



Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization
Organisme Communautaire des Services aux Immigrants d'Ottawa

The Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund
Honour Marion Dewar's Legacy: Invest in Our Future Leaders
First Scholarship Ceremony
at OCISO's AGM on November 18, 2009.

Overview of the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund

Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) announced the creation of the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund in November of 2008 to honour Marion's lifelong commitment to the cause of immigrant integration. The Scholarship Fund will provide financial support and foster academic and leadership excellence among refugee and immigrant high school students by supplementing the tuition and supplies required for their post-secondary education. The Fund is administered by the Community Foundation of Ottawa (CFO) and overseen by the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Committee composed of community leaders who have expertise in community engagement, fundraising, fund management and administration to provide overall guidance and support to the initiative.

Here are some of the milestones we have achieved since the announcement of the Scholarship Fund last fall:

- Developed scholarship materials such as: a pledge card, application form, media advisories;
- Officially launched the Scholarship Fund on June 17, 2009 during the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees World Refugee Week;
- The City announced a one-time endowment of \$20,000 to the Scholarship Fund in July;
- Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Applications were available in July. The deadline to submit completed applications was extended to October 19, 2009;
- The Ottawa Citizen made an in-kind investment of \$18,000 in the form of publishing the scholarship pledge card in their paper to promote the scholarship and help raise funds;
- The Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Committee is currently negotiating a partnership with the Somerset Community Health Centre and other identified partners in the community.

The Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Campaign

OCISO and the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Committee are very excited to introduce to you our two year public fundraising campaign which started in the summer of 2009. The goal of this campaign is to raise an initial \$100,000 needed to sustain the Legacy Fund. We are happy to announce that, to date, we have raised almost half of that goal!

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This grassroots campaign is a community initiative designed to empower the community at large to take ownership and get involved. The campaign hopes to keep the legacy of Marion Dewar alive and ensure that we have the much needed funding to enable immigrant and refugee youth to pursue their academic dreams.

The Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Contributors Program

The Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Contributors Program outlines the several ways you, as a community member, can contribute to make this legacy enduring. Contributing to the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund will give you an opportunity to honour the legacy of a leader who inspired hope. Your investment will help the most talented new immigrant and refugee youth in the pursuit of their academic and leadership dreams. By investing in the future of these students, you will make a positive impact on our city's economy, social vibrancy and overall wellbeing of all its citizens.

Here are some of the ways you can make a difference.

1. Friends Asking Friends

There are several ways you can get involved with this exciting initiative. You can send in your donation of any amount by filling out one of the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Pledge cards, and promote the scholarship within your circle of friends by asking them to fill a pledge card too. You can throw a party for your friends and / or organize a work place campaign and donate the proceeds to the Scholarship Fund. You and your friends will receive a tax receipt for all donations of \$20 or more and receive regular updates of the Scholarship Fund.

2. Founding Members

You can donate a onetime flow through donation of \$1000 or two donations of \$500 within this two year period (summer 2009 – summer 2011) to become a founding member of the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund. With your support, the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund can become a sustainable source of educational funding for our immigrant youth for years to come.

As a founding member, your generous donation will give you:

- Complimentary subscription to OCISO's newsletters
- 2 Complimentary tickets for OCISO's Annual Awards Gala
- Invitations to attend OCISO events throughout the year
- Invitations to attend the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund media events throughout the year
- Invitation to attend the Reception to honour the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund recipients
- Updates of the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund

How to Donate

Complete and mail a Marion Dewar Scholarship Pledge card to the Community Foundation of Ottawa, 301-75 Albert St. Ottawa, On. K1P 5E7. Memo: Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund – Flow Through.

You can donate online, by visiting www.cfo-fco.ca. Click on Donate Now, select Featured Funds, and Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund. For more information about making complex gifts, such as stocks transfers, please contact Gillian Whyte at 613 236-1616 ext 224 or by email at gwhyte@cfo-fco.ca.

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