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NEWS RELEASE

Community Foundations of Canada Unveils 8th National Conference

OTTAWA (Feb. 20, 2004) – Registration is now open for Community Foundations of Canada's 8th National Conference to be held May 13 –15 in Quebec City.

Hundreds of delegates representing community foundations, private foundations, and other voluntary sector organizations from Canada and around the world are expected to attend CFC's biggest conference to date.

"We're offering something for everyone, no matter what your foundation's size or scope," said Monica Patten, President and CEO of Community Foundations of Canada. "And it's a great opportunity to visit Canada's most European city."

Conference highlights include:

- More than 30 concurrent workshops on topics ranging from managing public sector partnerships, to social justice, governance, marketing & communications
- Keynote address by Dr. Paul Schervish, Director of the Social Welfare Research Institute at Boston College, and a recognized authority on individual charitable giving
- Stuart McLean of CBC's Vinyl Café on *The Power of Storytelling*
- Ratna Omidvar of The Maytree Foundation on *The Changing Face of Canada*
- Gaétan Morency of Québec's internationally acclaimed Cirque du Soleil on the company's profound commitment to social action

"This is a great learning opportunity," said Liza Goulet, of Philanthropic Foundations of Canada and a member of the CFC Conference Planning Committee. "Many of the workshops and plenaries will interest a wide range of voluntary sector organizations."

Registration Information

CFC's Conference Registration package is available at www.community-fdn.ca. The Earlybird Registration fee (before April 1st) for non-CFC members is \$525 and \$575 after April 1st.

Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) is the national membership organization for one of the country's fastest growing charitable movements. There are more than 135 community foundations in cities, towns and rural areas across Canada. Last year, they provided more than \$80 million in grants to local charitable causes.

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