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Generous endowment creates new opportunities for students at St. Catharines school

Niagara, ON (June 20, 2007) Students enrolled at Connaught School will soon have the opportunity to access additional sources of financial support when seeking post-secondary education in the Niagara Region, thanks to a generous endowment gift from Mrs. Anne Mirynech, a local resident and supporter of education. The **Edward Mirynech Trust Fund** will provide support to the school in two areas, that of a bursary for first year students beginning in 2011 and the continuation of annual support to the school for its various needs.

Mrs. Mirynech's decision to support students in Niagara is an adopted philosophy from her late husband, Mr. Edward Mirynech. A son of a hard-working Polish family, Mr. Mirynech began his days at Connaught School with English as an additional language. Driven to success and the pursuit of happiness through education, Mirynech was one of the first professors hired at the new Brock University in 1964. Mr. Mirynech died in 2004 leaving a rich legacy of a family of three children and a love for education. Mrs. Mirynech intends to carry on his passions through this trust fund.

The Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) was established to enhance learning opportunities for students served by the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN). "I was tremendously fortunate to have a good education and I really believe it makes all the difference in the world. My years of teaching and position of principal supports my role with EFN and helping the kids of Niagara," said Mr. Bill Mozina, President. "I see this partnership as the first step in a long line of donors and supporters of this method."

Recently the Education Foundation of Niagara has received monetary donations, membership donations, invested shares and stocks, endowments and trust funds, memorials and honorariums dedicated to retirements. The establishment of this endowment is wonderful news," stated Julie Densham, Executive Director for the Education Foundation of Niagara. "Mrs. Mirynech and the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) both share commitments to education and student success. This new endowment will go a long way to support our goal of meeting the needs of students. EFN works to make the educational experience better for the kids," said Densham. "After all, that is what it's all about!"

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