

# CFPD Holds Successful 7th Annual 150 Women Who Care Event

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## The Concept

The 150 Women Who Care event has been running for seven straight years, with the concept being 150 women purchase tickets to the event, with a portion of the ticket price covering event costs, and the rest going into the Women Who Care Fund. The investment income from this Fund allows a Grant to be given out each year at the event, to a local organization which supports, empowers, or educates women and girls. A \$10,000 grant is also awarded by CFPD at this event to one of five local organizations who receive the majority of votes by the 150 guests who they make their pitch to regarding why their

organization should be chosen to receive the grant.

## Winner of \$10,000 WWC Grant

This year, the 150 women voted for the Wells Blatchford Infant Memorial Garden to receive the grant, with the pitch being made by Wells' mother, Taylor Blatchford, who says the money will be used to implement features such as patio stones, benches, and a memorial stone for name plaques to be added. The space, which will be constructed at Island Park, will be for families who have lost babies to visit and grieve and remember their tiny loved ones.

## Runners-up Each Received \$1000

CFPD is very grateful to Community Futures Heartland and Whitehorse Plains for partnering with them to provide each of the remaining presenters with a \$1000 cheque so that each organization walked away with something to put toward their causes. The four runners-up included Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Church (basement upgrade project); Portage Learning & Literacy Centre (adult breakfast program); Entrepreneur Mental Health Association (programs to support entrepreneurs' mental health); and CFS of Central MB Foundation (Chance 2 programs).

## Winner of \$4730 WWC Fund Grant

The winner of the WWC Fund Grant was the Women of Mother Earth Network, with Angela Roulette accepting the cheque that she

says will be put toward supporting women's sharing/sewing circles where women and girls gather to make items like ribbon skirts.

## Sponsors Make Event Possible

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