

A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY

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The Niagara Community Foundation today announced the latest community groups to receive one of its \$500 mini-grants. “This is one of our most popular programs,” said foundation board chair Mel Groom. “The program was first introduced in 2008 and we have awarded 64 grants across Niagara since then. Our focus with this program is to provide tools and resources, in a timely fashion, to help local groups deliver their programs and services.”

Ten groups from across Niagara will be sharing \$5,000 in grants. **Pelham Cares** is creating a new agency brochure with its \$500 grant. **Start Me Up Niagara** is using the grant to purchase a rotatiller and powered cooler for its community garden project. **Riverbrink Art Museum** will be publishing a new *Guided Walking Tour of Queenston* brochure. Music equipment for its youth members will be purchased by **The FORT** in Grimsby. A food preservation workshop will be organized for the **Gateway Women’s Group** serving Welland and Port Colborne. A number of groups, including **Habitat for Humanity**, **South Niagara Life Centre** in Fort Erie and **Heart Niagara**, will be purchasing portable projectors and screens to promote agency programs and services.

The next deadline for the foundation mini grants is August 16th and groups will receive the results by the end of September. Application forms are available on the website at www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org or by calling the office at 905-684-8688.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary year, the Niagara Community Foundation has raised \$10 million in income earning endowment funds, of capital of which is held in perpetuity to support charitable projects. More than \$3 million in grants have been awarded by the foundation to charitable projects since its launch in November 2000.

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Complete list of grants awarded is attached to this release (2 pages)

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Organization	Awarded	Project Description	Municipalities Impacted
Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT)	\$500.00	Fund the purchase of music equipment to be used by youth at the FORT.	Grimsby
Gateway Christian Fellowship	\$500.00	Fund the resources needed for Food Preservation workshop for Gateway Women's Group.	Welland, Port Colborne
Habitat for Humanity Niagara	\$500.00	Fund the purchase of a portable projector screen for agency presentations.	Niagara Region
Heart Niagara Inc.	\$500.00	Fund the purchase of a projector and screen for Niagara Sport Commission's Volunteer Workforce Development project.	Niagara Region
Hope Furniture Bank	\$500.00	Fund the creation of print materials for awareness project geared towards service clubs as project partners.	Niagara Region
Pelham Cares Inc.	\$500.00	Fund the printing of new agency brochure to promote programs and services.	Pelham
Regional Niagara Firefighters Volunteer Buffs Association	\$500.00	Fund the purchase of an agency laptop to track financial information and future fund development.	Niagara Region
RiverBrink Art Museum	\$500.00	Fund the re-design and printing of the Guided Walking Tour of Queenston brochure.	Niagara-on-the-Lake
South Niagara Life Centre	\$500.00	Fund the purchase of an agency projector to promote programs and services.	Fort Erie
Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN)	\$500.00	Fund the purchase of a rota tiller and powered cooler to be used by the volunteers of the community garden project.	St. Catharines, Thorold