



GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY 2013



The board of directors of the Catherine Donnelly Foundation is pleased to announce the successful completion of the seventeenth 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

City for All Women Initiative, Ottawa, ON \$23,000

Funding was provided for the “Building Neighbourhoods Where Everyone Matters” project. The intention of this project is to enable women in 5 different neighbourhoods in Ottawa to participate in the 2014 municipal elections. This will lay the groundwork for future engagement aimed at increasing civic engagement of low income residents in future elections.

www.cawi-ivtf.org

Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre, Toronto, ON \$35,250

Funding was provided for the “Community Reporter Pilot Project”. This initiative will encourage low literacy adults to improve their writing, reading, and critical thinking skills through the creation of a blog which will be used to share thoughts and experiences as the writers participate in community activities.

www.dpnchc.ca

SKETCH, Toronto, ON \$37,000

Funding was provided for the “New Eyez On the Ground” project which will engage young women who have experienced homelessness, street involvement and poverty. These newcomer women will participate in creating art installations and stop motion videos over the course of a community arts leadership training program.

www.sketch.ca

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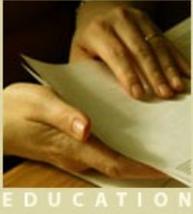


Skyworks Charitable Foundation, Toronto, ON

\$20,000

Funding was provided for the “Skyworks Newcomer Women’s Leadership Project”. This project is aimed at newcomer women to the Hamilton area and will use documentary filmmaking to explore their own gendered, cultural and racial identities as they relate to active citizenship & community engagement.

www.skyworksfoundation.org

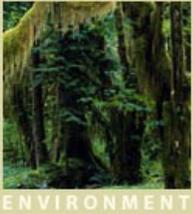


St. Joseph Immigrant Women’s Centre, Hamilton, ON

\$37,000

Funding was provided for the “The Women of Action” project. This project will engage newcomer women through a participatory civic engagement training program that will help women create and implement action plans for change.

www.iwchamilton.ca



ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

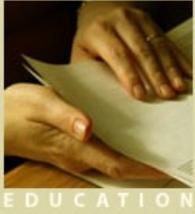


Breast Cancer Action Montreal, Montreal, QC

\$50,000

Provided funds to support the “Take Action” project in partnership with Environmental Defence. This project aims to educate Quebec community groups about the dangers of the 5 targeted toxins and encourage them to fight for regulatory change.

www.bcam.qc.ca

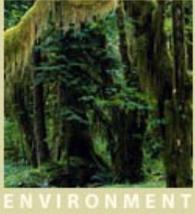


East Coast Environmental Law, Halifax, NS

\$50,000

Funds were provided for the “Promoting Environmental Rights on the East Coast” project. ECELAW in partnership with Ecojustice will promote the need for environmental rights federally, provincially and municipally in PEI, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

www.ecelaw.ca



HOUSING INITIATIVES



FCJ Refugee Centre, Toronto, ON

\$15,000

Provided funds to support the “Accessible Health for Uprooted Women” project. 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.fcjrefugeecentre.org

People for a Healthy Society Gabriola Society, Gabriola Island, BC

\$20,000

The Gabriola Guardian Linking Landlord and tenants program works with landlords, renters, and the community to provide housing. The aim is to aid vulnerable members of our community to find and maintain housing when in transition. The program works in combination with all other PHC programs including assistance with life skills such as housekeeping, cooking, financial literacy, and job skills, and mental health and addiction counselling.

www.phcgabriola.org

Projet Refuge, Montreal, QC

\$20,000

Provided funds in support of the projects of Projet Refuge 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.pr-mh.org

Raising the Roof/Chez Toi, Toronto, ON

\$20,000

Provided funds in support of the “Child and Family Homelessness” initiative of Raising the Roof/Chez Toi project which will conduct community-based research into the needs of homeless families. Key project objectives include: national framework to develop effective strategies to address homelessness; identifying public policy issues and responses; promoting promising practices; highlighting housing supports/initiatives; recommendations re innovative strategies & programs within the education system to support children/youth experiencing homelessness, etc.

www.raisingtheroof.org

St. John the Compassionate Mission, Toronto, ON

\$20,000

Provided funds in support of the “St. Xenia House and Lourmel House” project which will provide transitional housing to low-income individuals & families in need. It is a communal living environment that helps make connections between those who have been marginalized to the community.

www.stjohnsmisson.org