

The Public Good

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Patrick Cusack — Giving Back to the Community

Patrick Cusack has recently become the newest member of the Board of Directors of The Public Good Society. Originally from PEI and Cape Breton, Patrick has a long history in journalism, having worked for newspapers and magazines in the three Prairie provinces as well as PEI and Nova Scotia. He also has several years of on-air radio experience in Ontario and PEI and taught journalism at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton. His non-profit experience includes work as a volunteer, education officer, executive director and youth worker in several provinces.

Patrick is a graduate of UPEI (sociology and anthropology) and the University of Western Ontario (journalism). He also has diplomas in social services and in business management from schools in Great Britain and Halifax.

When asked why The Public Good Society interested him, Patrick says "I'm hoping some of my work experience - especially that related to the media and non-profits - may prove helpful to the Public Good Society. For me, it's all about giving back to my community because, at times when I needed a helping hand, somebody was always there."



The Public Good Society of Dartmouth
wants to **THANK YOU** for your support
and tell you more about our great programs!

Join us for a free event
Saturday, June 9th, 2012
11 am – 1 pm @ The Findlay Community Centre
corner of Ochterloney and Elliott, near Sullivan's Pond

- ✚ free refreshments & give-aways*
- ✚ live music
- ✚ information booth
- ✚ activities for children & adults
- ✚ check out our Community Van!

*while quantities last

Everyone welcome!

For more information: www.publicgoodsociety.ca

Dartmouth North Community Van Update

The Dartmouth North Community Van has been in operation for approximately three months. To date, First Baptist Food Bank, Stairs United Food Bank, The Freedom Foundation, as well as Alice Housing, have all been approved to use the van. As of April 31, the van has provided a service to 569 passengers and has been driven more than 1500 kilometres.

As you might expect, the Community Van has been extremely well received by the Dartmouth North community, as it provides affordable transportation to a broad range of community groups.

The Public Good Society remains grateful to Councillor Jim Smith for initiating the project, providing funding and we appreciate his continued support.

For information regarding the Community Van, please contact Ralph MacKenzie, 222-0174.

Thanks to funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, the "Connections that Work" project will continue helping people in Dartmouth until March 2013.

Imperial Oil Helps Community Van

Imperial Oil has generously donated \$1,500 in Esso gas cards to The Public Good Society's Dartmouth North Community Van. The Van allows community groups in Dartmouth North to assist people with transportation. This donation from Imperial Oil will allow the Community Van to operate for a considerable time without concern about gas expenses.

The Public Good Society Board expressed their gratitude, saying, "Imperial Oil is a tremendous community partner, supporting many non-profit groups in Dartmouth. We appreciate their contributions to the community".



Frances Drolet-Smith and Monique Mullins-Roberts accept donation from Imperial Oil

Congratulations on a Job Well Done!

On Saturday, May 5th, The Public Good Society's *Connections that WORK* Outreach Facilitator, Kevin Little, was honoured at the Convocation ceremonies of the Atlantic School of Theology when he was presented the Lieutenant Governor's Faith in Action Award. Established in 2008, this prestigious award honours exceptional community outreach and continues Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis's deep commitment to community development.

Working individually with people to assess their needs, Kevin connects them with the best available resources and later follows-up to assure positive outcomes. Meaningful work and a sense of purpose are vital to maintaining a healthy lifestyle and Kevin's commitment to our project enables individuals to plan for and take the necessary steps towards achieving personal goals. Pressure on existing services is lessened as individuals gain independence. When people are given opportunities, they can contribute in a positive way to community life. Whenever this occurs, the whole community benefits.

The Public Good Society's Board of Directors added its' congratulations to Kevin on receiving this recogni-

tion, and voiced their sincere appreciation for his dedication on behalf of the *Connections that WORK* project and the citizens of Dartmouth.

Paul Harris Fellowship

We also salute Claudia Jahn, Program Director at Community Action on Homelessness, honoured recently with a Paul Harris Fellowship, the highest honour the Rotary Club awards. Claudia was recognized for her passionate leadership on homelessness initiatives. The PGS has been privileged to work with Claudia on occasion and knows the quality of her outstanding work.

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For more information on the Society see our web site at www.publicgoodsociety.ca.

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