



Media Release

Niagara Community Foundation receives national award

The Niagara Community Foundation received the 2002 Alastair Gamble Memorial Award at the national conference of Community Foundations of Canada, held earlier this month in Kelowna BC. The award celebrates the growth and progress of community foundations and recognizes excellence and leadership. Niagara was the recipient in the category of community foundations with assets under \$3 million.

The award selection committee noted that the Niagara Community Foundation set a new standard and best practice in launching a new foundation and congratulated the work of the Steering Committee and inaugural board of directors for their success.

Niagara-on-the-Lake board member, Ann-Louise Branscombe, accepted the award at the conference on behalf of the foundation. “We are extremely humbled and honoured to have received this award so soon after our launch. We would not be where we are today without the support of so many members of the community.”

Nine community foundations were in contention for the award. All except Niagara were from the western provinces. While most of the nominee foundations were founded in the 1990s, one was formed in 1969. Previous winners of the award in this category were Community Foundation of Greater Kingston (2000), Central Okanagan Foundation (1998) and the Portage & District Foundation (1996).

Established in 2000, the Niagara Community Foundation is a collection of endowed funds and resources given by caring citizens who have chosen to make their community a better place to live and work. To date \$700,000 has been raised in permanently endowed funds.

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