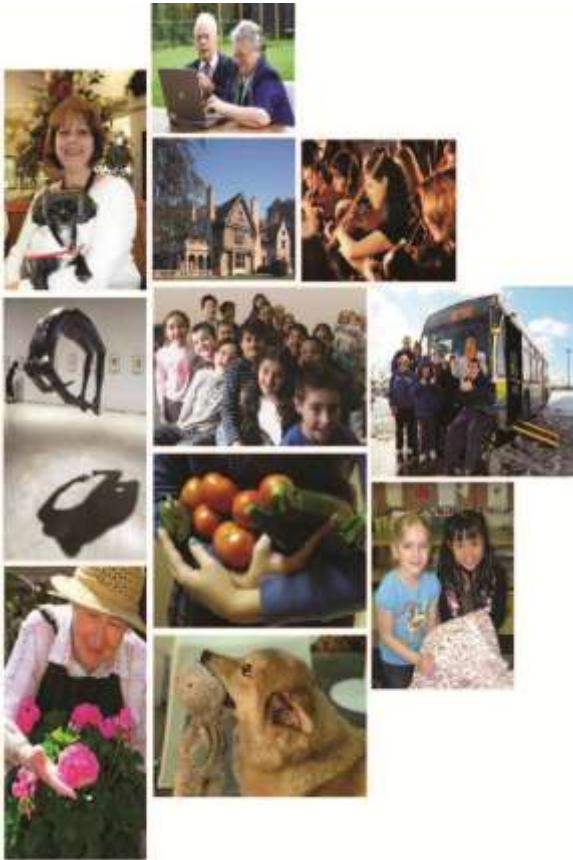


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## **Local Charities Given \$184,000 Boost!**



**Windsor, Ontario**, November 25, 2011– The WindsorEssex Community Foundation is pleased to announce **\$119,000 in grants** for local charities. These funds are in addition to the \$65,000 that has been awarded since December 1, 2010, making the total for the year \$184,000. The forty organizations receiving funds will be recognized at a Grant Celebration on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm – 6:00pm at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

*“It is invigorating to fund so many vital community initiatives at a time when many organizations are facing financial difficulty,”* states Chair of the Foundation Board, Susan Easterbrook. *“Our investment is making programs possible that will meet the physical, educational, emotional and cultural needs of our citizens, thus building a better Windsor-Essex for today and tomorrow.”*

### **The Community Foundation is giving:**

- \$4,500 to the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village to replace the roof on two of their heritage buildings (Railroad Station and Boarding House).
- \$4,000 to Harmony in Action to purchase accessible sport and fitness equipment.
- \$9,000 to Erie Wildlife Rescue to equip the public education room in the facility they are building at Malden Park.
- \$1,500 to the Windsor Youth Centre to help establish a safe and supportive space for Windsor’s homeless youth.
- A complete list of the grants to be awarded is attached.

**“These funds will make a real difference in the lives of the people we serve,”** stated one recipient when they heard about the grant.

Media are welcome to attend and hear from grant recipients, community leaders, and elected officials on the impact these investments will have upon their organizations and communities. Photography and additional background information is available by contacting the Community Foundation.

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The WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) is a perpetual community trust that manages donated funds, makes grants to support community programs, and facilitates working relationships between community organizations. As one of Canada’s 173 community foundations, your Community Foundation helps citizens invest in building strong, vibrant and resilient communities. Since 1983 the Community Foundation has granted \$4.9 million dollars to organizations who are helping to make Windsor-Essex a better place to live, work, play and grow.

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