

Ontario Trillium Foundation Provides Grant to Launch Centre's Wildlife Education Program

If you aren't able to tell which of the following: skunk, weasel, raccoon and mink, isn't part of the same family, your children may be able to tell you.

Thanks to a two-year \$60,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre will be taking their new education program out to area schools, teaching children more about local wildlife and their environment.

"I was delighted to learn that the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre had received this two-year grant from the Foundation," said the Hon. Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Culture and MPP for Ottawa-Vanier. "This unique program will be brought into classrooms by the Centre's volunteers and children will also be able to go online to find more information on the website," added Minister Meilleur.

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In November, the Foundation awarded the Wildlife Centre a \$60,000 grant so that it could create a more cost-effective and sustainable way of delivering progressive wildlife education and awareness programs in the community. Over the next two years, funds from the grant will go towards wildlife education in area schools, developing a supporting website, participating in community events and recruiting new volunteers to support this growth in activity.

"The Ontario Trillium Foundation's support has been critical in getting these exciting new programs off the ground," says OCWC President Donna DuBreuil. The foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative.

New Sun Fund - Community Foundation of Ottawa

The New Sun-Joy Maclaren Fund at the Community Foundation of Ottawa is supplying important leadership by demonstrating the support of the local community for the Centre's Wildlife Education Programs.

A \$10,000 grant from The New Sun Fund has not only been critical in assisting with the start-up costs of the new program but it has been instrumental in encouraging help from other organizations like the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The New Sun Fund grant has been awarded to the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre to encourage environmental teaching that promotes living in harmony with other species and encourages respect and appreciation for the natural world.

Board of Directors - Slate for 2006-07

The Centre is fortunate to have strong leadership. It has continued, unabated, during the difficult last few years and provided renewed vigor in establishing a new program direction focusing on public education. The Directors elected at the Centre's Annual General Meeting on Jan. 26, 2006, are:

- Donna DuBreuil, President/Founder (retired university administrator)
- Dr. Dan Rodgers, Vice-President (veterinarian/partner, Alta Vista Animal Hospital)
- Gary DuBreuil, Secretary-Treasurer/Founder (retired government administrator)
- Debbie Lawes, Director of Communications (President, Dovercourt Editorial Services)
- Leslie James, Director (internal auditor, federal government)

They, along with volunteers like Simon MacDonald and Christine Birkett who have provided outstanding technical support, have been key during this transition period.

New Education Coordinator Joins OCWC

The OCWC Board was delighted when Kate MacNeil accepted the position of Education Coordinator of the Centre's new program last Fall.

No one could be better qualified for the position than Kate. As the Centre Coordinator for many years, she has extensive hands-on experience in caring for wildlife and running the highly regarded conflict resolution service - a telephone hotline that has assisted more than 100,000 people in dealing with wildlife problems, humanely and effectively.

Add to this the fact that Kate, before taking maternity leave, worked at Nature Canada in nature conservation and you have an impressive set of skills that she brings to a unique new position.

Just as important is the enthusiasm, energy and creativity she puts into this part-time position. There have been glowing evaluations from teachers already:



Kate MacNeil

"This was an absolutely wonderful presentation. Kate was very much at ease and was very knowledgeable about her subject."