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Media Advisory



Anne McFadyen Scholarship

The Sarnia Community Foundation (SCF) is delighted to announce the establishment of the Anne McFadyen Scholarship in memory of Anne McFadyen, a beloved community member known for her remarkable vibrancy and dedication in the Sarnia Lambton area.

The annual scholarship will recognize and support five exceptional graduating students from Great Lakes secondary school who embody Anne's spirit, energy and passion for making a positive change in our community. Each successful candidate shall receive \$12,000 to enable them to pursue post secondary education at a school of their choice. The funds will be directed primarily towards tuition, books, and residence fees. Criteria for the scholarship will include academic excellence, commitment to community service, leadership, and financial need.

Anne was a positive energetic person known for her wisdom and compassion for others. She graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and attended the Faculty of Law at Western University graduating after being named to the Dean's Honours List. During her career as a lawyer in Sarnia, she became the first woman to hold the position of

president of the Lambton Law Association. Later, she became the first lawyer from Lambton County to be elected to the executive board of the County and District Law Presidents Association where she served until being appointed a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice in October 1998. She retired from the bench in August 2022 and then continued to sit as a per diem judge primarily in the southwest judicial region of Ontario.

Anne enjoyed her interaction with the community through her volunteer work and her association with a Sarnia Road Runners where she was runner of the year in 1985. She was an avid reader and book club member. She also enjoyed acting in the plays performed by the Lambton Law Association that sponsored many local charities.

Mike Barron, Executive Director had this to say, “on behalf of the SCF, we are deeply honoured to continue Anne’s legacy through this scholarship. Anne McFadyen believed in the power of community and importance of education. These scholarships will help perpetuate that belief and inspire others to follow in her footsteps.”

For more information about the Anne McFadyen Scholarship and the application process, please visit the SCF website or contact the SCF offices. For further information, please contact:

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