



## **NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2010**

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of our Trust Fund is to raise money for Projects that will enrich the lives of deaf and hard of hearing individuals and organizations within Canada.

When disbursing funds the Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund must remain in compliance with Canada Revenue Agency guidelines and our Trust Fund Memorandum of Agreement.

The Trust has been established to aid in the development of education or programs related to the training of interpreters for the deaf, and for the assistance of the hearing impaired, the disabled and other such persons who are in dire need.

The trust fund is held by the trustees upon the following trusts:

To create, provide and enlarge a fund to be used for charitable purposes in Canada, including general charities, education, educational equipment, health, health agencies, mental health, medical equipment, social

development, the aged, child welfare, the handicapped, other charitable organizations, medical care and rehabilitation, social and youth agencies.

To provide grants, scholarships and bursaries to deserving individuals to further their education in the area of the hearing and speech handicapped, sign language and related subjects.



At the August 14, 2010 Trust Fund meeting, four bursaries of \$1,000 each were awarded to students enrolled in college to become ASL interpreters. The successful recipients were:

1. Ryan Craft – George Brown College
2. Catriona Revell – George Brown College
3. Shelly Nafshi – George Brown College
4. April Myziuk – Nova Scotia Community College

The applications are judged by scoring their volunteer experience, work experience, a visual component, marks, financial need and letters of recommendation. We are fortunate to have the assistance of John and Margo Bisson, a deaf ASL teacher and his wife to judge the visual component.

There were no applications for the intervenor program.

Providing bursaries to both interpreters and intervenors is key in providing accessibility to deaf and deaf blind individuals. The programs are difficult, not only do the students learn American Sign Language and two hand communication, they learn about deaf culture and the distinct difference between hearing and deaf communities.

Pictured left to right at presentation of two bursaries:



Corene Kennedy, ASL Program Co-ordinator, Kathy Blacow, Helene Mackenzie Trustee, Shelly Nafshi, Ryan Kraft, Suzanne Prosser, Project Director of Helen Mackenzie Trust Fund and Patrick Bennett, Student Awards Department

In order to carry on the good work of the Helen MacKenzie Trust Fund, we need your support. This will enable the Trust Fund to continue to support our programs

### In Memoriam Donations

We are in the process of preparing new “In Memoriam” cards for use when required for donations to the Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund. Each club will be sent a new supply.

Please Note: Any donations should be sent to Louise Beard, Treasurer of the Trust Fund. Her address is 2923 Warminster Road, R. R. No. 2, Orillia, Ontario L3V 6H2.

### In Memoriam



### **Donna Spicer**

Past Canada Area Director and former Helene Mackenzie Trust Fund Project Director Donna Spicer passed away on March 3, 2010 after a lengthy illness. Donna was the owner of Donna's Beauty Salon in Port Stanley. Donna served as District 18 Governor in 1993-1994 and as Canada Area Director from 1996 to 1998. When her home club of St. Thomas dissolved, Donna remained active as a member at large. Friends will remember her will to live, her caring for others and her dedication to Quota's development and growth as a Wanda Frey Joiner Founder.

### **Dolores Brosky**

Past International President Dolores Brosky of the Owen Sound club passed away on June 5, 2010 after a short illness. Dolores joined Quota when at a mall she saw a Quota display and innocently asked “What is Quota”? A member invited her to the next meeting and her Quota career began. She moved up the ranks and served as Quota International President in 2000-2001. Her presidential theme was “Brighten The World with Quota”. This reflected her positive, inspirational view that Quota's greatest purpose was to help others and to do so with a happy heart. Dolores brightened the world with her ready smile and twinkle in her eye. She loved being part of an international organization and treasured making friends throughout the

Quota world. Dolores served as a trustee on the Helene Mackenzie Trust Fund for many years and her contribution will be missed.



On behalf of all the members of the Helene Mackenzie Trust Fund, we wish you and your families a Christmas season filled with love, laughter and peace.