



Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program announces grants and product donations to community groups in Yellowknife

July 28, 2011 – The Yellowknife Community Foundation and Benjamin Moore & Co., Limited today are announcing \$3,000 in cash grants and \$1,300 in donated Benjamin Moore paint for two local community groups to complete important restoration and renovation projects.

“We’re proud to be part of The 2011 Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program, which gives charities the materials and expertise they need to refurbish buildings of historical interest or social importance to their community,” says Darrell Vikse, President of the Yellowknife Community Foundation (YCF). Community Foundations of Canada along with the support of YCF administered the grants on behalf of Benjamin Moore.

“The restoration program is a great way to make a positive difference in our community, by sharing something that we are passionate about – our expertise and our products – with people who are equally committed to the community and its heritage and vitality,” says Brad Mapes of Aurora Decorating, the local Benjamin Moore dealer.

The Yellowknife Association for Community Living received a grant of \$1,000 and donated paint worth \$600 to go towards painting the exterior of the Abe Miller Building.

“As a non-profit, any money we have goes into supporting our services. Major improvements usually have to take a back seat -- until now,” said Wayne Balanoff, Director, Adult Services. “A huge thanks to Benjamin Moore for making this possible.”

The Yellowknife branch of the YWCA received a grant of \$2,000 and donated paint worth \$700 to go towards painting apartments in Rockhill Apts, the YWCA’s transition home for women.

The Yellowknife YWCA received a grant of \$2,000 and donated paint worth \$700 to go towards painting suites at Rockhill Apts, where families live in the YWCA’s transitional housing program.

“Families live in our suites for up to a year while they stabilize and get on their feet. It’s a real benefit to be able to offer tenants not just a new start but an apartment with a fresh coat of paint,” said Lyda Fuller, Executive Director of YWCA Yellowknife. “This grant will help with that goal,” she said.

This year, the Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program, through Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), is extending grants to 21 community groups in 14 communities

across Canada, from Penticton, BC to Sydney, NS. Projects supported range from helping to renovate a century-old home that houses a shelter for Aboriginal women and children fleeing violence, to refurbishing a local historical museum.

Applications for 2012 program

The application process for the 2012 Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program will begin in October 2011. Information regarding the communities that will be targeted next year and details of the application process will be posted in the Fall on the CFC website: www.cfc-fcc.ca/programs/

Community Foundations of Canada is the national membership organization for Canada's community foundations. Canada's more than 175 community foundations help Canadians invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play. Together we are one of the largest supporters of Canadian communities, providing more than \$149 million in support of local priorities and organizations in 2010. To find out more visit www.cfc-fcc.ca

The Yellowknife Community Foundation was formed in 1993 to provide interested individuals and organizations with a means of supporting projects in our community for the enduring future.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Yellowknife, and the surrounding area by: identifying and addressing current and anticipated community needs; and, raising, managing, and distributing investment income from donated funds to meet those needs. To find out more visit www.yellowknifecommunityfoundation.ca

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