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THE COMMUNITY  
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building a greater saint john  
Annual Report 2015

## Executive Message.

The Community Foundation is committed to its mission – to serve as trustee of gifts, support charitable organizations, and inspire community leadership throughout Greater Saint John. Since 1976, over four decades, we have seen our assets grow to nearly **\$13.5 million** and we have granted over **\$9.5 million** to support local charities and students. 2014-15 marked the highest donation total, **\$1,580,086 million dollars**, ever received in a fiscal year. A great part of this record total was the largest single donation from one donor, received from Ms. Nancy Ann Harper Fisher. You can read more about Ms. Fisher and her donation in this report.

Another highlight from the past year was the introduction of three new funds, all established to support local students; The Jim Connolly Bursary Fund, The Joshua Porter Gunn Bursary Fund, and The Dr. Malcolm Somerville Supplemental Bursary Fund. These funds are added to the many other scholarship and bursary funds administered by the Foundation, which supports over 45 students annually.

As we look toward our 40th year, we are excited to celebrate this significant milestone with our community. We will also take pause to reflect on what has made the Foundation so successful, and examine how we can continue to grow into the future. We know that the greatest way to do this is with the help of our most important partners – our donors.

As we look back on our past year, we would like to say a sincere thank you to all our donors for their unwavering support these past 40 years. They've made our work possible and our community stronger.



Kelly Evans



J. Michael (Mike) Murphy

## Anniversary Grant to support youth in the Kennebecasis Valley.

In October of 2015, residents of Greater Saint John gathered to acknowledge the work of The Community Foundation, its partners, past grant recipients, and to celebrate awarding the 39th Anniversary Grant at the Foundation's granting ceremony.

First launched in 2006 for the Foundation's 30th anniversary, the Anniversary Grant is awarded annually to commemorate the Foundation's years of service and as an ongoing commitment to the improvement of the quality of life in Greater Saint John.

Each year, the Community Foundation receives applications from many organizations in Greater Saint John, and from those applicants the Community Foundation's Grant Making Committee selects a worthy recipient.

The 2014-2015 recipient is no exception.

The Kennebecasis Valley Oasis Youth Centre was named the recipient of the 39th Anniversary Grant.

Money from the grant will assist with the opening of the youth centre in May of 2016. The centre is the first of its kind in that area, and will provide educational, recreational and entertainment opportunities, along with access to various health services. A family doctor, sexual health nurse, counsellors and psychiatrist will also be on site.

KV Oasis, as it's known, will be a place where youth aged 12-25 can gather with their peers to socialize and develop life skills. It also aims to become a resource for parents who are looking for help navigating various health services.

The Centre will also be a social enterprise with a second-hand store on site, run by high school students, to teach entrepreneurial and leadership skills, and help fund its mission. KV Oasis has a sustainable revenue model and fees will apply for some programming.

KV Oasis Centre is a non-profit organization that is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, comprised of youth, community and business leaders. To learn more about KV Oasis and their work, visit them online at: [www.kvoasis.com](http://www.kvoasis.com).

## Community members recognized.

Saint John is a city that is fortunate to have so many caring and involved volunteers. Whether it's people who donate their time, their talents, and even their hard-earned money – the contribution of area residents to the betterment of our communities cannot be overstated.

Each year, in an attempt to shine a light on the great work by some of our community's volunteers, The Community Foundation calls for nominations for the Community Service Awards. The award was established to celebrate and acknowledge exceptional volunteers who have enhanced the quality of life in Greater Saint John. Two awards are given out – one to an individual and the other to a group – and the recipients are provided \$5,000 to donate to a charity of their choice.

The winner of the 2015 Community Service Award – Individual was Ann Barrett. Growing up in Saint John and Fredericton, Ann has been active in her community for a number of years. After graduating high school, she went to Teachers College and immediately started working as a teacher at Hazen White/St. Francis School in Saint John's north end. Her career there spanned 33 years, and working in that neighbourhood had a profound impact on her life and her dedication to the youth and families in that area.

Ann's volunteerism spans decades, with involvement across a number of groups, associations and committees.

Ann's current volunteer activities include:

- **President**, Board of Directors – Crescent Valley Resource Centre
- **Chair** – Flemming Court Park Project
- **Chair** – Crescent Valley Caring for the Environment Project
- **Treasurer** – Canadian Federation of University Women Saint John

- **Secretary/Treasurer** – Youth Enhancement Program Inc.
- **Treasurer** – Colour & Canvas Art Group

Ann selected to have the \$5,000 donation directed to the Crescent Valley Resource Centre, to help the Centre continue with the varied programming that supports the Crescent Valley neighbourhood.

The recipients of the 2015 Community Service Award – Group was The Friars Family. The Friars family has been a major contributor to many charities and not-for-profit organizations in the Saint John area for over a decade.

From the time the family was very young, they were taught to recognize abundance and celebrate and share their gifts and talents with others. In this case, their gift is their song. The love of music, and their great ability to sing, came from their father.

Beginning in 2003, the family began to hold fundraising concerts and since that time have raised over \$400,000 for organizations such as:

- Saint John Extramural Program
- Saint John East Outreach Programs
- Hospice Greater Saint John/Stephen Lewis Foundation
- Alzheimer's "Just Diagnosed" Program
- MindCare NB "Mental Health First Aid" Program
- Saint John Learning Exchange
- Great Saint John Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
- Horizon 2 Hospital Stem Cell Lab Project
- Portage Atlantic Drug Rehabilitation Centre for Youth
- Imperial Theatre Inc.
- Safe Harbour Transitional Youth Services

The Friars Family selected to have the \$5,000 donation directed to Safe Harbour Transitional Youth Services.

### Extracts from Audited Financial Statements (fiscal year ended October 31, 2015)

|  | 2013-2014     | 2014 - 2015   |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Assets                                     | \$ 12,241,083 | \$ 13,489,888 |
| Donations to Foundation                    | \$ 869,522    | \$ 1,580,086  |
| Expenditures                               | \$ 609,843    | \$ 754,976    |
| Grants awarded to local charities          | \$ 401,387    | \$ 538,939    |
| Total number of Funds                      | 64            | 69            |
| Fund balance (at year end)                 | \$ 12,151,929 | \$ 13,477,973 |
| Administrative costs as % of fund balances | 1.54 %        | 1.57%         |



## Large bequest benefits local Community Foundations.

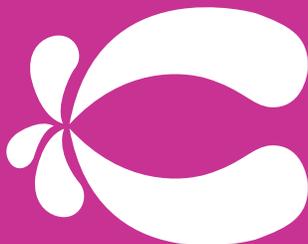
Each year, The Community Foundation recognizes National Philanthropy Day by taking time to thank its donors and patrons who recognize that giving back to the Greater Saint John community improves the overall quality of life in the city and surrounding area. And this day in 2015 was no different.

Thanks to a very generous donation from the estate of the late Nancy Ann Harper Fisher, The Fundy Community Foundation and The Community Foundation, which serves Greater Saint John, each received \$1.5 million. The Foundations will use the funds to support worthy community projects and initiatives throughout southwestern New Brunswick.

Ms. Fisher was a resident of Saint John and New River Beach in New Brunswick, and New Smyrna Beach in Florida. A graduate of Saint John High School and Syracuse University, New York, Ms. Fisher worked in provincial health departments in New Brunswick, British Columbia, and Nova Scotia. Upon her return to Saint John in the 1980s, she worked as a private consultant in health information systems until her retirement.

As a lifelong philanthropist, Ms. Fisher generously volunteered her time and talent to many worthy causes while quietly giving grants to charities serving her communities. Throughout her life, and particularly in her professional career, she recognized the needs and opportunities in the two regions of New Brunswick that were dearest to her heart.

The bequest marked the largest donation from an individual The Community Foundation has received in its 40-year history. In recognition of her tremendous generosity, an endowment fund was created within our Community Fund in her name. This named fund is a testament to her love of community, and will have a significant impact in Greater Saint John for many years to come.



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