



GRANT RECIPIENTS NOVEMBER 2011

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

Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

ADULT EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVES

Atlantic Christian Training Centre, Tatamagouche, NS \$44,000

Provided a grant in support of the "First Nations and Black Leadership Development" project which seeks to provide access to training and leadership opportunities for first nation and black communities in Eastern Canada.

www.tatacentre.ca

Conservation Council of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB \$34,000

Provided a grant in support of the "Upper Miramichi Community Forest Partnership" project that builds upon the potential of a "community forest" in northern New Brunswick. The CDF supported the earlier phase of this project which now plans on moving into an extensive community engagement initiative, including capacity building, knowledge exchange and critical assessment of data.

www.conservationcouncil.ca

www.uppermiramichicommunityforest.org

www.acadianforest.ca

First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition
Vancouver, BC \$45,000

Provided a grant in support of the "Living Wage Listening Circle" project of First Call in partnership with Family Services of Greater Vancouver. This initiative will engage the working poor and provide an opportunity for them to share stories of how poverty and low wages affect their lives and encourage reflection and the space to collectively develop solutions. The project will provide practical skills around advocacy and speaking to the wider public about their issue through listening circles, workshops and community events.

www.firstcallbc.org



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John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights, Edmonton, AB

\$10,000

Provided a grant in support of “Building our Voice to Address Human Rights: Effective Engagement in the United Nations Universal Periodic (UPR) Review of Canada” project. The centre plans on building the capacity of marginalized groups to ensure that their voice is included in the Canadian government’s civil society consultation process thereby ensuring that social and economic justice can occur in Canada.

www.jhcentre.org

KAIROS, Toronto, ON

\$40,000

Provided a grant in support of the “In Peace and Friendship: Engaging Canadians in Indigenous Rights” project which will expand upon “the Blanket Exercise” a tool that KAIROS cites as effective in helping people develop a “critical consciousness”. Used mainly with First Nations, Inuit and Metis they now wish to adapt the Blanket Exercise for use with women, New Canadians and Youth. CDF funds would support the Educational Coordinator, Trainers, pilots of the new version of the Exercise, a Train the Trainers Event and ongoing outreach.

www.kairoscanada.org

Mennonite New Life Centre, Toronto, ON

\$80,000

Provided a grant in support of “Educating for Change: Newcomer Skills in Action” project which engages newcomers in reflection & action on economic & political exclusion issues. This current project expands upon an initiative previously supported by the CDF (June 2010) with a focus on North West Toronto. This area has undergone major development and has a high concentration of immigrants and refugees who MNLFC plans on engaging in community development and collection action skills building, training 60 community leaders and the creation of a community action plan that ensures the development taking place benefits the local community.

www.mnlct.org

Ralph Thornton Centre, Toronto, ON

\$58,000

Provided funds in support of the “Strong Voices, Strong Communities” project—a community development and leadership capacity building initiative for a mixed neighbourhood (South Riverdale) of Toronto Community Housing; low income and middle income families. It is primarily an opportunity for low income tenant leaders to gain leadership skills.

www.ralphthornton.org

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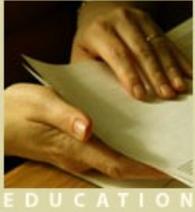


Drummond House/Eagles Nest Association,
Waterdown, ON

\$35,000

Provided a grant in support of the 3R Project—Rescued, Restored, Retraining which provides art therapy & job skills training to women transitioning from Drummond House to their own home..

www.drummondhouse.ca

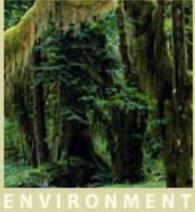


Fred Victor, Toronto, ON

\$50,000

Provided funds in support of the “Transitional Housing Program” a new initiative of the Fred Victor Centre that provides 20 housing units and support to enable people to build skills that will enable them to move on to more stable housing. .

www.fredvictor.org



IRCOM, Winnipeg, MB

\$39,500

Provided funds in support of the “IRCOM Community Resource Program (CRP)” that provides support/services (i.e. life skills, job search assistance, ESL referrals, empowerment, understanding Canadian law) to individuals and families enabling them to move to more stable housing. It also liaisons with other partner agencies in the community who can provide job skills training, counseling, child care and other services.

www.ircom.ca



Jubilation Residential Centres, Winnipeg, MB

\$21,500

Provided funds in support of the “Homes for the Homeless” project which places homeless clients in secure housing by using existing housing stock. Clients are provided support (counseling, First Nations Healing Circles, skills/employment training) and linked with a mentor to develop the necessary skills to maintain stable housing.

www.worldoutreach.ca

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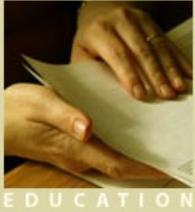


Unity Project for Relief of Homelessness, London, ON

\$37,250

Provided funds in support of the “Community Support Program (CSP)” a “wrap-around model of support that helps vulnerable men and women living in poverty obtain and maintain housing”. CSP connects men and women to resources (life skills, legal, family counseling, addictions etc.) and partners with other service agencies.

www.unityproject.ca

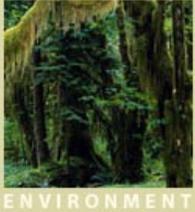


YWCA Durham, Oshawa, ON

\$20,000

Provided a grant in support of the “2nd Stage Transitional Housing Program”. The CDF provided funding for the “pilot” and is providing funding for staffing for the Life Skills component of the program for one more year.

www.ywcadurham.org



YWCA Metro Vancouver, Vancouver, BC

\$35,000

Provided funds in support of the “YWCA Munroe House Mothers Without Legal Status Project” which provides transitional housing for immigrant women who have left abusive partners while waiting for permanent resident status. The YWCA Munroe House is advocating for changes to family law to enable these women to work while awaiting permanent resident status—a process that can take up to two years and leaves the women extremely vulnerable.

www.ywcavan.org

