



## News Release

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### Community Foundations of Canada Opens Registration for CFC Conference 2008

(OTTAWA, Ont.) June 16, 2008 – Registration is now open for Community Foundations of Canada's biggest and most international conference to date, *CFC Conference 2008 - Our Communities. Our World.* to be held in Montreal from November 7-9th ([www.cfc-fcc.ca/conference2008](http://www.cfc-fcc.ca/conference2008)).

The conference is a global event, with speakers from San Francisco to South Africa, more than 50 concurrent sessions, cultural activities, peer dialogues, youth programming, site visits, a spectacular host event and plenty of time for networking and socializing. Attendance is expected to be twice the size of CFC's usual biennial conference, with room for 800+ delegates.

"We want to bring the world to Montreal," said Monica Patten, President and CEO of Community Foundations of Canada. "The global spotlight is on philanthropy right now. This event is the perfect opportunity for community foundations from around the world to share our successes, challenges and dreams for the future – and it's also a chance for Canada to share its story."

#### Conference Program

*CFC Conference 2008 - Our Communities. Our World.* will spotlight important trends and opportunities in philanthropy for community foundations and community philanthropic organizations. Three key threads underline the conference program: Diversity, Dialogue and Positioning.

Among the conference's featured speakers are:

- **Sibongile Mkhabela, CEO, Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.** A woman who helped change the face of South Africa, Mkhabela was a member of the infamous Soweto 11, imprisoned for her role in the Soweto uprising of June 16, 1976.
- **Sandra R. Hernández, MD, CEO, The San Francisco Foundation.** Hernández heads of one of the largest community foundations in North America and is also maintains an active clinical practice at San Francisco General Hospital's AIDS clinic.

Canadian speakers include:

- **The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson**, 26th Governor General of Canada, and **John Ralston Saul**, Author, Co-Chairs, Institute of Canadian Citizenship, Toronto
- **Donna Wilson**, Executive Vice President – Human Resources, Sustainability and International Client Services, Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Vancouver
- **Michael Adams**, Founder, Environics group of research and communications consulting companies, Toronto and **Calvin Helin**, lawyer, author, member of British Columbia's Tsimshian First Nation

### Conference Sponsors

Community Foundations of Canada gratefully acknowledges the support of [McLean Budden](#), investment managers, the principal sponsor of *CFC Conference 2008 - Our Communities. Our World.* and all the other sponsors, funders and donors who have made philanthropic contributions to help make this event possible.

“McLean Budden is an extraordinary supporter of Canadian philanthropy and a tremendous partner,” said Patten. “CFC and the community foundation movement thanks them, and all our other funders and donors for their help in positioning the conference for maximum success.”

### Community Foundations of Canada (CFC)

Community Foundations of Canada is the national association of the more than 160 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

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