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## ***Local chemical companies creating positive environmental legacy***

**John Dunn**, a retired Chemical Engineer and former plant manager from **Stevensville** wants to **improve the environment for his grandchildren** and all Niagarans by helping **create a fund dedicated to environmental projects in Niagara**.

The Environmental Legacy Fund will be held by the Niagara Community Foundation and generate earnings to support environmental restoration and rehabilitation projects across the Region.

As coordinator of the **Niagara CAER Group's** community outreach activities, Dunn was looking for another way to contribute to the improvement of the environment. The group decided to **make a 10-year commitment** to the Fund.

"Working with the Foundation made a lot of sense to our members," said Dunn. "We have found a **tangible way** to have a lasting **positive impact on our community** and on the environment. We also liked the types of projects that the Foundation is supporting through the Environmental Grants Program."

CAER, which stands for Community Awareness and Emergency Response, is one component of Responsible Care, a major initiative of the Canadian Chemical Products Association. Responsible Care is a Canadian creation. It is the new ethic for the safe and environmentally sound management of chemicals through their life cycle. Niagara CAER Group members include: **CYTEC Canada Inc., Durez Canada, Lubrizol Canada Limited, Chemtrade Logistics Inc., Oxy Vinyls Canada Inc., PolyOne Canada Inc., and Kemira Chemicals Canada Inc.**

Established in November 2000, the Niagara Community Foundation is a collection of endowed funds held in perpetuity given by caring citizens who have chosen to make their community a better place to live and work. The earnings on the endowment funds are awarded as grants to charities providing programs and services across Niagara. To date over \$3 million has been raised in permanently endowed funds. The Foundation's goal is to raise \$500,000 for the Environmental Legacy Fund for Niagara.

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