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FOUNDATION GRANTS PASS THE \$1 MILLION MARK

In its four-year history of grant making, the Niagara Community Foundation has now awarded over \$1 million in grants to charities. "This is truly a milestone as we complete our fifth year," said the grants committee chair, Betty-Lou Souter.

And at its November meeting, the foundation's board approved grants totaling \$53,490 to 18 community groups across Niagara. Organizations working in education, health, arts, heritage, environment, literacy, community development and leadership training stand to benefit with this announcement. "What is unique about the foundation's granting program is that it supports registered charities working in any sector in any community," said Andrea Kriluck, president of the foundation.

Many of the projects have a regional impact with the grants providing resources to assist groups become more effective at meeting the needs of their clients.

The foundation has two upcoming granting programs with deadlines in January. Organizations working in the environment or groups working with youth can obtain further information on these programs by going to www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org and clicking on the 'grants' button.

The Niagara Community Foundation builds and manages income earning endowment funds to support charitable activities. Since its launch in 2000, the Foundation has received almost \$4 million in permanently held endowment funds.

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