

# Community Foundation

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## of Greater Peterborough

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **For Immediate Release**

**Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program announces grants and product donations to strengthen community and heritage groups in Peterborough.**

**April 15, 2008** - The **Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough** and Benjamin Moore & Co., Limited today announced a total of **\$ 8,5000** in grants and **\$2000** in donated Benjamin Moore paint and material for local community groups to complete important restoration and renovation projects. The grants will be presented by Bill Lockington, Chair of the Steering Committee of the CFGP at a private reception at the Art Gallery of Peterborough on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Charlotte Paint and Wallpaper on Charlotte St. in Peterborough, Ontario is providing paint and other material.

“The Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program provides charitable organizations with the materials and expertise necessary to refurbish buildings and facilities of historical interest or importance to their community,” says **Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough** spokesperson Helene Lowry.

“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,” says **Benjamin Moore local spokesperson.**

As a non-profit organization, any money we have goes into supporting our programs. Major improvements usually have to take a back seat -- until now,” said Dr. Ray Dart, (Peterborough Green Up). “Many thanks to Benjamin Moore for making this possible.”

Three local organizations received 2008 Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Grants:

**Peterborough Green Up** is receiving a grant of \$3,500 and \$750 for paint. The grant will be used to renovate a public resource space that will include offices and an information centre for residents and businesses. The space will showcase low VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint.

**Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough** is receiving a grant of \$1,500 and \$500 in paint. They are painting their offices in a 75-year-old building to create a more inviting, soothing atmosphere for children attending programs and classes.

**Sadleir House** is receiving a grant of \$3,500 and \$750 in paint. Sadleir House is an 1892 Queen Anne style house with 1960s modernist additions by Canadian architect Ron Thom. They plan to restore and furnish the Senior Common Rooms that feature stained glass, ceiling medallions, and a turret.

This year, the Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program's \$100,000 donation enabled its partner Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) to extend grants to 26 community groups in 14 communities across Canada Grant recipients are located from Courtenay, BC in the West to Saint John, NB in the East.

**Applications for 2009 program**

The application process for the 2009 Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program will begin in October 2008. For information regarding the communities that will be targeted next year and details of the application process please visit the CFC website at [www.cfc-fcc.ca](http://www.cfc-fcc.ca)

**The Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program** was developed in partnership with **Community Foundations of Canada**, the national membership organization for Canada's 160 community foundations. With more than \$2.7-billion in assets, the community foundation movement is one of Canada's largest grant makers, providing more than \$137-million in grants last year to thousands of charities.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough** is a non-profit, charitable organization that encourages and supports local philanthropy and builds endowment funds to support strategic granting programs that enhance the quality of life in our community.

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