

**Press release re the SSI Foundation's fall grants
November 23, 2011**

Salt Spring Island Foundation Announces Fall 2011 Grants

Every year the Salt Spring Island Foundation invests in our community through approximately \$100,000 in grants to a wide range of the island's registered charities. This is made possible through the Foundation's community endowment fund, which was developed and continues to grow through donations and bequests to the Foundation from residents and friends of Salt Spring Island.

The Foundation is pleased to announce the recent approval of approximately \$44,000 for 12 projects of the 23 submitted for consideration this fall.

Bandemonium

To purchase music scores for the Community Sing-Along of Handel's *Messiah* led by Bach on the Rock choir and orchestra in December at ArtSpring.

CNIB

To purchase talking books.

Family Place—Salt Spring Island Community Services

To develop a safe, secure play area for children up to 3 years old.

Frozen and Preserved Meals Program—Salt Spring Island Community Services

To establish a frozen and preserved meals program that will assist vulnerable populations with planning and preserving low-cost, healthy meals.

Island Natural Growers

For equipment for processing poultry in the new abattoir facility.

Island Pathways

To assist with program costs for Velo Village, a Salt Spring Island event to be held before the Velo-city Global cycling conference in Vancouver in June 2012.

Phoenix Elementary School

For tools and equipment to assist in the development of nature trails and a garden on school grounds.

Salt Spring Island Cooperative Preschool

To purchase and install a washer and dryer at the preschool to enable it to reduce paper waste and become more environmentally responsible.

Salt Spring Island Public Library

For three book trolleys and a mail cart to move materials from the temporary library to the library annex. This equipment will also be used in the new library.

Salt Spring Island Special Olympics

For multi-use uniforms for Salt Spring's Special Olympics athletes.

SWOVA (Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse)

To assist with two programs:

The Pass it On—Health and Safety program will provide structured group and individual mentorship for “at risk” Grade 8 girls throughout the 2011–2012 school year.

The Respect, Safety and Sexual Health for Youth program for Grade 11 students.

Victoria Human Exchange

To winterize Grandma's House and Bittancourt Manor transitional houses for men and women, upgrade furnishings and purchase emergency equipment for these facilities.

These grants would not be possible without the ongoing support of community members who share the Foundation's goal of improving the quality of life for all Salt Spring residents. If you would like more information about how you can help the Foundation support worthy island charities like these, please go to our website at www.saltspringislandfoundation.org or call 250-537-8305.

The Foundation distributes grants twice a year. Any organization with charitable status that wishes to apply for a spring 2012 grant should check the Foundation's website early in the new year for updated information about applying for a grant.