



OVER \$290,000 IN OTF GRANTS TO MUSKOKA, NIPISSING, PARRY SOUND AND TEMISKAMING AREAS

Toronto – May 6, 2003 - The Ontario Trillium Foundation announced today that communities in the Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Temiskaming areas will benefit from grants totalling \$291,800. Several of these grants support initiatives that foster the growth and development of Ontario's children and youth. The funding will contribute to increased access to resources and services for parents and children, and provide tomorrow's citizens with greater opportunities in life.

Big Sisters Association of North Bay will be awarded \$22,000 over one year for workshops, education, training and networking with other Big Sisters agencies across Ontario. The Rotary Club of Huntsville will receive \$20,000 over one year to develop a parent education drop in facility as part of the Respect Team Program in the Huntsville Public School.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative.

“Finding community solutions starts with support for children in our communities,” said David H. Tsubouchi, Minister of Culture. “Ontario's families rely every day on the assistance of volunteer organizations. They train our youth and help them develop their full potential and gain a sense of belonging and responsibility.”

“Ontario Trillium Foundation grants enhance the effectiveness of youth organizations,” said Grant Review Team Chair Stuart Kidd. “It is important to support these organizations. They encourage participation in sports and cultural life and pass on valued traditions to our youth. They contribute to building healthy communities and strengthen volunteerism,” added Kidd.

Grant Examples

- Big Sisters Association of North Bay

Big Sisters Association of North Bay will be awarded \$22,000 over one year for workshops, education, training and networking with other Big Sisters agencies across Ontario. Resources will be developed for child safety training, Big Sister training, and life skills mentoring. New

programs such as virtual matches and after-school peer support groups, and non-traditional job shadowing will be researched for potential implementation. The organization serves the district of Nipissing.

- Respect Team Program c/o Rotary Club of Huntsville

Rotary Club of Huntsville will receive \$20,000 over one year to develop a parent education drop-in facility as part of the Respect Team Program in the Huntsville Public School. The program teaches children to respect themselves, their parents and teachers, their peers, their school and the community. The drop-in facility will offer parents courses focusing on school age children, parent support groups and teacher-parent forums. This initiative will foster school success and nurturing environments.

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Attached:

A complete list of grants announced today for the Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Temiskaming area. For more information, contact:

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

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MUSKOKA, NIPISSING, PARRY SOUND AND TEMISKAMING

50+ Club

\$2,800 over one year to replace three windows in this Francophone seniors club, for increased comfort and energy savings.

Amelia Rising/Crisis Centre of North Bay Group Services for Male Survivors c/o Amelia Rising Women's Collective

\$80,000 over two years to develop and implement group support services for male survivors of sexual abuse and assault.

Big Sisters Association of North Bay Inc.

\$22,000 over one year to maintain and improve service standards through workshops, education, training and networking with other Ontario Big Sister agencies.

Canadian Diabetes Association, Camp Huronda

\$10,000 over three months to paint the interior of four cabins for doctors and nurses providing services at Camp Huronda.

Elk Lake Eco Resource Centre Inc.

\$49,900 over one year to develop and implement a multi-faceted educational program on proper planning and management of our natural resources.

Gravenhurst Horticultural Society Inc.

\$1,700 over one year to expand the garden at the Gravenhurst Centennial Centre by planting hedges, shrubs and trees.

Gravenhurst Seniors Club

\$2,000 over three months to purchase a sound system that will enable the Club to expand musical activities for seniors.

Kirkland Lake Native Women's Support Group

\$25,000 over one year to increase the group's capacity by establishing a new office and developing a five-year strategic plan, including a strategy to coordinate and establish a network of opportunities with other groups.

People for Equal Partnership in Mental Health

\$22,000 over one year to set up a support group for families with children suffering from attention deficit disorder and other related disorders.

Respect Team Program c/o Rotary Club of Huntsville

\$20,000 over one year to develop a parent education drop-in facility as part of the Respect Team Program in the Huntsville Public School.

Seizure and Brain Injury Centre

\$7,000 over five months to organize an education/awareness campaign about epilepsy targeted at children.

Temagami Station Restoration Trust

\$24,800 over one year to install an elevator providing access to the mezzanine level of the historic train station, in order to increase programs and services for participants of all ages and abilities.

Temiskaming Art Gallery/ Musée des Beaux-Arts Temiskaming

\$24,600 over one year to offer the community a unique visual art experience through nine exhibitions and develop accompanying educational activities geared to all ages.