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CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY FOR OTTAWA FOOD BANK, OTTAWA MISSION AND ROYAL OTTAWA

OTTAWA – The Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation (ODBF) has granted funds to three local charities just in time for the holidays. The Ottawa Food Bank and Royal Ottawa both received \$10,000 and The Ottawa Mission \$5,000.

“The holidays can be an especially difficult time for many in the community, “ relates Jennifer Mackiddie, Foundation Coordinator. “The Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation grants funds to local charities year round, but wanted to extend its support by giving at what can be a critical time for charities.”

The Ottawa Dragon Boat foundation raises funds through a pledge challenge in June and accepts donations through out the year. This past June paddlers and the community at large raised \$344,000 for local charity.

“Our paddlers and the citizens of Ottawa have been incredibly generous. They recognize the need in our community and continue to give more each year,” remarks Michelle Lavoie Foundation Chair. “Giving to the Ottawa Food Bank, Ottawa Mission and Royal Ottawa this holiday season would not be possible without their generosity.”

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About Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation

In 1998, a charitable component was added to the Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival raising funds for local charities on an annual basis. The Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation was established in 2003 to help focus and grow the level of community support. As of 2010 \$2,150,000 has been raised through the annual Pledge Challenge and those funds have benefited over 28 Ottawa area charities.

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