

Ripples

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Stay Younger, Live Longer – Volunteer!

By Regina Rosen, President, CFGK

As 2001 is the International Year of Volunteers we are dedicating this edition of *Ripples* to them. We particularly want to honour the scores of volunteers who dedicate themselves to the work of CFGK.

They say that volunteers are healthier, stay younger and live longer. Despite those glowing recommendations there are persistent rumours that volunteerism is dead or dying. Mark Twain once said, “The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated”, and I believe the same is true of volunteerism. Three million Ontarians who involve themselves in volunteering each year are living proof.

In Robert Putnam’s book *Bowling Alone*, he argues that North America “has lost much of the social glue that once allowed our society to cohere”, and that there is a marked “decline of social capital and civic engagement” leading to “the loss of community”. *Social capital* refers to the social networks that exist within a community, like neighbourhood associations, clubs, and “active participation in civic activities such as volunteering.”

The fact that there has been a proliferation of community foundations across North America is the basis for my contention that all is not lost. Community founda-

tions are self-generated local organizations, designed to bring together philanthropic-minded citizens to endow money, the interest of which is granted to community causes. They also bring together concerned citizens to create strategic responses to the challenges that face our community. This is Putnam’s very prescription to “generate and reinforce trust, cooperation, solidarity and public-minded behaviours among individual community members.”

In my role as president of CFGK I come across scores of volunteers from every aspect of society with an enlightened interest in enhancing and strengthening the quality of life in our community. That is the cornerstone of our mission statement, which goes on to say, “CFGK offers opportunities to concerned and caring citizens to give something back to the community which has nurtured them.” This *opportunity* brings forward responses of every kind.

The Dictionary of Canadian English says that philanthropy is “the inclination to increase human well-being.” Therefore philanthropy, something we promote, is of itself an act of volunteerism.

It goes without saying that thousands of organizations could not exist without the support of volunteers. In Ontario alone, volunteers contribute 422 million hours annually to support more than 60,000 organizations. It is obvious that volunteers comprise a sub-structure built into the very fabric of our community. The federal government recently defined the volunteer sector as an economic division parallel to the public and private sectors. So, in this International Year of Volunteers, I propose we all join in saying, “Hey out there. We are alive and well!”



Some of our volunteers

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Levelling the Playing Field

By Bill Reason

PRO Kids (Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids) is a unique service dedicated to ensuring that recreational opportunities exist for children and youth up to 18 years of age, who would not ordinarily be able to afford the cost of participation.

PRO Kids was initiated and developed by the Department of Community Services, Culture and Recreation



Division. The key to the **PRO Kids** service is the partnership with community sport, culture, arts and recreation organizations through donated program spaces that are offered to worthy children and youth.

We are proud to have been awarded a very generous grant from CFGK, the first one made through the newly created Ontario Endowment for Children in Youth and Recreation – the **For Kids... Forever** fund. Through this grant, the start-up costs of promoting this valuable service can be realized.

In addition, the support of the Foundation will eliminate other participation barriers such as program equipment and supplies, transportation to and from programs where required, and the purchase of additional program spaces once the donated spaces have been filled.

The **PRO Kids** Program, with the support of CFGK, will level the playing field for underprivileged children and youth to take advantage of the hundreds of recreational opportunities available in our community. All those who are in need of financial support may apply. Applications will be made available through most of our City recreational facilities and community organizations that primarily work with children and youth.

To apply, or for more information about this unique initiative, contact the City of Kingston, Culture and Recreation Services, at 546-7998.

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Photos: City of Kingston Archives

Grant Helps Youth Shelter Enhance Volunteer Training

By Tibrata Gillies

The Kingston Youth Shelter Project offers a safe and supportive emergency shelter for the youth who are homeless in Kingston and surrounding area. It encourages these youngsters to grow beyond their present life condition by providing them access to community resources and youth-oriented organizations.

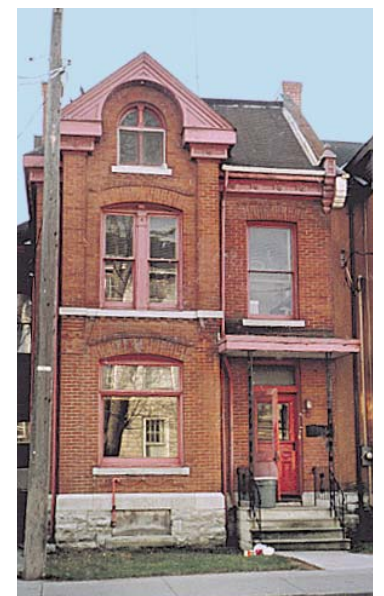
At the shelter, participants are provided with a safe environment, free of drugs and alcohol. They can get hot, nutritious meals and basic necessities. Youth can also benefit from

one-on-one counselling, life skill training, crisis intervention, and have access to use of kitchen space, washrooms and laundry facilities. There is a zero-tolerance

policy with regards to violence and bearing of arms in the shelter.

The youth shelter's extremely tight budget has been widely reported by the local media. The staff-to-residents ratio is one to six. Our volunteers allow the shelter to support staff during evening drop-in hours. This makes volunteers a necessity at the shelter, as without their support the drop-in could not exist.

Knowing the importance of training these volunteers in non violent crisis intervention, we requested and received a grant from CFGK to purchase appropriate manuals and provide training. The generous grant, allocated through the Marion Meyer Opportunity Fund, means that these volunteers can now receive much-needed guidance, while providing staff with reliable and necessary back-up.



CFGK Funding for Our Kids

By Eveline Flint

Funding children's activities was a prime motivator for CFGK founders. Therefore, longtime directors are especially delighted when contemplating the future impact on area children from the *For Kids... Forever* fund – a \$500,000 endowment initiated by the Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation. We have just made our first-ever grant from that fund, to support the *PRO Kids* – Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids (see p. 2).

Meantime, children's needs continue to be central to our twice-yearly granting sessions. Combined grants from the community fund and donor-directed designated funds aimed at youth activities bolster the overall impact of good things for Kingston children.

Learning Life Skills at School

Interaction with caring adults is important in childhood. CFGK, through its granting programs, is able to lend support to some of the excellent work carried out in our community, such as *The Leader Within* – self-awareness and self-potential workshops for Grade 7 and 8 students, initiated by the Industry Education Council – Algonquin & Limestone.

Junior Achievement of Kingston & District's one-day program for Grade 8 students on *The Economics of Stay-*

ing in School has mushroomed from 10 classes for about 260 children in 1980 to 55 classes for 1500 children, as of April 18, 2001. Children leave the program with a clear understanding of what it will cost to support themselves, and how an education can improve earning prospects. A team of 110 volunteers from the business community serve as teachers. According to organizers, it was the joint funding from the Marion Meyer Opportunity Fund and the Community Fund which made the project possible this year.

Literacy, Music, Art, Science and more

Kingston Literacy, h'art school of smiles, the Science Fair, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingston, Girl Guides and a host of other programs have been recipients of CFGK funding. Our own Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was started a few years back when funding from Country 960 GTO for Kingston youth activities in music, was made available. Our Grants Committee decided it made sense



Jeff Hokkanen (L), Dan Baggetta (R) from Goodyear with the kids of one class at Prince Charles School in Napanee.

for young people themselves to select recipients, and the committee was initially established for that purpose. The consequence? YAC has taken off and is now part of the youth arm of Community Foundations of Canada. Our members, led by Chair Jason Wagar, participate in many local projects, and are embarking

on raising money for a separate youth endowment fund.

As we watch The Kingston Grenadiers parade in their new uniforms, funded by a CFGK grant, or listen to a Cantabile choir CD, we readily sense the consequences of Foundation grants directed towards the young. None who were present will forget the words of the young girl who, with great courage, addressed the 100-plus attendees at a recent CFGK Annual General Meeting.

She carefully described the difference a particular program had made in her life and said, somewhat poignantly, "I can even talk to my Mom now without getting mad!"

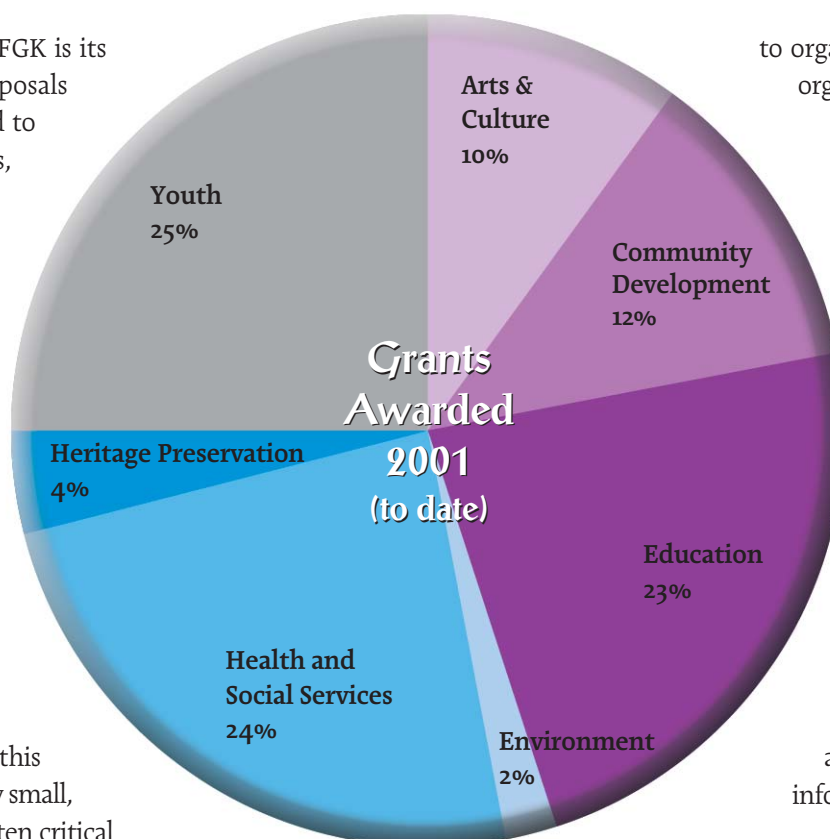
The Grantmaking Process: Your Dollars – Your Community

By Judith Mackenzie

One of the most important activities of CFGK is its twice-yearly grant making. Calls for proposals are announced in the media, guidelines provided to potential applicants, and in increasing numbers, applications for funding arrive for the September 15 and March 15 deadlines. For this spring session, 56 applications were received totalling requests for \$221,746. The grants committee, volunteers all, had just over \$41,000 to award from the community fund, presenting a formidable task.

Each proposal is reviewed by two people. Each team of two brings its review results to the full committee for final discussion. The proposals undergo a rigorous review and are "measured" against a set of criteria rather than against each other. Reviewers are looking for proposals that will have significant impact in the community.

Although our financial support of projects at this stage of the Foundation's development is relatively small, feedback received indicates that this support is often critical



to organizations that are seeking funds from a number of organizations. The Foundation's grants support the work of volunteers in other organizations – another nice illustration of the *ripple* effect of our work.

To date, each of the two sessions has resulted in a large number of grants, across several sectors. We are very proud of the grants allocated in this session (see p. 4), in particular that we are able to make our first-ever grant from the *For Kids... Forever* fund. With the generous support of our donors, as our assets grow it may be possible in the not-too-distant future to be the sole financial sponsor of large projects thought to be highly beneficial for the community.

Check the CFGK website (www.cfgk.org) for proposal guidelines, submission deadlines, and general information.



GRANTS INDICATED ARE FUNDED IN TOTAL, OR IN PART, BY THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL FUNDS:

- Margaret Davies Fund: A Field of Interest Fund, supporting the area of music; 50% to the Kingston Symphony, 50% to other civic musical interests.
- Marion Meyer Opportunity Fund: A Field of Interest Fund, supporting the area of education and training.
- The Kingston Whig-Standard Literacy Fund: A Field of Interest Fund, supporting literacy initiatives.
- Cameron and Laurie Thompson Fund: A Donor Advised Fund.
- For Kids...Forever (Ontario Endowment For Children and Youth in Recreation): A Field of Interest Fund, established with matching funding from the Government of Ontario to support quality community recreation programs for children and youth who otherwise might be barred from participation by financial constraints.
- Alcan Endowment Fund: A Donor Advised fund established by Alcan to support local charities.
- Joe Chithalen Memorial Fund: A Donor Advised fund to support the development of local musicians – in memory of musician Joe Chithalen.
- Margaret & George W. Bracken Fund: A Donor Advised Fund.
- GTO960/ Country 96 Youth Development in the Arts Flow-Through Fund: An annual contribution allocated to local youth in the arts organizations, chosen by YAC.
- Cyril E. Wharrie & Evelyn D. Wharrie Fund: A Designated Fund supporting Providence Continuing Care and the CFGK Community Fund.
- James S. & Grace Brown Memorial Youth Advantage Fund: A Designated Fund, offering ongoing support to Big Sisters Association.
- Peter & Frances Splinter Fund: A Donor Advised Fund.

ARTS & CULTURE

Association canadienne-française de l'Ontario: Towards the production of a brief history of the organization and the evolution of the French community.

Kingston & District Folk Art Council: Towards a weekend-long event to showcase the heritage and traditions of the varied cultural groups in Greater Kingston.

Agnes Etherington Art Centre: Towards an educational exhibit that will explore varied approaches to art.

Aurora Women's Choir: Towards the costs of attending an international choral conference (Davies)

Kingston Symphony Association (Alcan & Davies)

Theatre Five (Alcan)

Cantabile Choirs of Kingston (Alcan)

Thousand Islands Foundation for Performing Arts (Alcan)

Kingston Grenadiers (Alcan)

Kingston Youth Shelter Project: Music Instruction (Chithalen)

Lyndhurst Library (Bracken)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Almost Home: To install much-needed exterior lighting.

Kingston: Partners for a Safe Community: Towards a project to increase safety and awareness of safe cycling in Kingston.

Barriefield Rock Garden: To produce interpretive signs for the Hanson Garage Murals.

Kingston Heritage Tattoo Society: Towards production costs associated with honoraria for local groups.

First Avenue Public School: Towards play structure/ play garden and outdoor learning centre for inner city school.

Run for Light (Alcan)

Sacred Heart of Mary Church (Anon)

Wolfe Island Ambulance Service (Anon)

Wolfe Island Fire Hall (Anon)

Wolfe Island Community Medical Centre (Anon)

EDUCATION

Canadian Hearing Society, Kingston: Towards an educational project for elementary school students to raise awareness of deaf and hard of hearing.

Youth Diversion Program: Towards the purchase of resources designed to reduce bullying and aggressive acts among youth.

Prevention Awareness for Life: Towards an internet skills and safety component of existing programs (Meyer).

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority: For materials and supplies to enhance outdoor education opportunities for children (Thompson).

Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston: Towards a summer program that supports literacy and social skills development for at-risk children 6 to 9 years old (Literacy).

Kingston Literacy: Towards special 25th Anniversary Family Literacy Day celebration in 2002 (Literacy).

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingston: Towards a music room, instrument library and music program in partnership with local organizations.

Junior Achievement of Kingston & District (Alcan)

Kingston & District Science Fair (Alcan)

Kingston Literacy (Alcan)

Industry Education Council – Algonquin & Limestone (Alcan)

Canada-Wide Science Fair 2001 (Alcan)

Queen's Science & Computer Discovery (Alcan)

Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario: Miriam Bracken Scholarship (Bracken)

Department of Religious Studies, Queen's University: Allen-Bracken Award (Bracken).

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingston: Music for Everyone (Chithalen & Splinter).

ENVIRONMENT

Hearthmakers Energy Cooperative: Towards a project to encourage citizens to reduce pesticide use around the home.

Rideau Waterway Land Trust Foundation (Bracken)

Rideau Environmental Trust: Evergreen Avenue (Bracken)

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Bridge House (Kingston) Inc.: Towards the purchase of furnishings for Bridge House II.

Kingston Interval House: Towards a joint health program providing development and care for marginalized children.

Kingston & District Assoc. for Community Living: For accessible work stations to allow computer training for those with physical limitations.

Kingston Youth Shelter Project: For manuals on nonviolent crisis intervention to assist with volunteer training (Meyer).

The Bread of Life Club: Towards providing hot meals for families in North Kingston on the last seven days of each month.

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Kingston Br.: Towards the purchase of hearing assistive devices to enhance service to hard of hearing clients.

The Salvation Army (Alcan)

The Easter Seal Society (Alcan)

Almost Home (Alcan)

Better Beginnings (Alcan)

KIN Family Centre (Alcan)

The Bread of Life Club (Alcan)

KGH Foundation/ Safe and Sober Fund (Alcan)

Exceptional People's Olympiad (Alcan)

Terry Fox Foundation (Alcan)

Hospice Kingston (Alcan)

Martha's Table (Alcan)

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Amodeo)

Amnesty International (Anon)

Physicians for Global Survival (Anon)

Christian Blind Mission International (Anon)

Project Ploughshares (Anon)

Covenant House (Anon)

Child Haven International (Anon)

Care Canada (Anon)

Hospice Kingston (Anon)

Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne Aid Centre: Food Bank (Bracken)

Providence Manor (Wharrie)

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Fairfield-Gutzeit Society: Towards the painting of the interior of the historic house, and mounting of historic paintings.

Wilton Women's Institute: Towards restoration of the interior of the historic Wilton Women's Institute Hall.

Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston (Alcan)

YOUTH

Big Sisters Association of Kingston and District: To enable local members to attend a day of celebration with other Big and Little Sisters.

Youth Access: Towards continuation of the regular Youth Access activities over the summer months.

International Year of Volunteers Steering Committee: Towards a local celebration of youth volunteerism as part of International Year of Volunteers.

Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids: Towards implementation of service to ensure recreational opportunities for kids who could not ordinarily afford the cost (For Kids Forever).

Kingston Synchronized Swimming Club: Towards purchase of underwater sound system and video/VCR for new synchronized swimming club.

Kingston Gymnastics Club: Towards appropriately sized equipment which will create opportunities for young gymnasts.

Camp Let's Go (Alcan)

Church Athletic League (Alcan)

Kingston Youth Shelter Project (Alcan)

North Kingston Basketball Camp (Alcan)

Thousand Islands Foundation for Performing Arts: Towards the production of a play that will travel to elementary schools in Greater Kingston (Youth / Arts).

Theatre Kingston: Towards a young people's theatre festival (Youth / Arts).

RKY Camp: Towards one-time purchase of guitars and accessories to expand creative arts program (Youth / Arts).

Big Sisters Association of Kingston: Pathways for Youth (Brown).

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The following charitable organizations are receiving income from their agency endowment funds in 2001:

Camp Outlook

Kingston Frontenac Public Library

Kingston Symphony Association

Marine Museum of the Great Lakes/ Phoebe Restoration

Seniors Association, Kingston Region

Choose Your Special Way to Make a Difference

By Monica Stewart, Executive Director, CFGK

Whether you establish your own fund or support one of the Community Foundation's existing funds, you join people who have one thing in common – the desire to make a difference in their community ... forever. Your gift continues to give year after year because your donation is pooled with others and invested as a permanent endowment fund. CFGK's endowment is now at just over \$3 million, managed by a knowledgeable team of community leaders, staff and professional investment advisors who volunteer their expertise.

Starting a fund often results in significant tax benefits to the donor. Most commonly, gifts are funded through marketable securities, life insurance policies, or cash. You can also set up a fund today and provide for additional contributions through a bequest in your will. Foundation staff will work with you, your lawyer, accountant, life insurance agent or financial planner to find the approach that works best for you. Inquiries are held in strict confidence.

The following list of existing funds within CFGK shows the broad range of people who have already decided to support their community forever, and the different types of funds available.

Designated Funds

Have you spent many volunteer hours serving on committees, organizing fund raisers or canvassing? Do you regularly give to causes that are important to you? A Designated Fund will ensure that your favorite charities continue to receive your support year after year. The donor specifies the recipient organization(s) at the time the fund is set up within CFGK. If the unforeseen should occur and a charity ceases to operate, or significantly changes its focus, CFGK will re-direct the income to a similar cause.

We acknowledge with appreciation the support of the donors who have set up these lasting legacies to their favored community causes:

- ~ Vincent & Rose Amodeo Fund
- ~ Anonymous (3)
- ~ James S. & Grace Brown Memorial Youth Advantage Fund
- ~ William G. Cherry Fund
- ~ Chander and Anju Datta Family Fund
- ~ h'art Studio Special Needs Endowment Fund
- ~ Cyril E. Wharrie and Evelyn D. Wharrie Fund
- ~ Lloyd and Vivian Willows Memorial Endowment Fund
- ~ Chester Yuen Fund

Scholarship Funds

A Scholarship Fund can be set up in your own name, or in honour of someone else, to support educational costs of deserving students.

These have been set up to honour the memory of two teenage boys. Both funds provide annual scholarships to students of Bayridge Secondary School:

- Matt Cahill Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Francis Carney Memorial Scholarship Fund



Why is this person so happy?

Executive Director Monica Stewart gratefully accepts donations from (clockwise, left to right) Harold Parson and Reg Shadbolt towards the Boys and Girls Club Fund, Stephen Roughton towards the United Way Endowment Fund, and Bill Gray towards the h'art Studio Special Needs Fund.



Agency Endowments

Charities who partner with CFGK benefit from the investment expertise and fund pooling available through the Foundation. CFGK accepts the administration and investment responsibilities, while the organization receives the income on an annual basis. By making a contribution to an agency's endowment fund you can help ensure the future of the organization's valuable work in the community.

These charitable organizations have established an agency endowment fund within CFGK:

- ~ Camp Outlook
- ~ Kingston Symphony
- ~ Kingston-Frontenac Public Library
- ~ Marine Museum of the Great Lakes
- ~ Seniors Association Kingston Region
- ~ The Boys and Girls Club
- ~ United Way Endowment Fund - A special partnership between the United Way, Serving Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington and CFGK benefits the community as funds of the United Way Endowment Fund are pooled and managed with CFGK's endowment.

Field of Interest Funds

This type of fund enables the donor to focus on a particular area of charitable activity (such as education, arts, health and youth). Fund income is distributed within that area at the discretion of the Foundation Board through CFGK's Grants Committee.

We salute the following donors who have ensured that their philanthropic interest is supported forever through a Field of Interest Fund:

- ~ Margaret Davies Fund (Supports civic musical interests)
- ~ Marion Meyer Opportunity Fund (Supports education and training)
- ~ Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund (Supports quality recreation for children and youth who would not otherwise be able to participate)
- ~ The Kingston Whig-Standard Literacy Fund (supports literacy projects)

Donor Advised Funds

A fund for donors who would like the opportunity to be actively involved with CFGK's staff and board in selecting agencies or projects that will benefit from the gift. Families and corporations alike can

use this type of fund to achieve their charitable goals in partnership with CFGK:

- ~ Alcan Endowment Fund
- ~ Anonymous
- ~ Margaret and George W. Bracken Community Fund
- ~ Joe Chithalen Memorial Fund
- ~ Peter and Frances Splinter Fund
- ~ Cameron & Laurie Thompson Fund

The Community Fund

The Community Fund is at the heart of CFGK. It allows us to respond to the community's needs and dreams as they emerge. Twice a year, discretionary grants are awarded in response to funding applications from community organizations in the Greater Kingston area. Grants from the Community Fund support an amazing breadth of projects in the health and social services, arts and culture, the environment, historical conservation, education, and community development. For a full list of projects funded, surf to cfgk.org. Contributions of all sizes make up this fund which helps our community to care for itself forever.

NB: The above listings reflect funds set up within CFGK as of May 1, 2001



YAC-ing about the future

By Andy Mills

“Youth are 27 per cent of our population, but they’re 100 per cent of our future.” This statement by Charlie Kellington, Executive Director of Kingston Junior Achievement, sums our philosophy up nicely. CFGK supports developing our youth on several fronts, not only by offering grants to organizations mandated to help youth, but also by recognizing the need for a youth presence within the Foundation.

Three years ago, CFGK set up a Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), and it has become integral to our direction. Our current YAC is made up of nine young people between the ages of 15 and 19. They have identified their mandate as: supporting youth-oriented programs in the Greater Kingston area through grants and community leadership.

In 1999 GTO 960 offered \$6000 to be granted through CFGK toward youth development in the arts. This unique situation

All donations will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$ 10,000.

prompted the creation of YAC which continues to grant annually from this on-going contribution. YAC’s grant-making discussions are sincere and inspirational – exhibiting a great blend of heart, fairness, community mindedness, and financial skill.

YAC has also participated in community events that raise awareness of youth and philanthropy, such as the Family Fun Zone held in August 2000 in partnership with Downtown Kingston! YAC is planning to do the “Zone” again, this year in partnership with the Kingston West Canada Day Celebration on June 30. YAC also staffed the Imagination Station, a children’s craft station, for the City’s First-Night Celebration last year.

YAC is making a big impact within CFGK. Two YAC members are always invited to regular Board meetings. YAC chair Jason Wagar regularly attends, and by all reports is doing a great job. We are particularly proud that two members of our YAC were selected to attend the National Youth Summit on volunteerism in Summerside, PEI in April. CFGK worked with the Community Volunteer Centre to host a reception in their honour (along with two other local youths) at City Hall.



Mat Abramsky of YAC greeted by Mayor Turner at CFGK appreciation event

These dedicated members have undertaken an exciting endeavour. The Board gave approval to start attracting funds to a Youth Endowment Fund. The purpose of this fund is to generate income that can be granted by YAC to additional youth programs and organizations. We are in the process of drawing up a fundraising strategy for this very worthwhile initiative. To help launch the project, Foundation supporters Gregg & Marla-Beth Rosen have

agreed to set up a fund matching all donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. If you are interested in contributing to this great new endowment, and doubling your impact, please contact the CFGK office.

The Giving Circle – Our Newest Undertaking

The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston invites you to join a circle of special supporters. In April 2000, CFGK was proud to receive the Alastair Gamble Award for Best Practices in Foundation Management from our national association. To allow us to

maintain the high standards we have set, we have created the Community Foundation Giving Circle. Donations to the Community Foundation Giving Circle will be designated to the Foundation’s operating budget. All of our endowed funds continue to be held in perpetuity with the

interest designated to the many community projects supported annually by CFGK. That is why we need to raise operational funds separately.

Your participation in the Community Foundation Giving Circle will allow us to maintain a viable support system in order to effectively carry out our mandate – investing in our community. Your commitment of \$1000 a year for three years will allow you to become a member of the Community Foundation Giving Circle while helping to ensure our future.

By joining this select group we may all play a part in “Building Our Future Together”.



LEAVE A LEGACY™
Southeastern Ontario

Introducing . . .

By Jan Oullahan

Leave a Legacy Southeastern Ontario is a community-based public awareness effort associated with The Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP). Now being launched across Canada, the program encourages people from all walks of life to make gifts from their estates to non-profit organizations of their choice. Leave a Legacy Southeastern Ontario, works hand-in-hand with professional advisors and non-profit organizations, including social service agencies, foundations, educational institutions, health and amateur sport organizations, and religious, environmental and philanthropic groups, to encourage planned giving.

The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston (CFGK) is an enthusiastic participant and supporter of this initiative. CFGK Board member Ian M. Fraser is co-chairing Leave a Legacy Southeastern Ontario, and the Foundation hosted a very successful half-day educational symposium on behalf of local charities at the Days Inn Kingston on May 24, 2001. The symposium, entitled A New Legacy, marked the launch of Leave a Legacy in our region.

Leave a Legacy Southeastern Ontario is currently building its relationships with professional advisors and non-profit organizations. As it moves into a more public phase in the coming months, more information on planned giving will be available from CFGK and other charitable organizations across the region. For example, a brochure to be distributed through member non-profit organizations will answer such frequently asked questions as:

How do I leave a gift for an organization that’s important to me?

The most common way to leave a gift is through a bequest by will. You can leave a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or any assets remaining after your family has been provided for.

Why do I need a will?

Without a will, your property and finances are settled according to federal and provincial laws, which may not meet your family’s wishes. With a valid will, you can control your property at death, including leaving a legacy to your favourite charity.

Who can help me arrange for a gift to an organization?

Your financial planner, lawyer, accountant, or insurance agent can help you leave a gift. These professionals can tell you about the tax benefits of planned gifts. You can also call the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston for further assistance.

“To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.”

Mother Teresa



We've Come a Long Way Baby

By Virginia Gordon

Although I write as Chair of Fund Development, I am always reminded that we at CFGK are in the business of giving money away.

Our phenomenal growth is reflected in the latest grants brought before the Board of Directors for approval for the spring granting session. It was exciting to note that just three short years ago, our grants for the same period amounted to \$10,705 (a sum we were delighted with, at the time). So far, in 2001, we have disbursed \$82,350 from the Community Fund, designated funds, and agency funds. Not only were we able to help a broader spectrum of community needs but also we were able to increase the dollar amounts of the individual grants.

Feedback, please

We like to hear from recipients of our grants. It is so important to us to have first-hand reports from the organizations that receive grants, that it has become a custom to have a representative at each Board meeting to tell us how the grant has made a difference in their work. It puts a human face on things and inspires us. The chance to hear personally about the differences we can make in our community spurs us on.

One catalyst for fund development this year has been the *For Kids... Forever* campaign. With a matching grant from the government of Ontario, we could turn the raising of \$250,000 into a \$500,000 endowment. We have almost reached our goal and are proud to report that this spring we were able to make our first-ever grant from this fund: \$3500 to support the **PRO Kids** – Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids (see p.2).

This appeal has touched the hearts of many key companies and individuals from the Kingston area.

Following is the story of just two of those corporations – Bell Canada and the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation.

Bell and Bombardier

While out for dinner one night last year, Barbara Schurman from Bell Canada picked up the fall edition of *Ripples* and read about the *For Kids... Forever* campaign. The focus of Bell Canada in communities is health, education, community development and signature events that benefit the entire community. So the endowment fund set up for children and youth in recreation was a perfect fit with the type of programs Bell likes to support. Bell made a donation of \$15,000 thereby injecting \$30,000 as part of the Ontario government's matching grant. "The idea of investing in our children's future in Kingston is embraced by everyone at Bell," stated Barbara at the recent cheque presentation ceremony. "We were very pleased to

help play a role in the access and development of quality recreation programs for all children."

Bombardier, which now employs 300 to 400 people in the Kingston area, has also reached out to meet our community needs by pledging \$30,000 over the next two years to the *For Kids... Forever* fund. Thanks to the power of the Ontario government's matching grant, \$60,000 will flow into the

Community Foundation to be used for youth in Kingston. We are very happy to welcome Bombardier's involvement.

The Fund Development Committee, and all those involved with CFGK, are working in many other areas as well. Monica Stewart's article describes more than 30 special funds that have been set up in addition to our Community Fund (p. 5). Our newest undertaking, The Giving Circle, is outlined on page 6. The leaving of legacies and bequests is described in Jan Oulahan's piece (p. 6). The original seed money established by The Martello Tower Society and The Davies Foundation has indeed borne fruit. We look forward to the day when all Kingstonians will automatically look to CFGK to support community needs.

We have almost reached our goal of a \$500,000 endowment and are proud to report that this spring we were able to make our first-ever grant from this fund.



Albert and Christa Fell – a Philosophic Understanding

By Regina Rosen

"We saw the purpose and understood the underlying philosophy of community foundations right from the beginning. Their purpose and value are perfectly clear."

In 1997, quite early on in our fragile existence, Albert and Christa Fell began their pattern of making donations to CFGK. "It was so obvious a thing to buy into because the basic concept is sound", says Albert. "The essential value of contributing to the Community Foundation is that the money ensures the stability of the community for the long term. The fact that it is held in perpetuity and only the interest is distributed assures that fact."

Albert has lived in Kingston since 1956, when he came to teach in the Queen's Philosophy Department. After 40 years, he retired five years ago as professor emeritus. Christa came to Kingston in 1963, and is currently an associate professor of German at Queen's. Their interests are wide-ranging and eclectic, among them being connoisseurs of fine art. They have two sons who live in Kingston: Thomas who has just completed his law degree at Queen's and is currently taking the bar admissions course, and Douglas who works at the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes.

Although they both come from larger centres, Christa says they see Kingston as a unique place with a pronounced sense of community. "Certain people want to give to the community and we do too." Albert agrees: "By giving to the Community Foundation, we can be certain our funding will extend well into the future, despite the ups and downs of the economy."

Contributors to community foundations like the Fells, usually have a good grasp of the underlying concept and often have formulated opinions as to how things should develop. Albert has given this much thought. "There should be a big picture in granting. The Board of Directors should remain flexible in its ability to shape the balance of funding to the current needs of the community, changing as the needs change. A wide-ranging approach is good at certain times, but a focused strategic plan can be implemented responding to the preponderance of the needs of the community. This can, of course, only be achieved as the funds grow to a significant size."



Virginia Gordon and Regina Rosen of CFGK accept \$15,000 from Barbara Schurman of Bell Canada



MAKING WAVES



Ross and Donna Grieve watching the bidding.

Art on Many Levels

As a smashing success – on all levels! Donna and Ross Grieve were excellent and generous hosts; June Dinsdale and her committee did a magnificent job; artists donated or provided exceptional pieces; the guests had a wonderful time; auctioneers David McTavish and Alicia Gordon were charming and persuasive, helping us raise over \$20,000 for operations. Look for a repeat of the event next spring.

Tower of Hope

Plans for our fourth annual golf classic are soaring ahead, driven by the hard-working committee. On Monday, August 20, Loyalist Golf & Country Club will once again be the site of one of the most enjoyable charity golf tournaments in the city. Play with the pros and support the cause. For information call the CFGK office.



CFGK Now Accepts VISA – Philanthropy Made Easy.

International Ripples

This May, CFGK was pleased to host Jana Kunicka from the Healthy City Community Foundation of Banska Bystrica and Zvolen, Slovakia. Jana was in Canada for 10 days to compare notes with Canadian colleagues. She attended the CFC Ontario Conference, then spent two days in Kingston. The similarity of objectives and successes was striking, although each country has its particular set of challenges. We share with and learn from our colleagues everywhere.

AGM – International Year of Volunteers

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Robert Meek Auditorium as guests of the Boys and Girls Club. The festive occasion was a celebration of our dedicated volunteers. One of the highlights was the unveiling of a plaque listing each individual name, which will permanently hang in our CFGK office. Volunteers are the cherished ingredients of our success.

Board Changes

A sincere thank-you to outgoing board members: Peter Aykroyd, David Cox, Doug Ritchie and Bert Walsh.

A warm welcome to our new board members: Gary Bennett, Jack Gilfillan and Jan MacDonald.

CFGK Needs a New Home

After three years as the guests of Empire Financial Group we need to acquire new office space. We hope to find someone to match Empire's sweetheart deal with about 2,000 sq. feet of finished space. If you have an idea please call the CFGK office.

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