



TORONTO MAY 6 TCF FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT TEMAGAMI COMMUNITIES

Building on an earlier successful event three years ago, the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) will hold another fundraiser dinner May 6 at Toronto's well-known George Restaurant with the aim of strengthening its ability and resources to encourage, support and facilitate community initiatives throughout the Temagami region.

Now entering its second decade, the TCF wants to expand and deepen its involvement with local community organizations and projects. "The TCF's first decade has resulted in grants totaling \$200,000 to a host of community projects, and now we're also aiming to create partnerships or collaborative efforts," said Victoria Calverley, TCF chair. "There's more than enough work that needs to be done, and we want to be a part of efforts today to create a better tomorrow."

The keynote speaker at the dinner will be David Macfarlane, a celebrated Canadian author, journalist and frequent summer visitor on Lake Temagami. His novel "Summer Gone" received the 1999 Chapters first novel award and was a finalist for the prestigious Giller Prize. An earlier work, "The Danger Zone," won the Canadian Author's Association Award for non-fiction in 1992. In addition to writing a weekly column for the *Globe and Mail*, Macfarlane has

published several short stories and poems; he also has received six gold National Magazine awards, more than any other Canadian writer.

Acting as master of ceremonies for the evening will be Stephen LeDrew, another media personality and a Toronto lawyer known not only for his ever present bow tie, but also for his CP-24 television programmes and having been president of the Liberal Party of Canada from 1992-2003. Also addressing welcoming the attendees will be Ian Bird, president and chief executive officer of the Community Foundations of Canada.

The evening's events will include a silent auction to benefit the TCF and also soft acoustical guitar selections by David Laronde of Temagami, a frequent participant in Temagami Artistic Collective events.

The dinner venue – George Restaurant – guarantees a most pleasurable evening as the cuisine has received kudos over the year. In 2012 alone, the Zagat guide ranked its food and service as “extraordinary to perfection” and first in “Canadian cuisine” in Toronto. Executive Chef Lorenzo Loseto's culinary creations emphasize “seasonal, natural and sustainable food” from city markets. The restaurant at 111 C Queen St. East shares a renovated 1850s chocolate factory with the Verity Club.

Over the years, TCF grants have been given to a wide range of local organizations and projects, including the summer Art Camp, Temagami Elders Portrait Project, Nastawgan Trails Inc., Temagami Public Library, Marten River Interdenominational Chapel, the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Programme and the Temagami Public School.

The foundation serves the community of Temagami -- permanent residents, seasonal lake community, and the First Nation. Its support centers on four areas that

**benefit the community: Community Arts and Culture, First Nation Heritage, Sustainable
Community Economic Development and Environmental Awareness and Stewardship.**

Tickets can be purchased by calling the foundation at 705-569-3737 or email to info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com. A tax-deductible charitable receipt will be provided for a portion of the ticket price.

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