

Community Connections

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Community Donations at Work

Since providing the first community grant in 2005, the Sussex Area Community Foundation (SACF) has provided 242 grants and 114 scholarships to community groups and students in our area. Contributions from local citizens has provided seed money to the Community Fund held by SACF with investment returns used to provide the grants and scholarships. Since 2005, this total is approximately \$720,000 returned to the area.

In 2017, community grants enabled such projects as new outdoor basketball nets at the Belleisle Regional High School for students and the public in this rural community (photo above are using the new



basketball nets); Greater Fundy Ground Search and Rescue were able to enhance search equipment with a drone to help find persons lost or missing in remote areas; Kidstuff Theatre received a grant to allow more children to attend live children's theatre; and the Cancer Society was able to purchase

wigs for local residents undergoing therapy.

Grants improve the lives of people in our community when and where they are needed most and are a result of community donations. SACF Spring Community Grants are due March 14 at 12pm with the application and information online at www.sacfi.org/grants.

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Sussex Area Community Foundation Inc.



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Welcome New Directors

Sussex Area Community Foundation is managed by a group of 14 local volunteer directors who are nominated by a committee of the mayors of Sussex, Sussex Corner and Norton as well as representatives from the Sussex & District Chamber of Commerce and a local service group.

Directors serve a maximum of six years. In 2018 new directors Kathleen Davidson, Patricia

Etheridge and Jack Crealock join the Board providing their talents and knowledge of the area. These directors have volunteered to follow the SACF mandate of growing the Foundation, facilitating community grants and to help with community leadership.

The Community Foundation covers a 45 km radius from the town of Sussex and returns a portion of investment income to the community each year in the form of community grants and scholarships to high school students to help with the rising costs of education.

2017 Community Donors

Your contribution makes a difference. Thank you to the following for their support in 2017:

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Let's Chat!

Interested in learning more about your community foundation? A representative would be pleased to answer your questions or provide a presentation. Please contact us at sacfi@nb.aibn.com or at 433-6244.



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Roots of Empathy Community Grant

In 2002, the Sussex area was first in New Brunswick to introduce a new program that has helped students become more caring. A partnership between our local school board and the Canadian organization Roots of Empathy, has allowed the 'Roots of Empathy' program to thrive in our area. Each session has an infant, accompanied by their parent, visit an elementary school classroom over the course of one year so students can watch the infant's development, observe the loving parent-child relationship and understand the perspective of the baby as it develops through the first year of life. This program is guided by a Roots of Empathy trained facilitator.

The infant is from the community and typically between 2-4 months old at the start of the school year with visits to the same class



throughout the year. As these visits continue, the students watch and learn about the importance of empathy, respect for others and inclusion. The visits are often the highlight of the student's day. They learn that from the infant's perspective, everyone is equal without judgement and that they too went through these developmental stages with a loving care-giver.

Students in this program increase their social and emotional competence, learn to understand different perspectives which often results in a decrease in

aggressive behaviour. Classrooms involved in this program see less aggression and often feel more like a family environment. The end result benefits our community with having more respectful and caring individuals. Sussex Area Community Foundation provided a grant to assist with the Roots of Empathy Program in the Sussex Area. The photo shows Mme. Bourque's grade 3 class at Sussex Elementary School with baby Jaina. This program was facilitated by Kyla Muir.

Sussex Native Supports Local Students

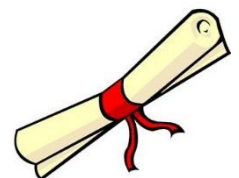
Gerald Friars moved from his Ward's Creek family farm in the late 1940's but has never forgotten his roots. Gerald and his wife Dorothy, who is from the Kingston Peninsula, wanted to give back to the area and had started three scholarships in memory of his parents which were held by the local school board. This year the Friars' wanted to start one more scholarship. He contacted the Sussex Area

Community Foundation in July to arrange the scholarships which SACF is happy to announce will be provided at their respective school graduations in June 2018.

The following four scholarships valued at \$500 each are now administered by the Sussex Area Community Foundation:

The Florence Friars Scholarship in business: The

Florence Friars Scholarship in Nursing: The Oscar Friars Scholarship in Agriculture awarded to SRHS graduates and the James and Laura Dann Scholarship in Business awarded to a Hampton High Student in memory of Dorothy's parents.



Sussex Area Community Foundation Mother's Day Lobster Dinner will be May 12. Please contact a director or the office to purchase your ticket or donate to this fundraiser.



For more information or to make a tax deductible donation please contact - Miriam Verschoor at SACF:

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Grants Help Learn A Language

Imagine this: Your new job takes you to a new country – an exotic location with the opportunity for more world travel. Sounds ideal, doesn't it? But what if you do not speak the language of that country? To whom do you turn for advice on finding a place to live, getting a driver's licence, and learning that language?

Many newcomers to the Sussex area are facing that exact situation right now. Thanks to two generous grants from the Sussex Area Community Foundation, Community Action for Refugees – Sussex has created opportunities for these new Canadians to learn English.

Two years ago, Community Action for Refugees – Sussex, with much help from the greater Sussex community and St. Mark's Anglican Church, sponsored two Syrian refugee families to move from their temporary housing in Lebanon to Sussex, New Brunswick. The organization knew that if these families were to find employment and to become independent, that the mastering of the English language would be essential.

Volunteers offered to tutor newcomers in English. The word was out! Just as a third Syrian family was needing tutors for English, other newcomer Canadians in the Sussex area learned of the tutoring program. They were asking to join the group so they, too, could learn English.

As the learning progressed, partnerships were made with St.

Paul's United Church for use of a room for daytime tutoring and with Sussex Elementary School for evening tutoring. Educational materials were purchased with funds from the first Sussex Area Community Foundation grant.

More newcomer students have been added since that first year, with present students coming from Brazil, China, Israel, India, Italy, Korea, Russia, Syria, Turkey, and Ukraine. Exchange students attending Sussex Regional High School have also come to these classes to help improve their English skills. As class sizes and language abilities increased, a wider variety of materials was required to meet the needs of the students. Supportive of the CAR-S's goal of assisting new Canadians in our community to learn English, the Sussex Area Community Foundation awarded a second grant to help buy more advanced educational materials.

Some of the volunteer English tutors are teachers; some are

interested citizens and students who want to welcome families to our community and to help them with the English language.

Presently, classes are offered every evening from Monday – Thursday at 7:00 in the Sussex Elementary School Library. Should you know newcomers who would benefit from these free classes, please encourage them to attend, or bring them yourself to the school. They will be warmly welcomed by our tutors.

These students of English frequently comment how friendly the people in the Sussex area are. This generosity of spirit toward newcomers to our community will go a long way to help our region grow and prosper. Thank you to the Sussex Area Community Foundation for being an important part of this educational endeavour.

Article by Director Debbie Freeze. Photo of Kingswood student Taylor Giffen (ctr) teaches Sophia Sheychuk (l) and Simran Singh (r).



