

## Over ½ million dollars in grants in 2010

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As the Niagara Community Foundation winds up its 2010 granting programs, an announcement was made today that more than \$516,000 in grants were awarded to charitable projects over the year.

The latest grants were to local agencies through the foundation's Community and Mini grant programs. **Big Brothers Big Sisters** in St. Catharines received \$2,500 to purchase equipment for its *Game On* mentoring program for six elementary schools. **Port CARES** is using its \$10,000 grant to purchase commercial equipment for its Reach Out Centre community kitchen. **Grimsby Museum** is purchasing a laptop and LCD projector to deliver its educational and community programs. The \$4,000 grant to the **Niagara-on-the-Lake Historical Museum** will be used to support the 1812 Bicentennial lecture series. The Rotary House project of the **Niagara Child and Youth Services** received \$11,655 for equipment for the new residential treatment program in Niagara Falls.

Other projects receiving grants in the announcement include laptops for program workers with **Niagara Nutrition Partners**, industrial steamer and equipment for **Hope Furniture Bank**, recreation equipment for **Jericho House's** new facility, and the expansion of the mentorship program offered by the **ALS Society**. **Support** to the foundation for these initiatives **came from** a variety of donor funds including the **Casino Cares Fund, Branscombe Family Fund, Crawford Smith and Swallow Fund** and **Meridian Credit Union Fund**.

"Every community in Niagara was touched by one of our grants in 2010," said foundation board chair Mel Groom. "Our community grant assessors, our donors and the agencies receiving support are to be thanked for working together to build stronger communities."

Just completing its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the foundation has raised **more than \$16 million**, most of which was placed into endowment funds to be held in perpetuity. Through the generosity of many donors the foundation has provided **\$3.3 million in grants** to community projects. The foundation supports charities providing programs and services for arts and heritage, environment, health, social services, education, recreation and community services.

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Organization	Grant	Project Description	Municipalities Impacted
ALS Society of Ontario - Central West Region	\$1,000.00	Fund the expansion of The Mentorship Program support group to Niagara to assist clients and their families dealing with ALS.	Niagara Region
Alzheimer Society Niagara Region	\$3,960.00	Fund the purchase of 11 voice recording devices with software to assist counsellors with the transcribing of client notes directly into a secure database after each client visit.	Niagara Region
Big Brothers Big Sisters St. Catharines, Thorold and District	\$2,500.00	Fund the equipment and resources for the Boys Mentoring Program Game On to be conducted into 6 elementary schools in St. Catharines.	St. Catharines
Community Care - St. Catharines and Thorold	\$1,914.00	Fund the purchase of two laptops, software and training for two caseworkers from Niagara Nutrition Partners allowing them to perform their work more efficiently in the community.	Niagara Region
Community Care - St. Catharines and Thorold	\$4,565.00	Fund the creation of Spanish, French and Arabic content for TALK2One program to help those needing community services stay connected.	Niagara Region
Community Living - Fort Erie	\$2,910.00	Fund the purchase of a copying, network printing and scanning system to improve agency communications with clients.	Fort Erie
Community Living - Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln	\$5,000.00	Fund the purchase of industrial kitchen equipment for the Jam and Preserve Program to meet the production needs of this current enterprise.	Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln
Community Living Port Colborne - Wainfleet	\$9,575.00	Fund the set up of a Community Kitchen in partnership with Lakeshore Catholic High School, Port Cares and the Good Food Box to educate participants from the Three Bridges neighbourhood on cooking nutritional and economic meals from the Good Food Box items.	Port Colborne
Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT)	\$750.00	Fund the purchase of sports and fitness equipment to be used by youth accessing the gym program.	Niagara Region
Gateway Residential & Community Support Services of Niagara	\$3,012.00	Fund the creation of a website to reach customers and educate people living in Niagara about the importance of healthy eating.	Welland, Thorold, St. Catharines, Port Colborne, Fort Erie
Grimsby Museum (Town of Grimsby)	\$2,700.00	Fund the purchase of a laptop and LCD projector to provide museum staff with equipment necessary to deliver educational and special interest programs to the residents of Grimsby and surrounding areas.	Grimsby
Grimsby Public Art Gallery	\$2,000.00	Fund upgrades to the Studio facilities and equipment of at the Grimsby Public Art Gallery.	Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln
Hope Furniture Bank	\$2,760.00	Fund the purchase of industrial steamer to clean donated items and installation of agency phone lines in their donated space.	Niagara Region

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Jericho House Youth, Leadership, Justice and Spirituality Centre	\$4,226.00	Fund the purchase of recreational equipment for games room in new facility.	Niagara Region
Niagara Artists' Company	\$3,300.00	Fund the creation of online sales mechanism and the equipment to document art work so that Niagara artists can collectively pursue career success.	Niagara Region
Niagara Child and Youth Services	\$11,655.00	Fund the purchase of commercial kitchen and laundry equipment for new residential treatment program in Niagara Falls.	Niagara Region
Niagara Historical Society and Museum	\$4,000.00	Fund the marketing and speaker cost of Bicentennial War of 1812 lecture series.	Niagara Region
Niagara Region Public Health - REACT	\$3,845.00	Fund the purchase of sports and recreation equipment for 10 schools participating in FUEL, Females Using Energy for Life.	Grimsby, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Welland
Port Cares Inc.	\$10,000.00	Fund the purchase of commercial oven and range hood for Reach Out Centre kitchen renovation and expansion project.	Port Colborne, Wainfleet
The Hope Centre	\$4,070.00	Fund the creation of website with content management software.	Welland
The Salvation Army Community and Family Services - Niagara Region (WLD)	\$4,311.00	Fund the training of staff in Violence Prevention with a train the trainer education component.	Welland, Wainfleet, Pelham, Port Colborne, Fort Erie
Therapy Tails Niagara	\$2,100.00	Fund the purchase of float and agency materials to be used throughout the community to raise agency awareness.	Niagara Region (not Grimsby or Lincoln)
Welland Neighbourhood Project - United Way of South Niagara	\$4,500.00	Fund the creation and printing of website, logo, brochures and sponsor packages for project to build awareness.	Welland
Young Carers Initiative - Powerhouse Project	\$2,000.00	Fund upgrades to the agency website and the purchase of content management software.	Niagara Region
Youth University - Brock University	\$1,375.00	Funds to support the piloting of a sustained program for youth, grade 6 through high school with the goal of raising the number of youth who pursue post-secondary education in priority neighbourhoods.	Port Colborne, Fort Erie