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Community Foundations of Canada announces sponsors of international conference

(Ottawa, ON) October 20, 2008 – On November 7th, Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) and a host of leading corporate and philanthropic sponsors will welcome the world to Montreal for CFC's 10th conference - a premiere gathering for the philanthropic sector, attracting community foundations and speakers from around the world.

The conference is CFC's biggest and most international to date with 650 participants expected from Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Europe, Africa, and Asia. Today CFC is announcing its roster of corporate and philanthropic sponsors for the event, a list of recognized leaders in philanthropy and community life.

McLean Budden is the lead sponsor of the conference, extending its longstanding partnership with CFC nationally and regionally. "The tremendous support of McLean Budden is an essential element of what will make this conference an extraordinary experience for our guests," says Monica Patten, President and CEO of CFC.

The conference offers great learning opportunities for participants, as well as the chance to mingle at many events such as the opening reception which is generously supported by BMO Financial Group. Also, the conference will be headlined by guest speakers including Sibongile (Bongi) Mkhabela, CEO of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, whose appearance is supported by Fondation Lucie et André Chagnon.

In advance of the conference, CFC offers half-day workshops, including a very topical session on Advanced Board Governance, sponsored by Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life. The educational program provides a diverse range of topics, presented thematically, and sponsored by The Thomas Sill Foundation, Miller Thomson LLP, RBC Royal Bank, RBC Dexia and RBC Foundation, The Winnipeg Foundation and Vancouver Foundation. In addition to their support of a conference theme, RBC Royal Bank and RBC Dexia are sponsors of a plenary featuring Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a world leader on global climate change and human rights.

The conference will be attended by an estimated 100 youth participants from around the world, some of whom are travelling to Canada through the Partnerships for Tomorrow program, an initiative of the Canadian International Development Agency, facilitated by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. CFC is very pleased that the conference's program for young people, the Community Foundation National Youth in Philanthropy Forum, is sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group. As well, Canadian Heritage has provided funding support for the travel of Canadian youth delegates to the conference.

Scholarship funders for Canadian and international participants also include the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Global Fund for Community Foundations, Great-West Life, London Life, and Canada Life, the T.R. Meighen Family Foundation, the Transatlantic Community Foundation Network, the Thomas Sill Foundation, Vancouver Foundation, The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company, and

The Winnipeg Foundation. Additionally the Meaningful Assets Fund at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in California provided assistance with a grant through the Community Foundation of Ottawa.

Other support has been provided by The Pollard Family Foundation, the conference's print sponsor; Manifest Communications; Ford Foundation; and through an anonymous contribution to the Victoria Foundation.

"CFC's staff, conference volunteers, and our Board of Directors are all looking forward to the conference as a tremendous opportunity to link to our colleagues in community philanthropy from across the country and around the globe. Our sponsors have helped us to deliver an inspiring program and we look forward to welcoming their representatives to Montreal," says Patten.

Community Foundations of Canada

Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) is the national membership organization for the 164 community foundations found in cities, towns and rural areas across the country. With more than \$2.9-billion in assets, the community foundation movement is one of Canada's largest grantmakers, providing more than \$176-million in grants last year to thousands of charities.

For more information: <http://www.cfc-fcc.ca/conference2008>

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