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Dental Association of PEI (DAPEI) Donates \$152,000 to the Dr. Gerry Barrett DAPEI Legacy Fund at Community Foundation of PEI

The Dental Association of PEI (DAPEI) recently announced a donation in the amount of \$152,000 to the Dr. Gerry Barrett DAPEI Legacy Fund endowment.

The endowment was established at the Community Foundation of PEI in 2016 in honour of Dr. Gerry Barrett, an esteemed long-time Island dentist-

There are two key components to the Dr. Gerry Barrett DAPEI Legacy Fund. The first purpose of the fund is to award a scholarship to an Island student enrolled in a Dentistry program at Dalhousie University who is achieving high marks and is actively involved in volunteer activities. The second component of the fund has been established to provide services and programs to benefit dental patients in financial need and this is where the majority of the funds will be utilized.

Dr. Brian Barrett, DAPEI's Executive Director, explained that "the donation will help increase the granting capacity of the fund and will be an ideal way to support individuals who do not have the financial capacity to undergo extensive dental treatment". He further added that "the specific areas of dental treatment are not for routine dentistry but rather due to disease, accident or heredity conditions".

Dr. Mike Connolly, President of DAPEI further commented that "this type of support could be vital for someone who doesn't have the financial resources available...in fact, we have seen that it can be life changing and we are thrilled to be able to increase this capacity for support".

John Robinson is the President of the Community Foundation of PEI which is entrusted with the ownership and management of the Fund- He explained that "The fund is placed in an endowment where it is invested for long term growth and stability. Earnings from the investment are granted annually according to the purposes the fund was established and goes on in perpetuity."

For twenty-five years, the Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island has provided a 'user-friendly' vehicle for donors to create endowment funds to support charitable activities. In in 2018, the CFPEI will award more than \$500,000 in community grants and scholarships to more than 200 recipients in support of health, education, sports, the arts, and the environment through-out the province.

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