



GRANT RECIPIENTS DECEMBER 2012



The board of directors of the Catherine Donnelly Foundation is pleased to announce the successful completion of the sixteenth round of granting. Grants have been awarded in three areas of focus—**Adult Education Advancement Initiatives, Environmental Initiatives, and Housing Initiatives.**

Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

ADULT EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVES

ACORN Institute Canada, Toronto, ON \$40,000

Funding was provided for the “National Leadership Development Plan” project. The main thrust of this project is to build leadership capacity in low-income communities with a focus on addressing substandard housing issues.

www.acorninstitute.ca

Diasporic Genius, Toronto, ON \$26,000

Funding was provided for the “Story Circles in Thorncliffe Park” project. This project seeks to engage new immigrants through weekly Story Circles session aimed at building active citizenship and providing hands-on community development experience.

<http://diasporicgenius.com>

Elizabeth Fry Toronto, Toronto, ON \$30,000

Funding was provided for the “Peer Leadership Project”. This project supports women who have lived the experience of poverty and the criminal justice system become leaders and educators on issues related to the criminal justice system and its relationship to poverty and exclusion and to address the stigma of criminal justice involvement.

www.efrytoronto.org

ADULT EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVES



Falls Brook Centre, Knowlesville, NB

\$21,000

Funding was provided for the “Revitalizing Rural New Brunswick” project. This project will fund workshops on Community Asset Mapping; Introduction to Group Facilitation; Leadership Basics; and Addressing Interpersonal Conflict.

www.fallsbrookcentre.ca

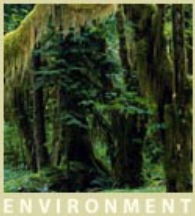


MABELLEarts, Toronto, ON

\$30,000

MABELLEarts will work with artists, community participants and a variety of new media professionals to create and launch an online documentary that is part book, part documentary film and part community archive.

www.mabellearts.ca



Toronto Environmental Alliance, Toronto, ON

\$23,000

Funding was provided for the “Adult Education Through Transit Advocacy” project. This project will empower low income Torontonians, especially from Scarborough and North York, so that they become active citizens working together to solve challenges facing them. Inspiration and empowerment towards active citizenship will happen through outreach, conversation circles, meetings, and training workshops.

www.torontoenvironment.org



ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES



David Suzuki Foundation, Vancouver, BC

\$50,000

Provided funds to support the “Bringing Environmental Rights to Canada Project” in partnership with Ecojustice. The David Suzuki Foundation (DSF) seeks to promote social and ecological justice. The funding will be used to recruit “Environmental Rights Champions”, bring diverse stakeholders together, and capture regional stories to raise awareness and reach out to allies.

www.davidsuzuki.org



Tides Canada Initiatives Society, Vancouver, BC

\$30,000

Provided funding for the “Detoxing Our Wardrobes” project. Tides Canada Initiatives Society (TCI) is collaborating with Canopy to focus the purchasing power of the market place and the networks, influence and public reach of our corporate partners to forward protection of our forests. This project responds to a shift in the pulping of trees from paper to use in clothing. Tides Canada/Canopy wants to shift production from chemically toxic intensive pulping to new state-of-the-art agricultural pulping. They plan on engaging retailers and designers in adopting policies to reduce and hopefully eliminate the use of materials from toxic dissolving pulps.

www.tidescanada.org



HOUSING INITIATIVES



Moncton Youth Services, Moncton, NB

\$10,000

Provided funds to support the “Youth Transitional Housing Program”. The program provides safe, secure housing to youth which allows them to stabilize their life, finish school, find fulltime employment and/or enroll in post secondary education.

www.myrinc.com



**Northern Alberta Home for Women Society,
Grande Prairie, AB**

\$30,000

Provided funding for the “Aurora Home” project. This is a new initiative that will provide a safe place for women to escape street level sexual exploitation while waiting for entry into addictions treatment program.

Sojourn House, Toronto, ON

\$20,000

Provided funds in support of the “Transitional Housing—Skills for Life” project which is designed to develop independent life skills in separated refugee youth who have independently fled their home countries to escape persecution. The program will provide refugee youth with essential life skills i.e. cooking, maintaining living spaces, shopping and budgeting.

www.sojournhouse.org



**Tumbler Ridge Community Association for Extended Service
(TR Cares),**

Tumbler Ridge, BC

\$11,000

Provided funds in support of the “The Safehouse and Second Stage Housing” program which is the only facility in an isolated northern BC community that provides shelter & second stage housing to women & children fleeing domestic violence.

