

Ripples

THE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION OF
GREATER KINGSTON

BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

ON TO OUR SECOND DECADE...

Grants Twelve Months A Year!

By Glenn Stresman, Executive Director

What was impossible in the first years of the Foundation and seen as improbable just a few years ago has now come to fruition. In 2006, CFGK will issue grant cheques every month of the calendar year! This is another healthy milestone in this 10th anniversary year.

The goal of the Foundation has always been to have spring and fall community grant rounds. For the past three years, we have been able to do so, awarding grants in May and October. Then, in 2004, we were able to add the Stark Family grants in June (see pg. 5). Last year, we added a second call for applications to our long serving YAC Investor's Group mini-grants program, awarding grant cheques in April and November and moved our YAC Youth and The Arts grants to December, filling half the months of the year (see pg. 5). All we needed was to add the City of Kingston Healthy Communities Grant program and the new fast

track grants program (smaller grants awarded when special circumstances make it impossible to wait for a regular grant period), allowing us to award one or more grants every month this year.

We have been able to accomplish this with the help of our many donors adding to the various funds and the solid investment returns that we have enjoyed since 2003. In addition, we have had a group of volunteers who have given their



Some of our spring grant recipients for 2006.

time to review two hundred or so applications we receive in a year – no small feat because of the length of many of the applications.

When this year closes on December 31, we will be proud to say that more Kingstonsians have benefited in 2006 from the skill and expertise of a dedicated group of people we call our Grant review teams. It is

their skill that allows us to say, "Grants are Us!"

For more information on grant programs, go to www.cfgk.org/grantseekers.

The New President Looks Ahead

By Daniel Norman, President CFGK

We have just celebrated our 10th anniversary with a splendid Gala evening in March at which our anniversary book, *A Decade of Giving: Celebrating our First Ten Years*, was launched. We are very grateful for, and proud of, what the people of this community have



Dan Norman

accomplished through CFGK. I am honoured to succeed Michael Davies, Gini Rosen, and Judith Mackenzie as president.

Some of our challenges today are familiar. We need to continue to do well things we have already done well: effective granting, helping donors to achieve their philanthropic goals, increasing our endowments,

investing wisely. But there are also new opportunities and challenges. Growing endowments mean growing amounts for granting. To date, our granting has mostly been one-time grants to a wide variety of valuable projects. Can we have a greater impact by considering additional ways of granting? Should we follow certain other community foundations and make some multi-year grants, or perhaps focus several grants on one issue of particular community concern?

We have established an effective grants process in Prince Edward County for the

Stark Family Endowment. We will need to discuss with the Town of Gananoque their process for granting from its endowment at CFGK, and we also hope to further develop our partnership with Sunnyside Children's Foundation. Are there other partnerships that could be mutually helpful?

We will explore new possibilities for CFGK to provide or share leadership on community-wide issues. A McConnell Family Foundation grant allowed us to encourage activity on environmental issues over the past two years. The result is increased networking among local environmental organizations and *GreenUp!* – a very successful festival in April (see pg. 6).

Other Canadian community foundations are considering how to work for

social justice and systemic change. In 2001, the Toronto Community Foundation (TCF) issued its first Vital Signs® report and this has become an annual check-up that monitors key issues and areas for the quality of life in Toronto. The report helps focus TCF's work and also helps donors achieve high-impact philanthropy in their areas of interest. Seven other community foundations in Canada have decided to follow this Toronto model. Whether this is the best model for CFGK at its present size is not yet clear, but the kinds of issues raised are ones we want to work on. Whatever we choose to do, with community support and excellent staff and volunteers, CFGK will continue to work to enhance the life of this community.

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SINCE 1995 CFGK HAS AWARDED 723 GRANTS, TOTALING \$1,208,667 TO 308 ORGANIZATIONS

Setting the Stage

By Regina Rosen

The Tragically Hip Community Fund

The tenth anniversary came to a dazzling close at the Black & White Gala on March 25 where 226 supporters gathered to recognize the achievements of our first decade. Looking back to September 2004 when these celebrations began, we recall the intensity and excitement of our *Across the Causeway* rock concert, at which we raised \$362,000 for charity, \$200,000 of it which is permanently endowed in CFGK's *The Tragically Hip Community Fund*. The first grants will be made from that fund this spring in support of the Skeleton Park Music Festival.

Special Anniversary Grants

One specific tenth anniversary project emerged as a manifestation of how initiated actions can reap rewards. We proactively awarded \$5,000 to each of four worthy recipients. *Partners in Mission Food Bank* was helped to purchase a new van. We also supported the *Market Square Redevelopment Project*. The 29th *Exceptional People's Olympiad at Collins Bay Institution*, a valuable Kingston tradition, was faltering due to lack of funds. By offering support at that critical time, and following it up with a grant six months later, hopefully it can now carry on. After giving a gift to *The Kingston Coalition for Emergency Dental Care*, members of our resource and fund development committee encouraged the interested parties to establish a permanent endowed



Lorraine and Peter Aykroyd and event chairs, Michael and Elaine Davies at the final CFGK 10th Anniversary event, a Black & White Gala, held at Vimy Officers' Mess in March. The Medal of Recognition worn by Peter, presented in May 2005, was the first ever awarded by the Foundation. Outgoing president, Judith Mackenzie, launched our second decade to a capacity crowd of donors, volunteers and supporters.

fund with CFGK, which will help secure their future goals to provide dental care for those in need.

Purpose & Passion: The Kingston General Hospital Auxiliary 1905-2005

The Kingston General Hospital Auxiliary's centennial year celebrations are winding down in grand style. Recently, the organization launched a book chronicling its complete history: *Purpose & Passion: The Kingston General Hospital Auxiliary 1905-2005*. The book provides a detailed look at the history of the volunteer organization, recognizing the countless hours served by thousands of local women and men providing much of the non-medical care at KGH. It was written by Kingston freelance writer, Ellen Barton, and sup-

ported by CFGK and the *Davies Charitable Foundation*. What she anticipated would be a 100-page story turned into a 280-page volume filled with rich, interesting facts and stories.

Healthy Communities Grant Program

This year CFGK will be taking on the task of reviewing proposals for the City of Kingston's *Healthy Communities Grant Program*. Some \$300,000 in grant money will be distributed from this program. It should be noted that we have been asked to do this by the city rather than, as stated recently in a local newspaper, to compete with other organizations. We will be expanding our volunteer proposal review teams to carry out this important work.

New Granting Possibilities

By Marilyn Banting, Grant Selection Chair

It is spring and the Grant Selection Committee of CFGK has once again accepted, reviewed, and discussed applications for grants. Decisions were made and we have a new group of grantees. The group includes a project to provide accessible gardens, a public performance involving 100 people, school children building Inuit kayaks, and solar-powered vehicles and trees planted for peace.

CFGK supports projects that encourage community pride, are new initiatives, and have a direct impact on the community. The projects this year accomplish all these goals. Young children will go to camp to learn to read and seniors will be able to plant gardens. Teens will be encouraged by various camp opportunities and by chances to meet young people new to Canada. A new music festival will be held in a reclaimed park, and centuries-old

cemeteries and vaults will be restored. There are also several innovative environmental projects.

As CFGK looks ahead to the next decade, we can see new possibilities in the granting process. We will be able to make larger grants (ten years ago, a large grant was \$500 and this spring we made several grants of \$5,000). It will be possible to make multi-year grants and grant to specific areas. Over the coming year, CFGK has agreed to help the City of Kingston with the application process for the *Healthy Community Fund* grants, giving the *Community Foundation* another chance to serve the Kingston community.

We continue to look for areas to support in all parts of our community – music, the arts, heritage, literacy, and the broad field of development and social services. While the funds are also used for ongoing projects in our community, we are particularly interested in projects which are innovative and unique to Kingston.



OUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

■ Who Are We?

The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston (the CFGK or the "Foundation") is a public charitable association supported and run by citizens of the Greater Kingston area (i.e., west to Loyalist Township, north to North Frontenac Township and east to the former Pittsburgh Township, including Amherst, Wolfe and Howe islands.)

■ What Do We Do?

The Foundation encourages individuals and organizations to establish and build permanent endowments and other funds from which worthwhile community projects are then funded.

■ How Does It Work?

The funds from our donors are held in permanent endowments which are invested. The income earned is used to make grants to worthy causes of all kinds whose projects enhance and strengthen the quality of life in the Greater Kingston area. Currently, the Foundation has over \$10 million in its various endowments.

■ How Do I/We Find Out More?

Please visit our website, www.cfgk.org, or call us at (613) 546-9696.

The Youth Host Program

By Joyce David, Agency/Language Link Coordinator, Kingston and District Immigrant Services (KDIS)

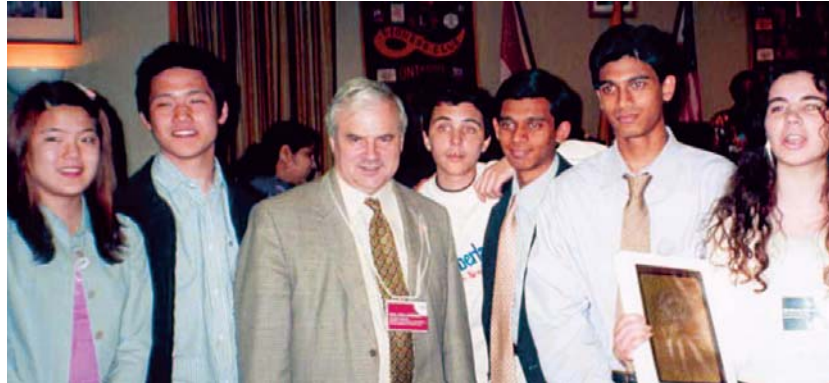
The *Youth Host Program* of Kingston and District Immigrant Services (KDIS) brings together two vital youth peer groups within the Kingston community facilitating a dynamic interaction between newcomer youth and their host counterparts through planned social, sports and recreational activities. For the newcomer youth, these activities will enable English language acquisition, introduce and encourage involvement in the Kingston community, and, minimize the cultural and social barriers often experienced in settling in to a new community and country. This program will also provide a unique opportunity, in a

conducive and healthy environment, for host youth to learn about newcomers and the settlement process, learn tolerance and anti-racism awareness, become more willing to welcome newcomers into their schools and communities and share Canadian culture with their newcomer peers. All participating youth will thus develop and exercise good citizenship as well as promote strong community development within Kingston.

The activities planned by the *Youth Host Program* will incorporate popular seasonal themes such as Thanksgiving, Halloween,

and winter celebrations; tours of environmental sites such as conservation areas; sports such as hockey, soccer, baseball, and basketball; and community interests such as guest speakers from the Canadian Armed Forces, Kingston Police, community groups, and educational institutions.

We are grateful to CFGK and the *Thompson Family Fund* for their consideration of our proposal and their awarding to us the *Youth Host Grant*.



The Honourable Peter Milliken (centre) welcomed members of the Youth Host Program.

Skeleton Park Music Festival

By Greg Tilson, Skeleton Park Music Festival Planning Committee Chair

Get ready for the chance to join the McBurney Park neighbourhood for a day of celebrating the summer solstice with some of Kingston's finest musicians. The first ever *Skeleton Park Music Festival* will be taking place on June 24th 2006 and everyone is invited!

The festival line-up, which includes over 20 musical acts such as popular Kingston bands Pico de Gallo, Luther Wright and The Wrongs, Karyn Ellis and Justin Bird. It will be an exciting opportunity to showcase our local talent and support the strong sense of community that exists through music. So come on out and show your community spirit!

The festival will also provide venues for local artisans to display their work, children's entertainment, and an

educational presentation on the history of McBurney Park.

In partnership with several Kingston organizations, the planning committee would especially like to thank *The Foundation* for helping to make the festival a free, volunteer run event.

Festivities will commence at 7 pm Friday June 23rd with a "meet the volunteers" party at The Queen's Grad Club. The outdoor portion of the Festival will take place all day Saturday June 24th in McBurney Park from 10 am until dusk, followed by a closing ceremonies party at the Grad Club.

For more information please check out our web site: www.skeletonparkmusicfestival.ca



'The beat goes on' as Kingston gets the chance to attend its first 100 People Performance in July. Watch for announcements of time, July date and location.

100 People Performance

By Gennifer Snider, Program Director, Modern Fuel

This summer, Kingston will experience its first *100 People Performance*, thanks to the funding support of CFGK!

This July 15th and 16th, Toronto artist Shannon Cochrane will teach an eclectic assortment of unusual skills to an audience of exactly 100 people. He will then lead a synchronized group performance of these new skills in an attempt to break a world record! Participants of all shapes and sizes, ages, and interests are invited to join in on the activities for FREE – organizers only ask that participants give their all and wear a smile!

Activities will include harmonica playing on parade, the great balloon animal escape, and more! With 50% game etiquette, 50% cottage science, and 100% fun, *100 People Performance* is an informal afternoon experiment in collaboration and self-organizing systems where singling out is not valued. The message here stems from the understanding that the whole of the pattern is always greater than the sum of its parts. Location TBA (watch for it!) in downtown Kingston.

A production of Modern Fuel Artist-Run Centre's *Art in the Streets Program 2006*.



Join in the first *Skeleton Park Music Festival*, starting at 7 pm, Friday, 23 June at McBurney Park. This is a free, volunteer run event, sponsored by several organizations. CFGK awarded the first-ever grant from *The Tragically Hip Community Fund* to the event, which features many popular local bands.

During the year there are several rounds of grant-making. The grants on these two pages, totaling \$166,083, reflect the most recent rounds.

Arts And Culture

The Kingston Chamber Choir received a grant to develop a *Choir Website*, which will improve communication with audiences, sponsors, and visiting performers. **\$750**

The *Skeleton Park Music Festival* is a first-time neighbourhood music festival to be held in McBurney Park, Saturday June 24, 2006. Some of Kingston's finest musicians and artisans will be present, and the festival will provide children's entertainment along with a presentation on the history of McBurney Park. The day and evening will be free to all. **\$5,000** (Tragically Hip Community Fund)

For Kingston's first *100-Person Performance and Community Workshop*, Modern Fuel Artist-Run Centre has invited Toronto artist Shannon Cochrane to teach an eclectic assortment of unusual skills to an audience of exactly 100 people from the community-at-large, and then lead a synchronized group performance of these new skills. **\$1,800**

Hear Open Voices Sing! Is the title of a studio compact disc recording of the *Open Voices Community Choir*. The choir will choose ten to twelve of its favourite songs and record them in the fall of 2006. The compact disc will be released at a concert in January 2007. **\$2,300** (Mrs. Margaret Davies Fund and Community Fund)

The *Driftwood Theatre Group* is a traveling theatre company which will perform a "Shakespeare" production in City Park. **\$665**

Environment

Trees planted in the *Trees for Peace Outreach Program* will help control erosion, naturalize shorelines, and rehabilitate wildlife in Frontenac and Lennox and Addington counties. The project will invite Frontenac County Lake and Cottage Associations, members of the Ontario Woodlot Association community group and members of the Friends of the Salmon River community group to have trees planted on their properties. **\$3,000**

In response to the urgent need for better methods for protection of groundwater

resources (which will directly protect public health), the *Source Water Protection through Innovative On-site Wastewater Management* project will examine a first-of-its-kind system for the advanced treatment of wastewater in rural and unserved semi-urban areas. **\$5,000**

The *Energy House Community Outreach Program* of St. Lawrence College will engage an outreach coordinator to further develop the hands-on educational activities demonstrating alternative energy at Energy House. This individual will also take the program to local schools and youth groups in order to promote community awareness of both the house and alternative energy. **\$5,000**

Amherst Island Nature Reserve Grassland Habitat Maintenance and Water Quality Protection, a project of the Kingston Field Naturalists, will maintain a grassland habitat as a breeding site for both the largest colony of Wilson's Phalarope in Ontario and the Purple Martins. **\$3,000** (Environmental and Community Funds)

The *Lemoine Point Native Plant Nursery Irrigation System* will ensure the success of the native plant propagation as the nursery operations expand. Stock from the nursery is used for reforestation and shoreline enhancement initiatives in the Lemoine Point Conservation Area. **\$4,000**

A Website for the Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington will help to provide information about the organization along with key documents to members and landowners interested in stewardship options. The *Land Conservancy* works with its landowners to preserve natural spaces in this area. **\$750**

Education And Literacy

Students at Rideau Heights Public School will create *Big Books* using new skills of photo-journalism to depict social issues of concern to them. The older students will learn through guided and independent writing processes and the books will then be used in the younger grades as teaching tools. **\$1,100** (Whig Literacy and Community Funds)

In the *Solar Challenge Vehicles Project*, grade 12 students in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program at LaSalle Secondary School will explore solar power as they design and fabricate two vehicles using bicycle frames, solar panels, batteries, and electric motors. **\$3,000** (Marion Meyer Fund)

In *Inuit Kayaks - Learning through Building*, the grade 5/6 class at Marysville Public school will build three Inuit kayaks in a hands-on approach to social studies, history, science/technology, reading/writing, mathematics, art, teamwork, and problem solving. **\$1,500** (Marion Meyer Fund and Thompson Family Fund)

Sharbot Lake Reads is a summer outreach reading camp for children in grades K-5. Partners include the Child Centre of Sharbot Lake and the Community READS program. **\$3,500** (Marion Meyer Fund)

Through phase 2 of Kingston Literacy's *Helping Volunteers, Helping Children*, volunteers will receive training in order to work with elementary school children. After receiving their training, volunteers will work with children in an after-school program. **\$3,500** (Whig Literacy Fund)

In the *My Community Book Project*, H'art Studio's students will write stories and create illustrations for a book project that reflects their roles and responsibilities within the community. The published book will help raise awareness of adults with special needs in Kingston. **\$3,000**

Recreation And Youth

Summer Scene is a structured, community-based, age-appropriate summer experience for teenagers with an intellectual disability, organized by Community Living Kingston. **\$5,616**

The *Sailing Youth through Life* project of Pathways for Children and Youth and the Brigantine will give at-risk and disadvantaged youth the opportunity of adventure, challenge, and teamwork aboard the St. Lawrence II training ship. **\$2,500**

Pete's Camp EXPLORE (Exceptional People Living Out Recreational Experiences) will provide structured, recreational activities to youth with intellectual disabilities in the Sydenham area. This summer program provides activities for youth and a chance to promote friendships. **\$2,000**

A Summer Solstice Gathering will be celebrated for the first time on June 21, 2006 at the beach in Sharbot Lake. Children and adults will enjoy crafts, stories, games, drama, and music along with ceremonial fire and drummers at sunset. All are welcome. **\$2,000**

KCVI is host to this year's *OFSAA Boys AAA Soccer Championships*, June 5-7, 2006. The grant will pay for commemorative banners for the visiting teams. **\$1,000**

Community Development

FRILL (Friends Revitalizing Industrial Lands Lovingly) Community Gardens will use the grant to construct *Accessible Raised Gardens (ARG)* in the garden on Charles Street. This will allow individuals in wheelchairs with limited mobility to participate in the gardening. **\$2,000**

Health And Social Services

Gamblers Anonymous Kingston will receive a grant to start a self-help awareness group for compulsive gamblers in Kingston. **\$750**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston will use their grant for their project *Chill Out* - a new refrigerator for their Hospitality Centre. The Centre provides four hot lunches each week. **\$920**

The *Empowering Immigrant and Refugee Women* project of the Kingston and District Immigrant Services offers immigrant women, through its Multi-cultural Women's Group, opportunities to form new friendships, practice English, learn employment skills, and support each other while learning about community resources and fostering vital community links. **\$2,000**

The goal of the *Reaching Out - Raising Awareness about Mental Illness among Youth* project of the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario is to help students, teachers, and guidance counselors understand the early warning signs of schizophrenia. **\$3,340**

Promotional material for the *Kingston Area Race Relations Association (KARRA)*, includes brochures, a Website, and stationary. These will increase KARRA's profile and improve communication with the public. **\$2,100**

The *Youth Host* program of the Kingston and District Immigrant Services is a program of sports and recreational activities aimed at teens new to Kingston. The program helps teens adjust to their new country by teaming them up with their Canadian peer group in a recreational environment. **\$6,150** (Thompson Family Fund)

Able Sail Kingston, an adaptive sailing group established in 2002, provides sailing instruction to children and adults with disabilities that affect mobility. The group is planning to compete in the Access Dinghy Championships at the Eastern Canada Yachting Circuit Regatta in Belleville this summer. **\$1,000**

Heritage Preservation

Restoration of an historic Wolfe Island cemetery vault from 1883 will enable people to "see" the past. This unique building with an arched stone ceiling was used by persons of many denominations. It will be accessible to the public on a regular basis. **\$6,000**

Using a three-year strategic plan, the *Kingston Theatre Organ Society* will work toward "client status" with Heritage Canada. This will help the Society to develop long-term financial stability. **\$2,300**

Amherst Island's oldest pioneer cemetery, dating from the early 1800s, has been designated an historical site but requires extensive restoration. The *Restoration of Pentland Cemetery* project will support part of the cost of restoring headstones and monuments. **\$6,000**



YAC

By Dominik Wyss, Chair, Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

The Youth Advisory (YAC) Committee has had to deal with a significant turnover in membership due to the fact that many originally involved in it have moved on to university or other commitments in different cities. Our reduced numbers have not, however, affected the number of granting cycles we undertake; in fact we have done more than usual this year. With the Youth in the Arts grants and both a fall and spring cycle of our famous Kickstart mini-grants (we have granted five with a total of \$1,764), we are continuing to give to wonderful projects that were all designed to promote volunteerism in the community.

Our goal for the future is to continue to raise awareness about YAC and to promote youth philanthropy in the community. We are currently working on a new strategy that involves communication with high school guidance counsellors in the area with the hope of meeting very enthusiastic students to be potential new members.

Finally, as it is my last year of high school I will be going to university in the fall and will be stepping down as chair of YAC. Fortunately, Katrina Murphy, a grade nine student at KCVI who has been a member for the last two years, will be replacing me. She can easily handle all the new responsibilities and will make it a great new year for YAC.

Stark Family Fund Grants 2006

CFGK is pleased to announce the following grants from the Stark Family Fund for 2006. The grants totaled \$71,778 this year.

The Bloomfield Branch Library will use their grant to develop the *Stark Family Early Literacy Centre*. The Centre will include child-sized shelving and seating along with an art centre as well as the books and tools to foster literacy. **\$6,000**

Specialized Parenting Kits will be used by families with a child who has special needs, young teen parents, and families considered at risk. Community Living Prince Edward received a grant of **\$2,500** to develop these kits.

Prince Edward Collegiate Institute is undertaking *World on a String – PEI's Musical String Renewal Project*. The grant of **\$13,000** will help with the purchase of new string instruments and equipment to enhance the existing music program.

Ideas and Strategies for Encouraging Reluctant Readers is an educational day for teachers in Prince Edward County. Acclaimed educational speaker David Booth will be the keynote speaker during the day which will focus on practical approaches for encouraging students who are having difficulty reading. **\$1,500**

Pinecrest Memorial Elementary School, through its project *Character throughout our Community*, will use its grant of **\$5,500** to upgrade the gym by replacing the stage curtains and providing a new sound system. This will continue to be a place to celebrate student successes.

Prince Edward County 4-H Alberta Bound is an exchange program designed to help young Canadians discover and understand other parts of Canada by traveling to other parts of the country. A group of students will travel to Bow Island, Alberta and the Alberta delegates will return for a visit. A **\$2,500** grant will help with travel costs.

The Prince Edward County Figure Skating Association will use their grant of **\$3,000** to purchase an improved *Sound System for Skating*. This will allow the club to provide clear music for their skating programs.

The Prince Edward Cattle Pavilion is the project of the Prince Edward Holstein Club. The club plans to use the **\$6,000** grant to help build a pole barn structure attached to the existing cattle barn so that livestock shows and other community events can be held under a lighted and roofed area.

Pride in P.E.C.I. – Planting the Seed is a project of the School Council to support the school's sports team with uniform upgrades and opportunities for every student to join a team of their choice, regardless of financial circumstances. This project will involve both the school and the community. **\$10,000**

Quinte Healthcare Prince Edward County Memorial plans to develop the *Prince Edward Healing Garden*. This garden will be located at the hospital and will be a quiet place of relaxation and comfort for patients, families and visitors. The garden will have flower beds at various heights to encourage anyone to work in the garden or just sit and enjoy the flowers. **\$5,100**

The Regent Theatre Young Company will use their grant of **\$5,000** for equipment to help them mount their original production of "I'll Fly Away." This is a historical snapshot of life in the County, seen through drama and song. The production will tour throughout the summer and will appear on the Regent stage in the fall of 2006.

The Wellington Beach Park Improvement Project – Boardwalk & Benches is a project of the Rotary

Club of Wellington. The grant of **\$4,000** will help provide new access to Lake Ontario and Wellington Harbour. The boardwalk will be wheelchair accessible and many benches are planned as well as a sun shelter and interpretive signs along the walkways.

The Prince Edward County Community Care for Seniors Association received a grant of **\$2,000** for the *Seniors' Technology Centre Expansion Project*. This grant will be used to purchase a new computer for seniors to use while taking a computer workshop.

The purchase of Equipment to Support Volunteer Activity is a project of the Prince Edward County Community Care for Seniors Association. Their grant of **\$4,678** will be used for hot packs for Meals on Wheels, serving utensils for dinners, and new racks for the Thrift Shop expansion.

Volunteer & Information Quinte was granted **\$1,000** for the *Youth and Community Volunteer Initiative* program. This program helps students find volunteer experiences with a wide range of not-for-profit groups and organizations in Prince Edward County.

Kickstart Mini-Grants Spring 2006: \$1,764

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School, \$214: Trees For Peace

Mr. Harrigan's grade 8 class will plant tree seedlings on Wolfe Island as part of the *Trees For Peace* program to learn about stewardship for the Earth and giving back to the community. The grant will cover bus transportation to the planting site.

Harrowsmith Public School, \$400: Batty About Bats!

Each child in Ms. Mayhew's grade 2 class will build a bat house with guidance from one of the parents who is a carpenter. They will visit Little Cataraqui Conservation Area to put up five of the bat houses and to learn about conservation. They will also enjoy an engaging presentation about bats by Matt Saunders, the "Bat Man".

Tamworth Elementary School, \$400: Soccer Field Storage Shed

Ms. Woogh's grade 7 class will build a 8'x8' equipment shed for the Tamworth and surrounding area recreational field, the only field in the area used for soccer leagues.

The shed will make it easier for soccer groups to share equipment. The grant will pay for part of a shed building kit which will be assembled by the students.

Selby Public School, \$350: Shaded Sandbox

Ms. Nielissen, Ms. Case, and the Junior Kindergarten students will build a sandbox surrounded by trees for shade. Parents,

students, and teachers will work together to provide a permanent play structure which will benefit all classes as well as community groups that use the playground.

Bayridge Public School, \$400: Courtyard Makeover

Students of Ms. Beacock's grade 8 class will learn to take charge by designing and executing a makeover of their weathered school courtyard to turn it into a functional and beautiful place. The grant will pay for paints, stains, plants, and material to build picnic tables and planters.



Bayridge Public School participants



The Stark Family Fund

RUTH, IVAL & SYLVIA STARK
KEITHA STARK COUGH & LEATA STARK CLEAVE



The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston
Building Our Future Together

A Decade of Giving – The Festschrift

By Eveline Flint, Editor

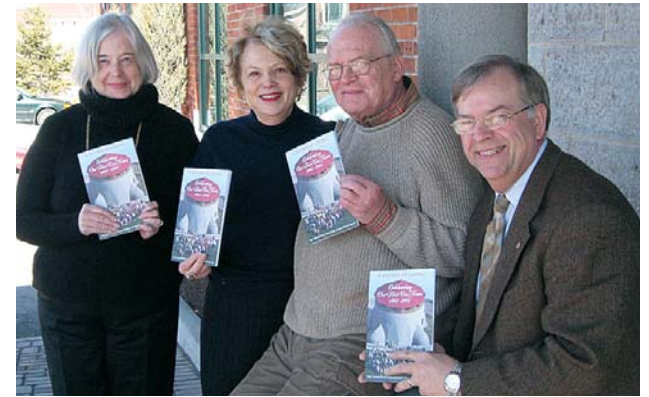
When Ripples Committee member, Peter Dorn, heard of plans to celebrate the Foundation's 10th anniversary, he announced that we 'had to have a *Festschrift*'. It was a new word to us, but he convinced us of the need and we added 'publish a celebratory book' to our project list.

A Decade of Giving is a distant cousin of the magnificent volumes created within academia to honour distinguished scholars but the desire to celebrate the successful creation of our Foundation was no less fervent. Reversing the usual creative order, we decided on, and arranged for, the cover (apparently normally handled last) – a photo from the air by Jack Chiang of many supporters waving from the Murney Tower. We were committed! Layout and writing followed, and the distribution of the book is now well underway; including to all the Foundations from across the country who

gathered in Saskatoon for the *Community Foundations of Canada* conference in May.

But the book is really aimed at Kingston and area philanthropists and community volunteers. If you are curious about how our *Community Foundation* got started, who has received grants and how your organization can apply, or if you would like to become a donor, you can read about it in the *Festschrift*. Thanks to the generosity of our five corporate sponsors, the book is available to you at no charge.

Of course, there are many other articles of interest, such as our investment goals and performance, predictions for future growth, photos of volunteers, and human interest stories. The *Festschrift* successfully captures the spirit of giving and generosity that flourishes in Kingston and the surrounding area – we welcome you to read about it.



A Decade of Giving committee members, Eveline Flint, Gini Rosen, Peter Dorn and Glenn Stresman display the book – hot off the press. Other committee members were Merv Daub, David Pulver, Jason Wagar, and Larry Harris. Pick up a free copy at the Foundation office.

1500 Visitors to GreenUP! Festival

By Vera Kettner, CFGK Environmental Initiatives Assistant

GreenUP!, the first large environmental fair in Kingston, took place at St. Lawrence College on April 8, with significant support from the Community Foundation, amongst others. Under the auspices of the Environmental Initiatives of the Foundation, twenty volunteers from local environmental groups and organizations had helped to organize the event with the goal to give visitors practical, hands-on information on how to live a little "greener". The Foundation's involvement had been made possible by a grant of the McConnell Family Foundation for our Environmental Initiatives program, and additional support for the event was generously provided by the City of Kingston, St. Lawrence College, the Rotary Club of Kingston, the Frontenac Stewardship Council, Corus Entertainment, and others.

An enthusiastic crowd of 1500 enjoyed the result of this collective effort: visitors could choose from 26 workshops and presentations ranging in topic from alternative energy technologies to pesticide free lawncare, composting with worms, conserving energy, strawbale building, urban cycling and aboriginal teachings. The keynote speech by Bill Kemp, a well-known author and alternative energy guru, drew an audience of 100. Children

were fascinated by bugs, worms, snakes, and bats as well as an interactive children's program. One of the most popular aspects of GreenUP! was an exhibition that featured over 40 booths by environmental businesses and groups, reflecting the whole spectrum of environmental issues and products, for example the locally-designed, solar powered Bubble Action Pumps and other alternative energy technologies, tips for environmen-



tally-friendly cleaning, using the Freecycle exchange to reduce waste, biologic pest control, fuel cells, Loggerhead Shrikes, nature conservation options, invasive species, and much more. Contributing to a celebratory atmosphere were live music bands and delicious samples of soup, bread, and spread made from organic and local produce by volunteers.

At Energy House, a new campus showcase for renewable energies, visitors could discover how to integrate renewable energy technologies into their own home. Inside the Energy House, visitors could experience energy efficiency in a unique way: pedaling away on bike-pow-

ered electricity generators, they could literally *feel* how much harder they had to work to power regular lightbulbs versus new energy efficient bulbs. A solar and hybrid car show in front of Energy House also drew a lot of interest. One visitor's feedback sums up a sentiment that was expressed by many at the end of the day "Great show – hope it continues".

The website www.greenupfestival.ca contains contact information for all the groups and businesses that were featured at GreenUP!, and the website of our Environmental Initiatives contains lists of environmental groups and activities: www.cfgk.org/initiatives/enviro/resources.htm



Queen's Solar Vehicle was displayed alongside several hybrid cars at the recent environmental fair. Over 40 exhibits, workshops and talks were available to GreenUP! visitors, who were eager to learn more about alternative vehicles and various renewable energy technologies, such as solar panels.



Donors and Charities Benefit from May Federal Budget Tax Change

By Glenn Stresman, Executive Director

Charities are buzzing over the significant boost received with the elimination of capital gains taxation on gifts of appreciated securities, under the May 2 federal budget. Organizations such as *Community Foundations of Canada*, the *Canadian Association of Gift Planners* and the *Association of Fundraising Professionals*, praise the action as beneficial to donors and charities alike.

"This is indeed good news for donors who want to make a difference in their community in the most cost effective way," said Glenn Stresman, CFGK's Executive Director. "Community foundations saw a dramatic increase in donations when the capital gains tax on

shares was reduced. Eliminating the tax on gifts of stock is a powerful incentive to give."

The 1997 federal capital gains reduction on donations of stock by 50 per cent resulted in a three-fold increase in gifts of publicly traded securities to charities – from \$69 million to \$200 million between 1997 and 2000. Stock donations jumped from 1.6% to 3.9% of all donations.

A recent report indicates Canadians hold \$1.3 trillion in stock (almost half are unrealized capital gains) prompting Monica Patten, President and CEO of *Community Foundations of Canada* to suggest the change could trans-

late into hundreds of millions of dollars in new donations across Canada.

Under the new provision, donations must be made to a registered charity, through the gift of stocks in a publicly traded company, mutual funds, or segregated funds.

Since many smaller charities do not have brokerage accounts, donors have the option of giving securities to public foundations which in turn sell the shares and pass the money on to a wide range of registered Canadian charities.

For more information, contact CFGK's Executive Director, Glenn Stresman, (613) 546-9696.

Great Expectations

By Judith Mackenzie, Immediate Past President

This is the last message that I am writing as President of the Board of Directors, a position that has provided me with two exciting, action-packed years. It has been a particular privilege to preside over the 10th anniversary year of celebration. During this year, we looked back over these ten years, amazed at how far we have come. We were especially gratified to reach our benchmark of \$10M of assets under management. Now it is time to focus on the future.

If the first ten years are an indication, our assets under management will grow to well over \$20M by the end of our second decade (barring a major economic downturn). Sometime well before the end of our second decade, we will be able to grant \$1,000,000 in a single year! This will happen only because donors understand and support the community foundation and use it to fulfill their philanthropic goals. Donors and grant recipients – that is what we are all about. We will continue to pay attention to their needs and dreams.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to the hard-working Board mem-

bers who have given me so much support, to our donors who have joined us to enhance so many dimensions of our community, to our many volunteers who have assisted with their enthusiasm and skills, and to our community agencies who are in the front lines of our community activities. Last, but not least, I want to commend the CFGK staff for their work in support of all of the previously mentioned groups.



Outgoing president, Judith Mackenzie and outgoing board member Al Crago, accepting a copy of the 10th Anniversary book, *A Decade of Giving*, on behalf of Alcan, one of the sponsors. Judith became president just as 10th anniversary events got underway.

Marketing and Communications: A New View

By Florence Campbell, Board and Committee member

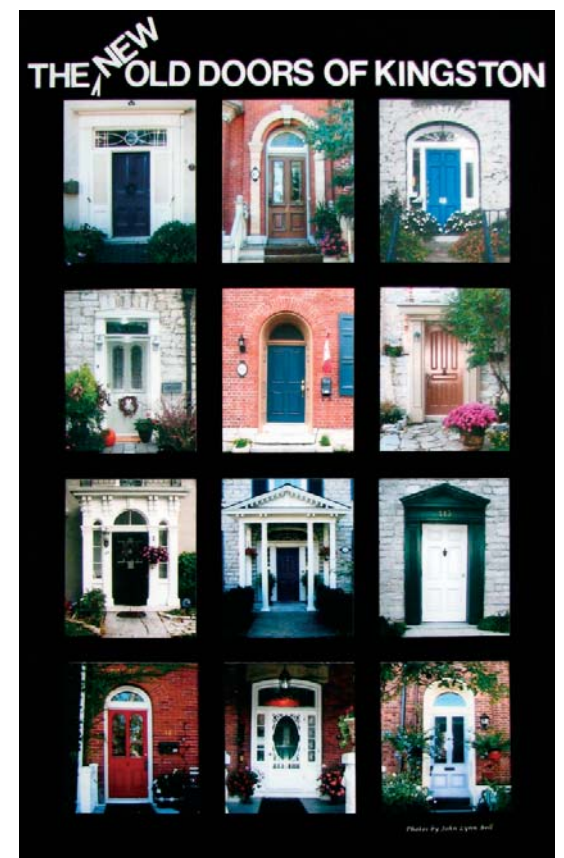
The beginning of a new decade of operations provides a wonderful opportunity to think anew about how CFGK is perceived by the community, how it wishes to be perceived by the community and about how, in general, to communicate effectively to those who have an interest in what we do and how we do it.

The *Community Foundation* has three roles: philanthropic advising, grant-making, and community leadership. Our goal is to position our *Foundation* as a leading organization that:

- Helps donors enrich life in our community
- Provides grants to enable charities to carry out valuable projects
- Seizes opportunities to enhance community capacity

Under Glenn Stresman's leadership, a marketing and communications plan is now being developed that will build upon the impressive successes of the past decade and position ourselves wisely for the years ahead.

In developing the plan, we will ask ourselves catalytic questions that invite creativity and promote robust discussion to guide our exploration. We will also be asking some of our donors and grantees for their views to help us chart our course. An update on our progress will be provided in the next issue of *Ripples*.



The "New" Old Doors of Kingston Poster: John Lynn Bell has produced a limited edition of a poster of the "Old Doors of Kingston," to be sold by CFGK. This was the very first project of the Martello Tower Society, and we feel very connected to it.

Community Foundations of Canada National Conference

"Thought-provoking, informative, inspirational were the words that CFGK representatives used to describe the May 11 - 13 Community Foundations of Canada National Conference held in Saskatoon, SK. Board members and staff from 150 community foundations across Canada gathered to hear speakers such as Peter Hero, President and CEO of California's Silicon Valley Community Foundation and Catriona Le May Doan, Canadian world record and Olympic gold medal speed skater.

The message of the conference was that community foundations are growing in Canada and that growth serves to give the movement a strong position as philanthropic leaders to the sector well into the future."



MAKING WAVES

Board News

Congratulations to new executive members: *President*, **Daniel Norman**; *Vice-President*, **Bob Pritchard**; and *Secretary*, **Florence Campbell**. **Judith Mackenzie** will remain on the board as past-president. Heartfelt thanks to departing members: **Al Crago**, **Jack Gilfillen**, and **Margaret Zakos**. Jack, Branch Manager BMO, Nesbitt Burns, our long time and trusted chair of the investment committee, will remain as an active member of that committee. We welcome the fresh vision and energy of new members: **Cheryl Lynn Harding**, an independent consultant with the *Software Factory*; **Diane Kelly**, lawyer with *Cunningham, Swan, Bonham and Little* and counsel to Queen's University; **Scott Miller**, manager of the local *Scotia-McLeod* branch; and **John Morse**, a physician, who upon his return to Kingston from the United Arab Emirates, joined the Grants committee.

Committee Members

Please check the list for our new committee chairs and members. A special thank-you to **David Pulver**, a long time associate editor of *Ripples*, who has moved on to other volunteer work. The editorial board welcomes **Brian Osborne** to the merry group.

Staff News

A warm welcome to **Andria Coward**, our new Administrative Assistant. Andria has already become an integral member of the CFGK team since her arrival in January. **Jason Wagar**, our talented webmeister, will be returning for another summer as Program Assistant. A student at Ryerson, Jason has been with us since his early days as YAC chair. **Vera Kettmaker**, Environmental Initiatives project assistant, is leaving on a sabbatical year. Her work in this valuable area has been extraordinary. Among other things she successfully arranged the first city-wide environmental fair and exhibition, *GreenUp!* We also say good-bye and wish good luck to our Grants/program assistant, **Brenda Fisher**.

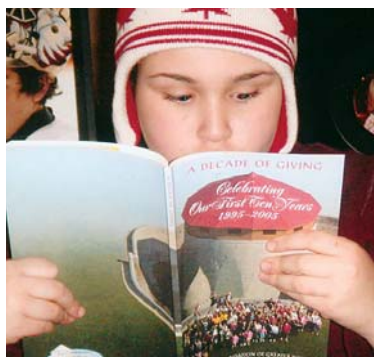
In Memoriam

We were saddened in May by the sudden, unexpected loss of former board member, and longtime volunteer, Wilma Bernabei. Wilma was a hard worker with a great sense of humour who will be greatly missed. We extend sincere sympathy to her daughters, Gina and Mati, and to all the family.



Nan Yeomans' Legacy

When adored Kingston artist Nan Yeoman passed away, she bequeathed her entire collection of art to CFGK. The estate executors have given CFGK a sum of \$50,000 to begin the Nan Yeoman's endowment fund. A committee has been struck to create the appropriate vehicle for the sale of her art to the public.



The Festschrift

For a free copy of "A Decade of Giving - Celebrating Our First Ten Years" simply drop by the CFGK office at 165 Ontario Street.

If you are unable to do so in person, we will mail it out to you upon request for the small mailing fee.

It's a good read!

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