



AN INTERESTING GRANT STORY

Public Library budgets don't allow for a lot of extras. In 1994, to help with renovations, the Friends of the Campbellford/Seymour Carnegie Library was formed. As a result of amalgamation, the library is now called Trent Hills Public Library. But, regardless of the name, "The Friends" are still taking good care of it and in 2002 they applied successfully to the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation to purchase a children's computer work station.

"It was needed," says Mary-Jo Mahoney, children's librarian, when asked how the library and Friends came up with the idea for the children's computer workstation. **"Parents were asking if we had a computer for children to use. There are families that don't have computers at home,"** explains Mary-Jo.

These days, young students are using computers starting in grade school. They are expected to complete projects using word processing programs and submit typed work. For some, the computer at Trent Hills Public Library is the only available computer outside of school.

"It's available thirty-eight hours a week," says Donna Wilson, CEO of Trent Hills Public Library, "and it's in use mornings, midday and after school." Visible from the check-out desk, and not connected to the internet, the computer is located in the children's section of the library. It is reserved for children (up to grade 8) exclusively.

"It's their computer and they like that." Says Mary-Jo with a grin.

"Sometimes we see children showing their parents how to use the computer. Also, we have daycare providers who bring children in to use it," says Mary-Jo.

The computer is equipped with a World Encyclopaedia and a word processing program called Jumpstart. Jumpstart includes spelling and grammar tools that help young writers learn as they work. Surrounding the computer, on library shelves, are the vivid covers of the **Eyewitness research book series – a result of the Friend's most recent grant application** to the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation.

Not only does this up-to-date research environment empower children, it's positive for staff too.

"To have this all at once, the impact of a hundred new books and a computer – it's wonderful," enthuses Donna, "the library would never be able to do this otherwise, not without giving something else up."

The Trent Hills Library serves almost nine thousand people and the Friends take care of any upkeep costs for the computer and printer. Both the Eyewitness books and the computer were purchased locally in Campbellford.



The Mees' children checkout one of the Eyewitness Series Research Book at the Public Library.

GRANTING FACTS!

Today our original endowed gift of \$6.2 million is in excess of \$7.3 million. With 59 grants to the community, the Community Foundation has now contributed over \$650,700.00 to various charitable organizations.

Community Fund Contributions by Sector:

Environment	7.4%	Education	6.0%
Social Services	11.7%	Youth	15.8%
Arts/Culture	13.1%	Health	<u>23.8%</u>
Recreation	22.2%		100%

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grant Applications for 2006 will be accepted until **December 30, 2005**. To download an application or for more information please visit our website at www.cscf.ca

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JOIN US - TO PLAN FUTURE GRANTS

155 individuals in our community graciously took the time to complete a survey, which CSCF created to find out what our community valued, areas of concern and what "large scale" projects would be supported. We only reached a fraction of our community members and **WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND OUR PUBLIC MEETING** to verify the three sectors, which were identified for potential funding priorities: **Health Care, Recreation and our Environment.**

WHEN: Monday, November 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: St. John's United Church, Campbellford
WHY: We need you to be involved in the process!

FINANCE CHAIR'S REPORT

Raising our community awareness, encouraging contributions and awarding much needed Grants to local groups are just a few of the success stories over the past few months. Positive investment returns should be included in the list. I am pleased to report that as of September 30th, 2005 the Foundation's Portfolio has earned 10.91% on a year to date basis. Our Investment Policy continues to provide for a balanced portfolio of both equities and fixed income. The Foundation always receives grant requests in excess of available funds. We hope you or your family will consider donations or bequests to ensure the continued success of the Community Foundation, allowing us to provide the much needed funding to our local organizations. **The deadline for making charitable donations to the CSCF for 2005 is December 31, in order to receive a tax credit for this year.** Call our office today for more information on our donor program.

Ron Peters, Finance Committee Chair

ATTENTION! Estate Planners

BMO Financial Group and Community Foundations have joined forces to make it easier than ever for Canadians to support causes they care about in their communities. There are just three easy steps to participate in the Supporting Your Community Program:

1. A minimum donation of \$10,000.00
2. Contact BMO Financial Group Professionals directly at supportingyourcommunity@bmo.com.
3. Identify the cause to support or use the local expertise of the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation, who is well positioned to help donors target their support for maximum impact in the community.



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Have you heard about this enthusiastic and impressive group of young leaders from the Trent Hills area? These youth have first-hand experience as decision makers and grant makers within the CSCF context. Their most recent activity was to assist the public school students in applying for their first **HATCH grants**. Our three local public schools received a total of **\$2,750.00 for projects that are important to elementary school students**. Visit our website for more details.

The Young Musicians on the Horizon concert held June 30th was a huge success and **YAConcerts** kept Thursday nights rocking in Campbellford.

The YAC would like to **thank** all those involved in making both of these events inspiring.



CDHS Jazz Band performs at Westben.

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