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Friends of the Foundation – Newsletter #1

Dear friends, colleagues & all past donors:

Interested in knowing how your donations have been used? Our Board of Trustees agreed we should send out a newsletter to all past donors and let you know how we are doing with our various projects. Presently our top priority is to ensure our educational scholarships, bursaries and awards are sustainable through the creation of a \$50,000.00 endowment fund. The good news is we are 62% of the way there with \$31,000.00 in the fund and only \$19,000.00 to go. The awards are as follows:

CIPHI – EHFC Continuing Education Award:

Current Environmental Public Health Professionals are eligible for this award. One recipient is chosen annually by the Board of Trustees to receive the \$500.00 award. Recent award winners are:



Shelly Stetsko is our 2006 recipient and is presently completing her Bachelor of Environmental Health at the University of Cape Breton via distance learning.



Dragana Djordjevic is our 2005 recipient and has been completing her Certificate in Health Care Management at the B.C. Institute of Technology.

Len Hiebert Environmental Health Review Award:



Len Hiebert

*This award is presented annually to aspiring students in the five accredited Environmental Public Health programs across Canada in honour of Len Hiebert a Life Member of the profession and a highly regarded Editor of the journal, "Environmental Health Review". Originally the Board of Trustees approved only one award of \$100.00 but this was recently increased to **five \$250.00** awards so that students at each accredited school will be eligible to receive an award. **We are very pleased to indicate that the first four awards have just been presented to students located across Canada..***

Lilli Ann Zahara Award:



Lilli Ann Zahara

*Current Environmental Public Health Professionals are eligible annually for this \$500.00 award upon nomination. **The criteria are dedication, commitment, inspiration and leadership in the field of Environmental Health, particularly with a commitment to food safety and/or health education.** The first award will be issued in 2007. The award is issued in memory of Lil Zahara as one of the first few women Public Health Inspectors in Canada. In 1977 Lil was presented with a Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal by the Governor General in recognition of her contribution to the field of Environmental Health as an Inspector, Educator, Consultant and Executive Director of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.*

The Board of Trustees are pleased to update you on a number of projects which have now been successfully completed.

Aboriginal Student Education Project – With the financial support of the Government of Canada and other agencies, a total of \$62,000.00 was raised to assist in the training of Aboriginal students as Public Health Inspectors so that they could in turn help First Nation communities improve their public health and sanitation standards. **We are very hopeful we can initiate a new project like this in the near future.**

Bob Herbison Award – With your generous support, \$5,000.00 was raised to create a financial award as a part of the Bob Herbison Award issued annually to a student in the Environmental Health degree program at B.C.I.T. This amount was then matched by the BC Government and now stands at \$12,600. Bob Herbison was a Life Member of CIPHI and a highly respected public health practitioner. Additional donations can be made directly to the BCIT Foundation.

Tanzania Book Project – Again with your financial support, \$715.00 was raised by the foundation to be combined with other donations from across Canada to fund the purchase of text books. The books were urgently needed in the creation of an Environmental Health program in Tanzania, Africa.

The Board of Trustees continues to move forward with a number of important projects.

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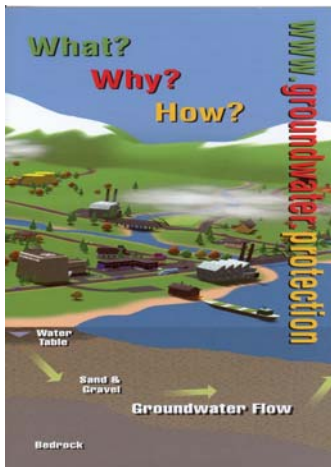


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With the increasing concern over the safe handling and storage of perishable foods, the foundation has created these three easily recognized educational symbols which are intended to assist both those in the food industry and the public understand the critical importance of proper temperature control of foods. They are also available in French. Several health agencies across Canada have handed them out to local food operators in their communities. They have also been included in two booklets “Chill Out” and “Food Safety at Home – Your in Control” produced by the Canadian Partnership for Food Safety Education.

Trustees with the EHFC have recently contacted the U.S. Food & Drug Administration as well as the U.S. Partnership for Food Safety Education encouraging their use of these symbols in the USA in both English and Spanish. Stay tuned!

www.groundwater.protection & Ed Fleming Memorial Fund



Recently the EHFC partnered with the BC Groundwater Association as well as other provincial and federal government departments plus several community agencies on the creation of the award-winning educational video and brochure titled **www.groundwater.protection**

The purpose of the **Ed Fleming Memorial Fund** is to distribute this important message on protecting our groundwater to libraries across Canada. At a recent ceremony, sufficient copies were donated by the EHFC to the Greater Sudbury Public Library to start this important project. The EHFC video **Septic System Maintenance Pure & Simple** was also donated to the libraries. Next to come is distribution across Ontario and then all libraries across Canada. **Ed Fleming** was a resident of the Sudbury area and a strong advocate for drinking water and ground water protection and this project has been undertaken in his memory.

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Septic System Maintenance Pure & Simple

The EHFC has again partnered with several community agencies plus government departments on the distribution of this award winning educational video. It clearly explains how to maintain and operate your septic system and thus protect the environment, your health, plus your financial investment in this important household system.



*To date over 180,000 copies of the brochure and 5,000 copies of the video have been widely distributed across BC, Canada and internationally from Sweden to Malaysia. The videos and brochures are now available in **English, French, Punjabi and Cantonese.***

*We are now working to have all these versions plus **www.groundwater.protection** included on one DVD for broader and more cost effective distribution.*

100% of all donations fund our projects.

Recent newspaper articles have revealed that for many societies and charitable organizations, anywhere from 40% to 85% of the donations are siphoned off in commissions and other operating expenses.

The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC) - the research and educational foundation of CIPHI - is unique. 100% of all donations go directly towards our projects. The projects are approved by the volunteer Board of Trustees representing all branches of CIPHI.

All operating expenses of EHFC are paid from revenue generated from product sales such as educational videos, brochures, fridge magnets or revenue resulting from contracts, etc. For example, the Trustees recently completed a detailed contract for Health Canada identifying procedures followed by public health agencies, in every province and territory, in response to the notification of a waterborne health threat.

Please continue your valuable support, confident that 100% of your donation is going towards the important educational awards or projects you have specified.

*Thank you. For further information please visit our web site at **www.ehfc.ca***

For your convenience, a donation form is provided on the reverse side of this page which outlines these and two additional ongoing projects.

The EHFC is the charitable division of CIPHI and is operated in accordance with the requirements of Canada Revenue Agency. Tax receipts are issued for donations.

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Support our Foundation's Work

Make a donation which can be directed to the project of your choice or for the advancement of all projects.

Please direct my donation as follows: {check choice(s)}

- Support for all approved projects, or
- Lilli Ann Zahara Award for persons currently in the field of Environmental Health.
- Len Hiebert EHR Award for aspiring new Public Health Inspectors in training.
- CIPHI - EHFC Continuing Education Award for PHIs and EHOs currently in the field.
- Ed Fleming Memorial Fund - Groundwater video education project promoting the distribution of the video "www.groundwater.protection" to libraries across Canada.
- TempSafe © food safety temperature symbols education project.
- Canadian Partnership For Consumer Food Safety Education FightBAC! Campaign.
- Research into public health related communicable diseases such as E coli 0157H:7, Giardiasis, Cryptosporidium, West Nile virus, Rabies, etc.
- Support for the distribution of the award winning educational video project "Septic System Maintenance *Pure & Simple*".

Donations may be made in the form of a bequest, the creation of a trust fund, the purchase of a dedicated life insurance policy or a cash donation. DONATIONS TO THE EHFC ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER THE INCOME TAX ACT (#87096-8377-RR0001)

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