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Inaugural “Mayor Bennett Giving Gala” raises more than \$50,000

***Sold out community event supporting
Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough a smashing success***

Sunday, January 29, 2012 (Peterborough) – Last night, more than 200 members of the Peterborough community gathered at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club for the inaugural Mayor Bennett Giving Gala, which raised \$51,725 in support of the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough – an organization working with and supporting charities throughout the City and County of Peterborough.

“I am delighted with the overwhelming support for the inaugural Giving Gala,” said Mayor Bennett. “The community has once again demonstrated its generous and caring spirit, which serves as an important reminder of who we are and what we believe in.”

This sold-out inaugural event provided guests an opportunity to connect with many like-minded individuals, companies and organizations who are interested in helping to build a vibrant and strong Peterborough. The evening included entertainment by Aaron Hoffman, Tanah Haney, The Danny Bronson Band and J’s Magic. A small silent and live auction was also held with dream items such as a one-week stay at a Napa Valley estate, a three-carat diamond bracelet and a private jet for a day.

The proceeds from the evening will support the Community Foundation in its mission to improve the lives of people in the City and County through local giving, grant making and community development initiatives.

“The work of the Community Foundation is closely aligned with the goals and vision of Mayor Bennett – a collaborative sharing community, sensitive to the needs of others and prepared to work together to achieve these common goals,” said Bill Lockington, chair of the Community Foundation. “This is a positive community. With strong leadership, both municipally and in the not-for-profit sector, the numerous challenges and opportunities of our community can be met. We are most appreciative that Mayor Bennett and so many others have generously contributed through the inaugural Giving Gala to the Community Foundation and its work. This generosity and vision will be reflected in numerous initiatives the Foundation can now undertake.”

The inaugural Mayor Bennett Giving Gala was generously supported by community-focused corporations and businesses including Great West Life, London Life, Canada Life, Charlotte Jewelers, Collins Barrow, ISL: Irwin Sargent and Lowes Limited, BDO Canada, The Peterborough Examiner, Dior Beauty, Flying Colours Corp., Forget Me Not Flowers, McWilliams Moving & Storage, WestJet, Adrienne Boyer Designs, Cosmetic Transformations, LLF Lawyers, The Clearing House, YMCA of Central East Ontario, The Original Greek, Locks Salon and Spa, and Peterborough Golf and Country Club.



About the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough

The Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough fosters philanthropy by pooling endowed and special funds, while its grants to registered charities enhance the quality of life for local citizens. The Foundation enables all residents to contribute to positive, lasting changes in the community, and is a part of a national network of community foundations which exist in more than 180 communities from coast to coast. Visit www.cfgr.ca for more information.

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