



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

July 12, 2011 – The Community Foundation of the South Okanagan and Benjamin Moore & Co., Limited today are announcing \$4,000 in cash grants and \$1,250 in donated Benjamin Moore paint for two (2) 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 Aaron McRann, Executive Director of the Community Foundation.

In Penticton

“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 Tom Lawrence, owner of True Colour Paint & Window Coverings, Penticton’s Benjamin Moore retailer.

Chosen Charity:

The Okanagan School of the Arts received a grant and donated paint to aid in the restoration of the Shatford Centre.

“We were very pleased to hear that we were successful in our grant application with Benjamin Moore! This is perfect timing for the Shatford Centre to have exterior painting done on the 90 year old white lintels and wood trim of this historic brick building,” says Jane Shaak, Executive Director of the Shatford Centre.

In Summerland

“We’re happy to partner with Benjamin Moore on something as important as this. It’s a great opportunity to support local charity,” says Ken Sewell, owner of Summerland Tim-BR Mart, Summerland’s Benjamin Moore retailer.

Chosen Charity:

The Summerland Asset Development Initiative received a grant and donated paint to help with the re-painting of the outside of Summerland’s only youth club.

“SADI is extremely excited about using the Benjamin Moore grant to give our Youth Club a new look so we can continue to be a source of pride in the community,” says Michelle Stefan, Program Manager at the Summerland Asset Development Initiative.

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 Community Foundation of the South Okanagan has served our region for 19 years, working with donors to create legacies in the form of permanent endowment funds. Grants are distributed from income earned, preserving the capital to ensure a perpetual stream of funds.

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