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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston

Kingston Grenadiers 2000 Tooting Our Own Horn

by Don Dean



THE KINGSTON GRENADIERS Drum and Bugle Corps, are looking forward to their most successful season ever.

This year's new look is a full uniform change for both the corps proper and the colour guard. This has been accomplished by donations and a major boost from CFGK, whose recognition and generosity over the past few years have helped us immensely. We will proudly show off our "hot" new look, and our bugle corps, at the CFGK community-wide celebration on June 15 at City Hall.

With our snappy, hand-sewn uniforms and increased membership, the corps should fare well this year, achieving another Top 10 finish at the world championships to be held in Syracuse, New York, on Labour Day. We will be featuring an even greater influx of young talent from our local area as well as from out of town. To the public eye, the corps gives the appearance of a very mature unit, but if you look under those hats it is a very different story. Young as they are, they are as talented a bunch of individuals as you can find anywhere.

We look forward to representing Kingston this year at 10 competitions in the U.S. and Canada. Every time we put on those uniforms, it will serve as a reminder that the community and CFGK are firmly behind us.



CFGK Receives Prestigious National Award

by Peter Aykroyd



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Greater Kingston received the much-prized Alastair Gamble Memorial Award at a ceremony on Saturday, May 6, at the Com-

munity Foundations of Canada Conference 2000, in Ottawa. The awards are given every two years to foundations in two categories: one with assets over \$3 million and one with assets under \$3 million. Kingston falls in the latter category.



A proud moment for CFGK

The award recognizes outstanding progress and excellence in community foundation practices. The late Alastair Gamble was the founder of Canada's first community foundation in Winnipeg and a guiding spirit in this movement across the country. The award honours the work and principles of this man who provided leadership and inspiration locally and nationally. His work has resulted in the establishment of 99 community foundations in Canada, with aggregate endowment assets of \$1.2 billion, and a membership organization with headquarters in Ottawa.

In accepting the honour on behalf of CFGK, incoming president Gini Rosen paid tribute to the members of our Board, the 15 operating committees, comprising over 80 volunteers from the Kingston area, and Katherine Manley, the founding Executive Director: "Katherine's extraordinary efforts and contagious enthusiasm during our infancy were fundamental in the struggle to build an efficient organization, taking it from assets of \$60,000 to over \$2.3 million in just four years. Of course, our success is also due to the fact that *we hitched our wagon to a rising star*. Community foundations are lighting up the sky with their admirable underlying principles and values."

The award comes with a cheque for \$1,000 to be used for the implementation of a short-term priority. It will be designated towards the development of a new brochure featuring our partners in the charitable sector. A handsome commemorative plaque provides tangible evidence of the award and may be viewed at the CFGK office. (See "A 100 Twinkling Stars..." pg. 3)

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Our Focus on Youth

The YAC Attack

by Danielle Porteous

THE CFGK's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is made up of youth members from the Greater Kingston area who have an interest in philanthropy and community leadership. Since its inception in March 1999, through a generous grant provided by GTO 960/Country 96 Radio stations, YAC has granted over \$12,000, awarding the annual Youth Talent Development Grants to local arts organizations. YAC has also mapped out a three-year "Youth in Philanthropy" program, attended one provincial and one national conference and had a wonderful time while promoting the message of philanthropy.

Youth in Philanthropy Workshop

On January 22, 2000, two youth committee members travelled to Waterloo to attend the "Youth in Philanthropy" Workshop. The event was hosted by the Kitchener-Waterloo CF and included participants from Hamilton and London. The Program Director and a YAC member from the Vancouver Foundation facilitated the workshop. The agenda included information and activities touching on: best practices; fund development; grantmaking and community leadership. Kingston YAC members had the opportunity to network with other youth in the province and to exchange ideas and raise questions with participants and facilitators.

Community Foundations of Canada Conference

In early May, three YAC members attended the CF of Canada Conference in Ottawa. They took part in a special pre-conference workshop which brought together youth from across the country, as well as attending the full two-day conference. All the sessions proved valuable, especially the one on YAC Governance and Operations.

The Next Step

The future holds many exciting opportunities for the Youth Advisory Committee. They are beginning to develop several programs to educate the public about opportunities for youth in philanthropy and community leadership. Look for more information on these programs in the fall. Also look for our brand new brochure, which hit the streets this spring!

The Committee will be taking on further responsibilities. Alternating YAC members have been invited to attend CFGK board meetings as observers.

As the summer approaches, some of our members will be leaving to pursue higher education. This gives an opportunity for several Kingston youth to join our committee as members.

For information on joining YAC, please contact CFGK at 546-9696.



A CFGK GRANT FOR ...



Helping Parents Helping Children

by Martha Rudden



IMAGINE the distress a parent feels when their child is having difficulty learning to read. In our text-intensive society, this can be a significant cause for concern. While the regular school systems have mechanisms in place to assist these children, sometimes parents feel the need to deal with the problem more directly at home. This can be a daunting task for an adult with no teaching experience: the process can also create undue stress within the family, especially if positive results are not readily forthcoming.

Thanks to the generosity of CFGK and *The Kingston Whig-Standard* Literacy Fund, Kingston Literacy will be providing parents with the teaching tools they need to help their children, through a course called **Helping Parents, Helping Children**.

This 12-hour program will introduce parents to a variety of techniques, providing them with the support they need to work with their children in a positive learning environment.

We have established a real need for this program. As both sections of the course filled up immediately, creating a long waiting list, we applied for and received an additional grant. This has allowed us to fill another section, as well as to do some much-needed outreach in our rural areas. All of us extend our appreciation to CFGK and *The Kingston Whig-Standard* for helping our community's parents help their children. Any parent interested in taking this course can call us at 547-2012.

Girls Have the Power to Choose But this Program is *Just for Boys*

by Annabelle Williams



SINCE OUR FIRST **Choices** program in 1992, we have grown from a struggling grassroots chapter of **Parents Against Drugs** to an independent charitable agency, **Prevention Awareness for Life**. Our aim is to provide life skills education/prevention information to local urban and rural schools. We currently serve about 3,000 students a year. Our children are our future and we must nurture their interests. Empowering them to be healthy adults will ensure a sustainable, healthy community. With the recent violent incidents occurring among youth around the world, we are reminded that these events can happen in our own backyard.

We are very fortunate to have a local foundation that regularly supports our cause. CFGK has provided us with the opportunity to expand and enhance our programs and evaluate the needs of our youth. Through their willingness to support small agencies with big dreams, CFGK has had a hugely positive impact on our community.

Many girls were thrilled when CFGK helped us pilot **Girls' Power to Choose** in 1998. The curriculum for this program is wide and varied, covering topics that promote self-esteem and healthy life styles. We have received constant positive feedback from the classes and we currently have a waiting list of six classes for this program alone.

Boys have requested the same opportunity for open and honest dialogue. This year we are piloting a few classes for them, with a new curriculum that will focus on topics of particular interest to boys. With an additional grant from CFGK we will provide **Just 4 Boys** to many more students next year.



Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund

WHAT?

CFGK, in partnership with the Province of Ontario, announces an exciting new way for donors to double their impact on the youth and families in our community. Children and Youth in Recreation Fund includes **sport, recreation, fitness, youth leadership, camping/outdoor education, play groups, the arts and cultural activities.**

WHEN?

From now until March 2002, donations to the new Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund will be matched dollar for dollar by the provincial government up to a maximum of \$250,000, creating a new CFGK fund of up to \$500,000.

WHY?

Research supports the view that recreation activities, enjoyed in a safe and supportive environment, play a significant role in the healthy development of children and youth. Benefits include: improved school performance; development of social skills; improved physical and mental health; enhanced cognitive development; sense of belonging within the community; reduction of negative or high-risk behavior factors; and the sheer joy that comes of taking part in such activities.



Pru Pulver



David Pulver



Jeff Chiang



HOW?

All donations to the OECYR Fund are pooled and invested and the investment income is distributed to youth-serving organizations in our own community in the form of grants. The capital stays within CFGK in perpetuity and continues to grow, generating income to meet the community recreation needs of our young people for years to come.

WHO?

Grants will be issued to charitable organizations encouraging broad participation in healthy and safe physical activities for children and youth. Financial and social barriers prevent many children from taking part in existing recreational programs. Your support of this fund can make all the difference to these organizations and their young clients!

WHERE?

To make a contribution to the Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund, please contact CFGK at 546-9696.

A 100 Twinkling Stars in the Canadian Community Foundation Constellation

by Regina Rosen



LOOKING DOWN into the Great Hall of the Museum of Civilization and seeing the over 400 representatives of Community Foundations worldwide at the Gala Dinner, was an inspiring moment. Twenty Kingston representatives were at that event. Seeing this illustrious gathering added to our pride at having received the Alastair Gamble Award.



The conference was excellent on every level, but these three quotes provide a meaningful summation of our goals.

It is not what you say that matters, but what you do.

Ross Ramsey, Chair, Community Foundations of Canada

We have an obligation to build responsible philanthropy to work together for the good of our community.

Monica Patten, President & CEO, Community Foundations of Canada

You can combine community, philanthropy and the power of a dream. Anything is possible if you believe.

Rick Hansen, Canada's Man in Motion, Rick Hansen Institute



Transitions at the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston

by Joanne Stuart

THIS SPRING, CFGK has undergone an extraordinary transition. The Foundation's next President, Regina (Gini) Rosen, Vice-President Tom Wightman, and Executive Director Monica Stewart, are all community-minded individuals who represent the diversity of Kingston: an American-born transplant, an Old Stone, and an émigré from a non-English country. From a professional volunteer, to single father and businessman to working woman, they are all different, talented, and devoted to their community. It was a pleasure to learn about their lives as it is a pleasure to introduce them to you.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT: Regina (Gini) Rosen



AN AVANT-GARDE NEW YORKER, Gini, at age 18, married Irving Rosen, owner of KIMCO Steel, and settled into Kingston with ease. They raised three children: Gregg, a partner in Kimco, who lives in Kingston with his wife Marla-Beth and children, Samantha, Cody and Alexis; Andrea, a New York art gallery owner; Charles, a lawyer/advertising executive, living in New York with his wife, Lauren.

Gini's energy and enthusiasm are contagious. Graduating from Queen's in drama and religion has helped her take on challenges in areas of arts and culture and as the initiator of Queen's Jewish Studies Program. She attributes her volunteer involvement to a synergy of three things: willingness, opportunity, and capability. Inspired by her faith and her family, she

looks to see where she can help in order to live life in a meaningful way.

Invited to join CFGK, Gini immediately felt, "it was the perfect synthesis of all the things I had done and cared about." Being involved since its earliest stages, she has been Vice-President, a member of the Board, Fund Development and Grant Committees, and Editor of *Ripples*. She is proud to have had a role in framing CFGK's vision. As President, she brings with her a resolution to further the Foundation's position as a community leader. "We have come this far through the forerunners in The Martello Tower Society; our past presidents, the energy of our first executive director, and many committed volunteers, donors and supporters."

Although she salutes the past and has a vision for the future, Gini believes by doing something now the future will take care of itself. "Live and work in the present. Only what you do *now* matters." Her experience as a public figure will, she hopes, make her an accessible community leader. "After great beginnings, we are ready to take CFGK to new heights. This job is positively energizing."

A VICE-PRESIDENT WITH A VISION: Tom Wightman

BORN IN KINGSTON, Tom Wightman graduated from Queen's University in 1976 and joined the KPMG Kingston, where he obtained his Chartered Accountant designation. After 15 years with the firm in Edmonton and Ottawa, he returned to Kingston in 1994, where he is currently the office-managing partner. When asked about his children, Doug, Anne-Marie and Spencer, Tom lights up with pride and love for these three bright and outgoing individuals. In addition to being a devoted father and busy professional, Tom is committed to his community.

Tom was sold on the community foundation concept when he served on the Nominating Committee of the Ottawa-Carleton CF: "The Community Foundation needs to make people aware of how they can contribute to their community in a meaningful way." When asked about his own contribution, Tom says, "I feel it is a duty to be involved and to help where possible. There is so much happening in the Kingston community, and I am fortunate to be a part of it and to see things coming together to make it a better place."

Tom has contributed time, energy and skills to CFGK as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, and as a member of the Operating Fund Development and Investment Committees. With \$200,000 in grants disbursed to the community, and \$2.3 million in endowed funds, Tom is now turning the role of Treasurer over to Sue Waywell. Tom says: "I have a great deal of confidence in her abilities. She is a partner in a local chartered accountancy firm which has worked for numerous non-profit organizations." As Vice-President, Tom will continue to lead the way for Sue and many others who, like him, believe in the potential of the Kingston community.



AN EXCEPTIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Monica Stewart



ANY TEAM WOULD BE LUCKY to have such an intelligent and indefatigable leader as Monica Stewart. Raised in Germany, Monica feels she benefited from a church youth movement that encouraged team spirit. Teamwork plays out in everything she does, from organizing an annual overnight camp for children to playing the flute with a friend. A world-traveller, Internet-surfer and avid reader, Monica sees beyond boundaries with a degree of practicality not often afforded the creative.

Monica credits her achievements to the support of her family: husband Dave, an elementary school teacher, whom she met when she attended Queen's University, and their daughters, Krystyna (16) and Kathryn (10).

Working in the non-profit sector has been rewarding for Monica: "Working together with others to accomplish some-

thing meaningful for the community has brought me a great deal of personal satisfaction. With vision and support, people can do incredible things. I feel fortunate that this is my work experience." Her first position was at the Social Planning Council. There, she learned about the non-profit sector as she began to establish the Community Information Centre, where she was Executive Director for 16 years. When asked about her move to CFGK, Monica says, "I would not have taken the job if it were not a worthwhile endeavour. If I commit to something it has to make sense, and this did. Everyone has made me feel extremely welcome and this has helped me to settle in quickly."

Besides her extensive knowledge of the community, and experience in administration of a non-profit organization, Monica maintains that part of what any new leader brings to an organization is an openness to new people: "The Foundation is always open to the community. I hope that people will call if they wish to contribute in any way."



New Designated Funds



THE FOLLOWING designated endowment funds have recently been established within CFGK. Revenues from these funds have been designated and will benefit many local organizations. Your contribution to any of the Community Foundation's *Designated Funds* will have a lasting impact in your community.

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingston

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingston is dedicated to building self-esteem in children in an environment that is safe and supportive. Providing recreation and educational opportunities, the club is a place of fun and friendship, laughter and learning for all of Kingston's kids.



Chester Yuen Memorial Fund

The Chester Yuen Fund is a permanent memorial, established by Michael and Elaine Davies, to honour Chester Yuen and his service to the Davies family. Each year the fund will pay out in support of Hospice Kingston. This will be known as "Chester's Gift".



The Phoebe Restoration Project

The Phoebe Restoration Project is a volunteer effort to restore and conserve the Phoebe, a 48-foot steam launch built in 1914 by the Davis Dry Dock Company of Kingston. The boat and its propulsion system are the centre of a working and educational display at the Pump House Steam Museum.



The Kingston Whig-Standard – A Good Friend of the Community and CFGK

Ripples is printed and distributed by *The Kingston Whig-Standard* twice each year. Due to the ongoing support and generosity of its publisher, Fred Laflamme, we have the rare opportunity to deliver a broad-based **Report to the Community**. The *Ripples* formula, as a "CF best practice," formed a significant part of our recent Alastair Gamble award. Thanks to the Whig for their ongoing support.

Grant Recipients Spring 2000 For the Spring 2000 granting period, the following projects have been selected for grants, totalling \$48,269.

A full list of all our valued donors and a complete list of all our grant recipients appears once a year in the Winter/Spring edition of *Ripples*. If you would like this information at any time please contact the CFGK office.

Community Fund

For the Spring 2000 granting period the grants committee and Board of Directors of the Community Foundation have selected the following projects for funding, totalling \$28,619.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Birchall Cup International Air Skills Competition: towards an international flying competition amongst military colleges in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Barriefield Rock Garden: towards the Brock Street Murals project, a 50-mural depiction of Kingston's history (see story pg. 6).

Social Planning Council of Kingston and Area: toward a research project to establish "The Kingston Quality of Life Index 2001".

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Alternatives Counselling Service: to purchase print materials for Victim's Support program which offers education and support to female victims of domestic abuse.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingston: toward the purchase of a server for the computer lab.

Bridge House II: towards the purchase of a second-hand van to provide transportation services to the women and children served at both houses and within the community.

CASCA (Citizens Against Sexual Child Abuse): towards "Street Proofing for Parents" project to educate parents and generate discussion on kid safety as it relates to other adults.

Good Food Box: to purchase expandable, portable conveyors to increase the efficiency of packing food boxes.

Kingston & Frontenac Elder Abuse Task Force: to hold a community forum on elder abuse to educate and heighten awareness in the Greater Kingston community.

North Kingston Basketball Camp: towards providing an affordable, safe and fun experience for 80-90 young people per week this summer.

Parents Awareness About Drugs: towards "Just for Boys", a six-week program on drug awareness aimed at boys in grades 3 to 9 (see story pg. 2).

Schizophrenia Society of Ontario-Kingston: to cover costs of a reception at Memorial Hall in conjunction with the "Great Expectations" conference.

EDUCATION

Brigantine Inc.: to purchase radar equipment to bring the ship to safety levels required by the new Standards for Canadian Sail Training Vessels.

Canada-Wide Science Fair 2001: toward an annual national exhibition of outstanding science and technology projects created by

Canadian students in grades 7 to OAC, hosted by Kingston in 2001 (see story pg. 6).

Voice of the Blind: to purchase prizes for the "Third Annual Student Skills" writing contest.

ENVIRONMENT

Cataraqui Trail Management Board: to install a bench at Hogan Lake.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Marine Museum of the Great Lakes & Pump House: toward inviting a senior apprentice to assist in the replacement of the hull planking on the Phoebe project.

Museum of Health Care for Eastern Ontario: to further develop the Medical Artifact Catalogue.

Wilton Women's Institute: toward Phase II restoration of the Women's Institute Hall, a multi-purpose village facility.

ARTS & CULTURE

Agnes Etherington Art Centre: to provide informal educational opportunities for adults and outreach opportunities for community groups through "Community Docent Program".

Blue Skies Cultural Centre: toward the establishment of a community fiddle orchestra in Sharbot Lake.

Kingston Artists' Association Inc.: toward the cataloguing of new works of art, presented on the theme of reintegration with nature, at Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area.

Kingston & District Folk Art Council: toward Folklore 2000, a weekend long event to showcase the heritage and traditions of the varied cultural groups in Kingston.

Le Centre Culturel Frontenac: toward purchasing a piano for the centre.

Welcome Wood Productions: toward the production of "O Coward!" at 'It's a Grand Summer'.

LITERACY

Kingston Literacy: towards "Helping Parents, Helping Children" training sessions for parents who want to help their children learn to read (see story pg. 2).

Field of Interest Funds

KINGSTON WHIG-STANDARD LITERACY FUND: \$2,000

Kingston Literacy: towards "Helping Parents, Helping Children" training sessions for parents who want to help their children learn to read (see story pg. 2).

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingston: to purchase computer software.

MARGARET DAVIES FUND: \$2,400

Kingston Symphony Association: To assist in the development and marketing of a new Symphony website.

Le Centre Culturel Frontenac: toward purchasing a piano for the centre.

GTO 960 – COUNTRY 96 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARTS: \$6,000

h'art – School of Smiles Inc.: to showcase the talents of over 40 special needs youth and feature musicians from the Kingston Symphony.

Kingston Grenadiers: to purchase fabric for new uniforms (see story pg. 1).

Theatre Kingston: toward a play-writing contest, acting workshops and a production of the winning play.

Thousand Islands Playhouse Young Company: to waive fees in school performances of live theatre by the Young Company.

Alcan Grants

For the Spring 2000 granting period, the following organizations have been selected by Alcan for grants, totalling \$9,250.

ARTS & CULTURE

Cantabile Choir; Grand Theatre; Kingston Grenadiers; Kingston Symphony; Theatre Five; Thousand Islands Playhouse – Scholarship.

EDUCATION

Camp Let's Go (QE); Canada-Wide Science Fair 2002; Junior Achievement; Kingston & District Science Fair; Kingston Area School to Employment Council (KASE); Kingston Literacy.

SPORTS

Church Athletic League Association Softball; Run for Light.

CIVIC

Almost Home; Better Beginnings; Easter Seals Telethon; KIN Family Centre; Kingston Area Safe & Sober Driving Coalition; Kingston Youth Shelter; Rising Heights Food Program; Salvation Army.



Grants and Consequences

by Eveline Flint



THE BUILDING BLOCK EFFECT of grants made to community undertakings is a constant source of satisfaction to CFGK volunteers and donors. The following selected grants have helped us celebrate our past and, through our young people, our future.

We need rocket scientists!

CFGK has supported the Regional Science Fair with two grants to send students to the national event, a third to provide medals.

Experience at the national fair is very positive. According to educator Heather Hight: "The students see that their hard work is appreciated and that innovation is appreciated." Many Kingston students take top honours at the fair, including Janet Neilson, now studying science at Queen's University – she won a substantial science fair scholarship while a student at KCVI. Travis Beamish and Avaleigh Milne, in their final year at KCVI, won at the regional level, took top awards at the national fair in Regina in 1997, and in 1999 won a spot at the international fair in Philadelphia.

A grant was awarded in this current session in support of Kingston's opportunity to host the National Science Fair, May 12 – 20, 2001, where local educators will welcome 700 students from across the country. A special honour to Kingston!

A walk on Brock...

Enjoy over 30 murals on the Hansen parking garage near Wellington. Two CFGK grants (one currently) have been awarded to his creative undertaking. CFGK was pleased to join with other local supporters in a project that celebrates the history and traditions of this area from 1600 to 2000. Bill Robb, of Pittsburgh rock garden fame, enlisted the help of many people for this wonderful citizens' initiative. Alcan donated the special aluminum sheets and inmates from Pittsburgh and Bath institutions forged the metal brackets. Bob Blenderman and Doug Asselstine Sr. are two of the artists who bring the scenes to life.

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Proceeding a little further up Brock Street, you'll find **Elizabeth Cottage**.

In recognition of its value to the community and the country as a national historic treasure, it was a 1999 grant recipient. CFGK was pleased to participate with others in support of this restoration program.



Doug Asselstine, Sr. (above) and Bob Blenderman (below) recreate our past.



MAKING WAVES

by Fred Laflamme

WHEN CFGK was incorporated in 1995, I don't know if all of us who were involved at the time realized just how important our first President and Executive Director would be to our ultimate growth and success. Now, some five years later, with the timeless accuracy of hindsight, we can look at the Foundation's many accomplishments and unambiguously agree that we were indeed fortunate to have had the absolute two best people in those daunting positions.

The heartwarming story that has been written by CFGK under their careful tutelage is proof positive of that claim. As CFGK goes forward, fulfilling its mission of enhancing the quality of life in our community, we will continue to be indebted to **Michael Davies** and **Katherine Manley**.

IT WAS MICHAEL'S crystal clear vision of what could be, supported by his own generous leadership by example, and Katherine's "damn the torpedoes" attitude to get it done, supported by her seemingly endless capacity for hard work, that breathed life into the Foundation during those early years. For that we will always be grateful. It is a legacy which will permit us to write even more exciting chapters in our future. As we continue to practise the lessons we learned well under Michael's mentoring and Katherine's ever-positive influence, we are assured of success in building even greater community capacity. As the singer says, "The best is yet to come".

It was, after all, Michael's strategic thinking which compelled us to focus on our community's assets and capacities rather than on gaps and needs. It was Michael who stepped forward first with generous donations not once, but several times, including CFGK's first major matching grant. It was Katherine who embraced the task of ED for very little financial reward, committing her life, her family and even her home to the cause. They personally recruited most of the Foundation's first board of

directors – many of whom still serve today. And it was Michael and Katherine who infused that board with the same sense of dedication, compassion, and leadership that they themselves brought to the task.

At the end of our fifth year, CFGK has much to be thankful for and our blessings are bountiful. We are doing good work, we are moving forward with purpose, we are growing rapidly and we are receiving recognition on a national scale. Michael and Katherine, you can be very proud of all that you have accomplished, and you can go forward knowing your legacy will be treasured and cared for as though you were doing it yourselves. Keep one thing in mind: you will always be a part of us.

WE'RE PLEASED that **Michael Davies** has agreed to head up the OECYR matching-fund campaign. (See pg. 3)

New Committee

INITIATIVES BEYOND fundraising and grantmaking are regularly undertaken by the Foundation. These activities will soon be formalized under a Community Leadership Committee chaired by **Eveline Flint**, assisted by **Lin Good**. Concepts include: building capacity, creating dialogue, engaging diverse points of view, building relationships, sharing knowledge, enhancing civic vitality and organizing skills and assets.

Board Changes

FAREWELL and a heartfelt thank you to Board member **Chander Datta**, who has completed his term of office. *Au revoir* to **Wilma Bernabei**, an active volunteer who has been with the group since Martello Tower days. We warmly welcome two new board members: **Sue Waywell** who will take over the solemn task of Treasurer, and **Judith Mackenzie**, who will be the new chair of the Grants Committee. We trust you will be inspired by the dedication of your predecessors.

COMING EVENTS

CFGK Annual Tower of Hope Pro-Am Golf Classic

New Date... New Location... Same Great Event!

Monday, August 14, 2000

Loyalist Golf and Country Club



Over the past two years, more than \$40,000 has been raised through the generous support of the many who have supported and participated in the CFGK Tower of Hope Golf Classic. It has helped ensure the Foundation's continued support of education, arts and culture, environmental, health and community development programs. We welcome your new, or renewed involvement in the third annual golf tournament and invite you to become, or continue to be, a sponsor in support of this special fundraising event.

Charity Bridge Night

Monday, August 21, 2000

Ambassador Hotel

Round up your friends for a social night of bridge in support of a great cause! We invite bridge players of all levels to an exciting evening of cards at the Ambassador Hotel. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will feature refreshments, prizes and lots of fun! Tickets are only \$10 and all proceeds help support many worthwhile projects in your community. Tickets are available from the CFGK office (546-9696) or at the door. Hope to see you there!

Art Auction

All colours reflected on beautiful Lake Ontario will be the backdrop for this unique fundraising event in support of CFGK. Ross and Donna Grieve have offered their magnificent home in Collins Bay for an Art Auction and reception on Sunday afternoon, October 22, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Only 100 tickets will be available for this special event where guests will be bidding on paintings by well-known Canadian artists.

The Marion Meyer Opportunity Fund: Giving a Second Chance

by Francesca Creet



LIVING TO THE COMMUNITY is a philosophy that Marion Meyer has practised for many years.

After early retirement from Queen's University where she was a Sociology professor from 1966 to 1987, she and her husband Henry worked for two to three months every year as volunteer consultants in developing countries.

Marion was born in Germany, and she and her family emigrated to France during the Hitler regime. During the subsequent German occupation, Marion and her sister fled over the mountains to Switzerland. There, at the age of 17, thanks to the generosity of private individuals, she was able to further her education. After working with young orphans and troubled juveniles for several years, she resumed her education in Child Psychology at the Sorbonne and, later, in Sociology at the New School in New York.

Marion's experiences led her to empathize with and help those in difficulties. The belief by some "that you must have done something bad" to become homeless or to be without an education, does not sit well with her. Her own difficult early years provided a special understanding for her present involvement with street kids. She speaks with love and passion of the youths with whom she works at the Youth Shelter on Brock Street, an organization on which she is a board member.

Thus, it is especially with young people in mind, that Henry has donated \$100,000 to establish the CFGK **Marion Meyer Opportunity Fund**, as a way to celebrate Marion's 75th birthday. This is her opportunity to give to others the chance that others once gave to her.



Joanne Stuart

In Partnership with Queen's

by David Cox



WHEN CFGK RECEIVED a \$30,000 grant from The Trillium Foundation, one of our objectives was to improve the Foundation's brand and logo recognition. To measure our progress, we needed to establish a current baseline. Professor Shirley Taylor, graduate advisor Tim Jones, and a group of enthusiastic marketing students from the Queen's School of Business turned this challenge into a project for academic credit.

The students – Keegan Coulter, Peter Graham, Sandra Whang, Roy Cherian, Gunter Kahlen and Andra Lagercrantz – defined, researched, analysed and prepared a random telephone survey in order to determine the level of knowledge in the community about the Foundation. They then conducted the survey and prepared a final report summarizing and cross-tabulating the results.

These students performed their study in a comprehensive, committed and pro-

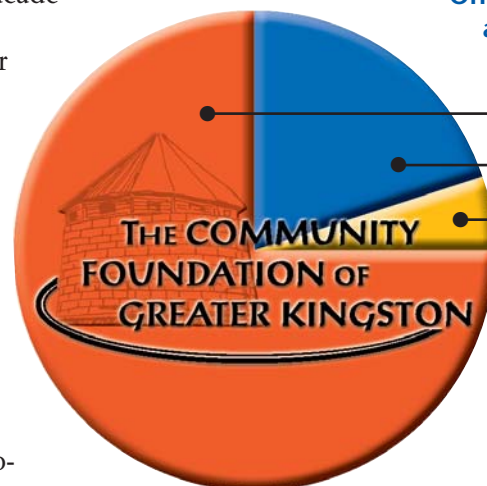
fessional manner. They were well coached on our requirements by Barry Kaplan, a dedicated volunteer on the Marketing Committee, and staff member Joanne Stuart. On behalf of the Foundation, I thank the whole team and congratulate them on their success! I look forward to the next opportunity for CFGK and Queen's to work together to better serve the Kingston community and provide a useful and rewarding educational opportunity for students.

The Results are In!

Approximately 28% of Kingstonsians are aware of our existence!

For an organization less than five years old, that's considered quite a feat. Of that 28%, roughly 75% have a general understanding of our role in the community. Further education is required on the concept of endowment funds, as only half of the respondents knew that a foundation is based on the endowment principle.

In summary, we're pleased with our level of general public understanding. We now have a good baseline from which to measure future changes as well as ideas of where we need to make those future changes.



Only 5% of respondents were aware that *Ripples* was a publication of the CFGK*

Have an understanding of CFGK role.

Have name recognition only.

The only people who haven't asked if *Ripples* comes in salt & vinegar or sour cream & onion.

*Pie Chart represents the 28% who know CFGK



We've Got Heroes!



11 am, July 1, City Hall

Some special people are honoured each year at Canada Day celebrations in front of City Hall.

CFGK is a proud partner with Downtown Kingston! and the City of Kingston in naming our annual "Local Heroes".

Be there at 11 am, July 1, to help salute our Millennium Heroes.

The Community Foundation
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June Celebration

Thursday, June 15, 2000
5:15 – 7:00 pm
Memorial Hall City Hall



The June Celebration will be highlighted by the presence of **The Honourable Hilary Weston, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.**

Her keynote address will be in keeping with her personal focus and this year's theme, "A Celebration of Youth".

The event will feature an in-depth Report to the Community and the launch of the *Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund*. The rousing entertainment will be by a recent recipient of the "Youth Talent Development in the Arts" grant.

We invite all residents of the Greater Kingston community to join us in celebrating our volunteers, donors, supporters, grant recipients, and our youth.

Grant Applications

Deadlines for applications September 15, March 15.

Applications available at:
Central & Isabel Turner Public Libraries
or downloaded from our website at www.cfgk.org.

Applications can be mailed or delivered to:
The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston
259 King Street East, 5th Floor,
Kingston, ON K7L 3A8

N.B. Completed Applications will not be accepted via our website.



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