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Foundation Appoints New Director

One the final acts in 2006 of the board of the Niagara Community Foundation was to appoint Beamsville resident, Wade Stayzer, as its newest director. Stayzer a life-long resident of Niagara West, previously volunteered with the foundation on its Professional Advisors Committee and played a leadership role in developing the Youth in Philanthropy Program.

“I have a keen interest in building stronger communities through my work at Meridian Credit Union, my volunteer commitments with Family and Children’s Services and Leadership Niagara, and through my personal commitment as a member of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines,” said Stayzer.

Stayzer grew up in Wainfleet, attending E. L. Crossley Secondary School and McMaster University where he obtained his MBA. He is married to Danielle and has two young children, Jacob and Emery. Joining Meridian Credit Union in 1998, he is currently the Vice-President of Member Services. Meridian’s precursor, Niagara Credit Union, was one of the first donors to the foundation at its launch in November 2000.

The Niagara Community Foundation builds and manages income earning endowment funds to support charitable activities. Since 2000, the Foundation has received over \$5 million in permanently held endowment funds. The foundation has awarded over \$1.2 million in grants from all its funds during this time.

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