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News Release

Community Foundation Entrusted with CFUW Scholarship Fund

Community Foundation Board members and the Canadian Federation of University Women-Saint John will be celebrating local philanthropy and education today. Club President Ann Barrett is pleased the Community Foundation has taken over responsibility for funds which her organization has raised over several decades. Mrs. Barrett and Executive members of the group will join the board of the Community Foundation for a sixty-four thousand dollar scholarship fund signing ceremony today.

CFUW-Saint John is a women's organization established in 1924. It is a member of The Canadian Federation of University Women, a voluntary, non-profit, self-funded bilingual organization of over 10,000 women university graduates in 122 member clubs. They are active in public affairs, working to raise the social, economic and legal status of women, as well as to improve education, the environment, peace, justice and human rights, and a member affiliate of the International Federation of University Women. By donating \$64,000 to The Greater Saint John Community Foundation a new, permanently endowed fund will be created. It will annually support three scholarships for women from the Saint John area who are or will be enrolled as full-time university students. They are: \$1,000, CFUW-Saint John Entrance Scholarship; \$1,500 Jean Flemming Memorial Scholarship for Mature Students and \$1,500, Lillian D. and Charles R. Bone Memorial Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study. Jean Flemming was a past club President and Lillian D. Bone a past club member. The selection will be made annually by the club's scholarship Committee. Applications for the scholarships can be directed to Kathleen Foster, Chair, and CFUW-Saint John Scholarship Committee PO. Box 6233; Station A, Saint John, NB E2L 4R7. Applications are also posted on the Foundation's web-site.

"We are optimistic CFUW-Saint John and our members will augment this fund. It is an advantage to offer charitable receipts. We are also pleased to turn over responsibility for its management to the Foundation. It will enable us to focus our fundraising efforts on other community causes as well" said President Ann Barrett. For many years, an annual Book Fair was a local club fundraiser. They have also sponsored various sales and functions to build their scholarship funds. Membership inquiries are welcomed by CFUW-Saint John and are open to any woman who has a university degree or a professional designation that now requires a degree or are interested in the pursuit of knowledge, promotion of education, improvement of the status of women & girls and active participation in public affairs in the spirit of cooperation & friendship.

"Your initiative, as long-standing supporters of education for women is to be commended", said Michael Doyle, FCA, and Chairman of the Community Foundation. "It is encouraging to have generous benefactors like CFUW-Saint John come forward, who have been dedicated to improving the quality of life in their community and are leaving a lasting legacy. We find it doubly satisfying to help donors attain their charitable goals, while adding to the pool of awards our local young people can access", he added.

Last year the foundation supported awards valued over \$11,000 from several permanently endowed scholarship and bursary funds including: The Dr. Malcolm Somerville Bursaries in Business, The Saint John Law Society Bursary, the Cook Family Bursary, Supersteel Band Bursary, C.N. Wilson Scholarships, the Margaret Willis Awards Fund and the Florence Christie Bursary.

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation serves as a trustee for charitable, educational and cultural purposes. It administers funds given by public-spirited individuals for the benefit of the people of this area. Since 1976, the foundation's assets have grown to approximately \$9 M. In 2006, it donated in excess of \$320,000.00 to over 75 local charities. Applications from local registered charities are received twice yearly.

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“Grants of \$4.1 Million to over 250 Saint John area charities for youth, seniors, social services, health, education, heritage, the arts and the environment since 1976”

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