405,797)	(273,555)	(679,352)	(360,096)
Expenses	(106,126)	(119,503)	(225,629)	(198,489)
Investment Management Fees	(20,045)	(45,357)	(65,402)	(59,475)
Transfers	(41,359)	41,359	-	-
Change in Fund Balances	(83,248)	840,177	756,929	1,449,286
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	3,881,922	8,126,170	12,008,092	10,558,806
Fund Balance, End of Year	3,798,674	8,966,347	12,765,021	12,008,092

\*This is an excerpt from our Audited Financial Statements. For the complete set of financial statements, please go to our website at [www.fredfdn.ca](http://www.fredfdn.ca) and view them under "Publications", or call our office at (506) 454-2262 to have a copy mailed to you.



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