

# Northumberland Food For Thought



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## **WISE INVESTMENT**

### **- RBC Dominion Securities Helps to Support Student Learning in Northumberland County -**

(NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY) – It was the fundraising efforts of young lawn bowler last year that got the bowl rolling for another ‘grand’ donation this year to support student learning in local schools.

RBC Dominion Securities in Cobourg and two of its investment advisors – Lynn Hardy and Patrick Houlihan – have recently donated funds to support the work of *Northumberland Food For Thought (NFFT)*. Lynn and Patrick each pitched in \$250 apiece, with RBC’s Branch Manager Graeme Ross matching their contributions for a total donation of \$1,000.

Both Lynn and Patrick credit 17-year-old Baylee van Steijn – a talented lawn bowler from Northumberland County currently playing for Team Canada – for inspiring them to donate to *NFFT*. In 2016, Baylee used \$150 in funds she received from Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) through its ‘Make 150 Count’ program to cover the costs of organizing a fundraising barbecue in support of *NFFT*. In the end, Baylee raised more than \$635 to support student nutrition programs in Northumberland.

“Baylee’s choice of charity really resonated and impressed upon us the importance of helping ensure students have the food they need to learn in school,” Lynn says.

Adds Patrick: “Students succeed at school when they are well-nourished and aren’t distracted by hunger. All of us at RBC Dominion Securities are pleased to support the valuable work that *Northumberland Food For Thought* does each day.”

*NFFT*’s Community Development Coordinator Beth Kolisnyk is thrilled with support offered by Lynn Hardy, Patrick Houlihan and Graeme Ross. “We are so pleased and grateful to Lynn, Patrick and Graeme,” she says. “RBC Dominion Securities does such wonderful work in the community, and we are fortunate that they see the value of their investment in our program and services,” she notes.

*NFFT* ([www.northumberlandfoodforthought.ca](http://www.northumberlandfoodforthought.ca)) is the non-profit partnership that co-ordinates student nutrition programs at 36 local schools in the area. Last year, more than 6,000 students in Northumberland County benefited from a breakfast, lunch or snack program. Along with the support of area businesses and residents, local student nutrition programs also receive financial support from the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services through its lead local agency, the Peterborough Child and Family Centres.

***NOTE TO MEDIA: A photo is attached for your use, with the following caption:  
From left, RBC Dominion Securities investment advisors Lynn Hardy and Patrick Houlihan  
present a \$1,000 cheque to NFFT Chairperson Kimberly Leadbeater and  
NFFT Community Development Coordinator Beth Kolisnyk.***

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