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Gwen and Bill Brown Fund for the Arts Established at Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough

PETERBOROUGH, December 3, 2013 – The Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough is pleased to announce the creation of the Gwen and Bill Brown Fund for the Arts. The newly established fund honours the artistic and cultural contributions of Gwen and Bill Brown through support of charitable projects and organizations within the Peterborough arts community. The Fund was established by Ginger Brown, daughter of the late Peterborough residents with an initial gift of \$50,000. It is a permanent endowment fund that will support local artistic causes that played such a vital role in the lives of Gwen and Bill.

Both Gwen and Bill were long-time residents of Peterborough. Their love of the community and of the role the arts hold within it was evident in all they did. Gwen was very active in Peterborough's theatre scene, and was well-known in the community for many artistic contributions. In her early years she worked with St. John's Players, her church group. She and Bill were founders of Peterborough Theatre Guild where Gwen acted, sang and directed. Over the years Gwen performed with Arbor Theatre and many times at Showplace Performance Centre where, in 2006, she was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Gwen was an inductee of the Pathway of Fame, and she posed as Miss February in the flood relief calendar in 2004—appropriately covered by a couple of drama masks! Gwen was celebrated at a Market Hall Bright Lights Evening and received the 2013 Ontario Senior of the Year Award for her significant contribution to the Peterborough community. Gwen passed away in June of 2013.

Bill, a Nova Scotia graduate in engineering, came to Peterborough in 1931 as a part of the Test Course with GE Canada. An avid sportsman, Bill was happy to support all of Gwen's artistic endeavours often helping with props or sets for her shows and always cheering her on from the audience. Bill passed away in January 2007.

When asked why she chose to establish this fund with the Community Foundation, Ginger Brown offered the following: "I like the fact that a fund in Mom's and Dad's names will give back to the community for many years to come. Their legacy will continue here in the city that meant so much to them".

Gifts to the Gwen and Bill Brown Fund for the Arts managed by the Community Foundation can be made online via its website (www.cfqp.ca). They can also be made directly to the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough by cheque or publicly traded securities. Contact the Community Foundation at 705-740-2347 for more information on donation options.

About the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough

The Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough fosters philanthropy through the creation and management of endowed and special funds. Its grants to registered charities enhance the quality of life for local citizens. It is a part of a national network of more than 191 community foundations across Canada. The Community Foundation enables all residents to contribute to positive, lasting changes in our community.

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