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New Canadian Education Award established for immigrants to help lead them on a pathway to success

HALIFAX, NS - Community Foundation of Nova Scotia (CFNS) is pleased to announce the creation of a new award that helps to provide access to training, education or accreditation for those with established careers in other countries. This fund is for new immigrants and their children.

The New Canadian Education Award was established by Marta Mihoff and her husband Derek Broughton in honour of Marta's grandfather, Leo Mihoff, who immigrated to Canada from Bulgaria around 1920. It was important to Leo that his eldest child, a daughter, go to university, and told her the only thing which cannot be taken from you is education.

“My parents always talked about setting up a scholarship program, but they never got a chance to,” said Marta Mihoff. “My husband and I have decided to do it, but we did not want to wait until we die because leaving an endowment from our estate could be a very long time in the future, and this type of needs-based program is required now rather than in 30 years. CFNS has provided an option of setting up a program now - starting small and growing slowly.”

This annual award will be available for any type of career development such as a professional trade, care-giver, or university or college degree or diploma.

“The Community Foundation is excited to be able to add this impactful award to our growing list of scholarships and awards,” said Stephanie Clark, Interim CEO of CFNS. “It is very important that we have a diverse offering that all Nova Scotians can access, and we hope that the establishment of this type of award would encourage others to talk to us about establishing a fund or award that supports a cause that has meaning to them.”

Deadline for application to this award is April 30, 2019. Donations to this fund are also welcome and they can be made through Canadahelps.com or through CFNS. More information and the application can be found at: <http://cfns-fcne.ca/en/newcanadianeducationaward>.

About Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is an action centre for philanthropy. We provide the knowledge and support for communities, charities, and citizens to realize their individual potential and collective possibilities. Our mission is to build strong, vibrant and diverse communities throughout Nova Scotia by enabling and inspiring effective philanthropy.

We're part of the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) movement - the national network for Canada's 191 community foundations. CFC's purpose is to relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs. Combined, the network holds \$5.8 billion in assets and reaches 90 per cent of Canadian communities. The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia was established in 2008 and currently has more than \$10.4 million in philanthropic investment under management, disbursed and committed grants of more than \$4 million and manages and supports more than 90 funds across the province, including 22 scholarship and award funds.

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