

Fall 2012 Newsletter

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Sussex Area Community Foundation Inc. is to respond to challenges and provide opportunities to communities of the greater Sussex Area to live, learn, work and play by encouraging endowment funds, promoting community leadership and fulfilling needs through grants and scholarships.

Successful 2012 for SACFI

Sussex Area Community Foundation directors had a successful and active 2012.

After a fundraiser in November 2011, a Hiring Committee was formed in early 2012 to select a part-time Executive Director. In May, a 'Celebrate Mothers' lobster dinner fundraiser was held. Directors sold tickets, arranged food and prepared over 350 dinners for another successful fundraiser to pay for administrative costs incurred by SACFI.

Scholarships were awarded to local high school graduates in June with five Forbes Family, one Earl J. Cunningham Memorial Scholarship and two Fran Simpson Memorial Scholarships.

Scholarships Awarded to 2012 Graduates

The directors of SACFI received scholarship applications and awarded the following scholarships to local high school graduates:

The Forbes Family Scholarships were

awarded to:

Ramona Bicar; Cheryl Carr; Jenna Dunfield; Nicholas Huggard; and Sarah Meehan.

The E.J. Cunningham Scholarship was

awarded to:

Jenna McQuinn

The Francis Simpson Scholarships were awarded to:

Carrie Mitham and Santana Hourihan



Twenty Grants Issued In 2012

The Learning Partnership-
Welcome to Kindergarten
Packages

Multiple Sclerosis Society-
Support local MS needs.

Kings County Tourism
Association – Upgrade
equipment.

Preventative Action for
Community Kids (PACK)-
Sussex Corner outreach.

Sussex Literacy Initiatives
and Cultural Events
(SLICE) – Celebrate
Sussex Event.

Canadian Mental Health
Assoc. - Workshop for

people with mental stress.

Norton Community
Playground – Help funding.

Communities in Bloom –
Sunnyside Park
improvement.

Sussex Regional High
School – Purchase of spin
bicycles.

Danny and Jessica Angel –
Meal tickets for students.

Portage – Cassidy Lake –
Judo Project

Sussex Area Activity Centre
– New Computer.

RC Legion – Norton –

Heating/cooling Upgrade.

Potash Civic Centre –
Teen Drop-In Program.

Sussex Area Pregnancy
Care Centre – Program
updates.

Sussex Committee for the
Prevention of Family
Violence –Mens Program.

Sussex Regional High
School – Spin Bicycles.

Preventative Action for
Community Kids –
Parenting Workshop.

CHIMO Helpline –
Advertising for helpline.



Figure 1 Random Act
of Kindness Day
Declaration

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Executive Director Hired

In April, the SACFI hired
their first employee as
Executive Director to
assist the board of
directors and increase the
presence of the SACFI in
the community. Miriam
Verschoor was hired on a
part-time basis.

The foundation was
established in 2003 and is

responsible for managing
a \$1.3 million community
fund gifted from the estate
of Leo Forbes.

The SACFI grants money
to local charities twice a
year and oversees several
scholarships to area high
school graduates.

With increasing visibility,

the Executive Director has
created a new webpage
and Facebook page for
the Foundation. As well,
she is available to answer
any questions you have
about the foundation or if
you would be interested in
making a donation to our
community. She can be
reached at the SACFI
office.

Changes to the Board of Directors

The Chair of the SACFI
Board, Donna Floyd will
be stepping down to a
new chair.

This year two directors will
be retiring from our board,
Mary Lea Stafford who
was very active with our
board and former chair of
the Grants Committee.
Susan McLeod was
treasurer and is also

retiring from the Board.

In October, Rev. Allan
Tapley and Rev. Rob
Trafton were appointed to
the board as a
replacement of two board
members who left the
board for personal
reasons. In December,
Kim Pearson and Jerry
Streisel were added to the
board to fill positions from

retired members. The
names were brought
forward by a nominating
committee made up of the
Mayors of Sussex and
Sussex Corner, the
president of a local
service club, The
President of the Sussex
District Chamber of
Commerce and a
ministerial representative.



