

## **Christmas surprises for local charities**

In the past year, the Community Foundation of Orillia and Area granted almost \$120,000 to local charities.

The grants are, for the most part, from the investment returns of their endowment funds and this holiday season, the company that manages these funds, the Connor, Clark and Lunn Financial Group, provided a surprise Christmas gift to the foundation in the form of a \$4,000 donation from the Connor, Clark and Lunn Foundation. The donation was to directly assist local charities assisting families and individuals during the holiday season. As a result, the following charities have received a special grant:

- The Sharing Place food bank — \$750
- Salvation Army Orillia — \$750
- North Simcoe Victim Crisis Services — \$500
- Couchiching Jubilee House — \$500
- Green Haven Shelter for Women — \$500
- Lighthouse Christian Ministries — \$500
- Orillia Youth Centre — \$500

This is the second holiday season the Orillia area has benefited from the generosity of Connor, Clark and Lunn.

For more information about the endowment funds and granting program of the Community Foundation of Orillia and Area, contact the foundation at 705-325-4903, ext. 207, email [info@communityfoundationorillia.ca](mailto:info@communityfoundationorillia.ca) or