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## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of MISSISSAUGA ANNOUNCES GRANTS First grants from endowed funds support broad range of programs

**Mississauga, ON, May 31, 2006:** A broad range of community based programs and services got a welcome boost as the Community Foundation of Mississauga made its first grants from endowed funds at the Foundation's Annual General Meeting held May 31, 2006.

Included in the announcement were grants from the Pendle Fund, a donor advised fund at the Foundation. Grants from this fund included \$95,000 to the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation to implement a Living Discovery Centre at the Rattray Marsh, \$40,000 to the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga for the Cabin in the Woods project and \$15,000 to the University of Toronto at Mississauga for an environmental project which will collect rooftop rainwater run-off to be recycled for plant irrigation.

Grants from other funds included \$1000 to VON Peel for their Good Beginnings program, \$1000 to Our Place Peel which will help support the emergency youth shelter program, \$1000 for Boys and Girls Clubs of Peel for the Breakfast for Kids Program and \$1000 to the Peel Children's Aid Foundation for the High Risk Infant Program which serves high-risk infants in the community. Other grants were also presented that evening for a total of about \$160,000 in new funding for community based services that represented sectors including children and youth, the environment, heritage and others.

"What an exciting time this is for our Foundation", noted Kathy A. Drury, President of the Board of Directors in her opening comments. "I know that all across Mississauga, there are so many valued friends, donors, fund holders and volunteers who are in one way or another, a valued part of the growth of our Foundation. Each of them is an integral part of our success, especially tonight as we make these grants. Mississauga is a great city; we are committed to building a great community foundation."

“For the Community Foundation of Mississauga, 2005 truly was a transformative year. We cannot help but celebrate the financial growth in our endowed assets because it is the growth in our endowments that makes it possible to increase our grants for charitable initiatives. And this is what will help make the Community Foundation of Mississauga a vital partner in ensuring important programs and services are available to people”, noted the Foundation’s Executive Director, Eileen MacKenzie. “We acknowledge and celebrate our donors whose commitment to their community has made these grants possible.”

The Community Foundation of Mississauga is a registered charitable, public foundation that assists donors by helping them support the charitable causes and projects that are important to them. By working with donors to create endowed funds, the Community Foundation of Mississauga helps to ensure sustainable funding for a broad range of charitable initiatives, meeting the needs of a growing and dynamic community.

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