

## Vale employees in Thompson raise more than \$135,000 for A Port in the Storm project

(Thompson, Manitoba, May 21, 2010)

Employees, both active and retired, from Vale Inco's Manitoba Operations have raised more than \$135,000 in donations to support A Port in the Storm project. The fund raising campaign, which ran over a three-week period, is the first of its kind in Manitoba Operations.

"We have never had a plant-wide fund raising drive endorsed by the company before," explained Marie-Josée Castonguay, chairperson of the employee fund raising committee. "So, we were in uncharted waters and had no idea what to expect. Our original sights, to be honest, were low — less than \$40,000.

"But, we revised that quickly to \$100,000 when we saw the generosity of our employees in the first week of the campaign. We surpassed even that. How do you thank someone adequately when they have dug so deep in their pockets?"

Marie-Josée said several factors contributed to the successful campaign, not the least of which was a strong

group of ambassadors throughout the plant site. "We had employees and even retirees in every department making presentations at line-up meetings and safety meetings. Many, if not most of these people were doing this on their own time, say at 6:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m., to accommodate shift changes. It helped that they were speaking to people with extreme generosity."

A Port in the Storm is the dream of cancer victim and single parent Sue Leslie. During her travels to Winnipeg for treatment, she told her oncology nurses that, if she survived her illness, her life's goal would be to build a House of Hope for people

like her. Her nurses decided to carry out the dream. The facility will offer affordable (\$25/night) accommodation to northern and rural people having to stay in Winnipeg for medical reasons. For residents of Thompson, who face an eight-hour drive or expensive flight, this will have a significant impact on their stay and recovery.

For more information on A Port in the Storm, go to [www.aoportinthestorm.ca](http://www.aoportinthestorm.ca).

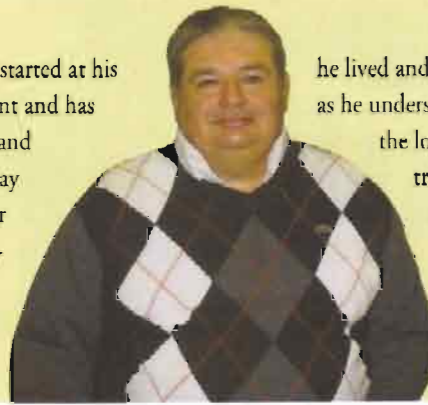
For more information on the employee campaign, contact Marie-Josée Castonguay at 778-2019.

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**Gary Hanna** was born in Killarney, Manitoba and was raised in Belmont. He has a diploma from Red River College in Business Administration and has a certificate in Municipal Administration from the U of M. He is married to Kathy and has two daughters, Kelly and Stacy. He has been a Municipal Administrator for over 30 years and is a past president of Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association.

His municipal career started at his home town of Belmont and has taken him to Gillam and Pinawa. A long the way he has volunteered for nearly every organization and community event held in these communities while



he lived and worked there. Gary joined APITS as he understands the hardships of dealing with the logistics of attending Winnipeg for treatments, consults and tests with specialists and facilities only found in Winnipeg. Gary hopes his volunteer spirit and his network of friends and associates will benefit this very worthy project.



Heather Emerson—Proven Regional Director, accepts \$1000 Grant Monies June 1st at the Neepawa Legion Hall from Beautiful Plains Community Foundation Inc board members Chris Kulbacki (left) and Steve Goudie (right). The money will be used towards "constructing a 40 room residence in Winnipeg for rural and northern patients.



Our Great Chef's – thanks guys Picnic in the Park

The Picnic in the Park survived a complete rain-out by moving into the Swan Valley Arena. The arena was graciously donated by the town upon the recommendation of the Mayor. Incredible local talent made for a most enjoyable evening. Under the guidance of Kathy Lepholtz and Mae Kinakin many helping hands generated over \$1200.00 in funds



Tara Lorraine Potter—Ladouceur owner of the Jelly Bean Junction donated 35 lbs of candies worth \$500 for a Candy Buffet raffle. Together with committee member Yvonne Beardy working at the Trade Show on May 9, 2010 selling 50/50 tickets and ducks for the Nickel Days Duck race in June 2010. Total amount raised from these sales were nearly \$700.00.



The lucky winners of the candy buffet raffle was the Vyas family of Thompson.

## Precambrian Art Centre

Precambrian Art Centre raised \$631 in a sealed bid auction held to raise money for A Port in the Storm. Nearly 20 artists participated, contributing 30 pieces to the event.

"A Port in the Storm is such a worthy project," said Marcia Carroll, owner of Precambrian Art Centre.

"We all have different gifts and talents, and it is wonderful to be able to use them for this cause.

The artists were behind this 100 per cent. In fact, they are willing to do this again."

Artists included 2010 Olympic select Jasyn Lucas and Jeff Monias, as well as Ron Disbrowe, Alan Chapman, Tom Dubois, Dr. Ron Zinkluk, Dave Cadwell, Gene McCarthy, David Williams, Leonard Bighetty,

Bruce Ecker, Judy Waldner, Anne Snihor, Desmond Raymond, Marijo Ready, Jan Bain, Cathy Therrien and Michael Spence.

One of the successful bidders, Enid Hall, purchased a Tom Dubois print called The Gathering. It is only the second one in a series of four made, and was designated for a Canadian gallery. "The artist designated a certain number of prints for sale only in Canada and a certain number for sale only in the U.S.," explained Carroll. "It is a much sought-after print by an artist who started his career with Disney."

"We have had many individuals and businesses step forward with unique ways to raise money for A Port in the Storm," said Thompson fundraising committee member Atalia Hickey. "We appreciate the generosity of Ms. Carroll and the artists who participated."

Also called the House of Hope. A Port in the Storm is a project to build affordable accommodation for northern and rural Manitobans needing to stay in Winnipeg for medical treatment. It will offer self contained apartments, all the amenities of home, including laundry, recreation facilities, and privacy.

For more information on the Thompson fundraising efforts, call 'Donna Wilson at (204) 677-5185' or more information on the project, go to [www.aportinthestorm.ca](http://www.aportinthestorm.ca)

# ROTARY CLUB of Thompson donates \$15,000 to A Port in the Storm

(May 4, 2010)

Thompson's Rotarians donated \$5,000 to A Port in the Storm projects which was a prelude to a further \$10,000 donation made in July, the result of the Rotary's annual Hole-in-One Tournament. "We hope to help make this a province-wide initiative within the province," said incoming President Geoff Lamontagne. A Port in the Storm project is an initiative to develop affordable accommodation for northern and rural Manitobans who have to be in Winnipeg for medical treatment.

"This project fits very well with our philosophy for community involvement," said Murray Kadys, President of the Rotary Club of Thompson. "The project will help a wide range of people during one of their most stressful times."

Kadys also said there would be continued fund raising for A Port in the Storm during the annual Hole-in-One Tournament to be held July 6 to 10. "We will also be promoting this to other Rotary chapters throughout the province, as this is truly a province-wide initiative," concluded Kadys.

The donation brings the total raised in Thompson to more than \$30,000. Most fund raising to date has been at a grass roots level and will continue during the remainder of the year, with two major events at Nickel Days.

"I continue to feel amazed and humbled by how much people are contributing to this project," said Penny Byer, board member for A Port in the Storm. "There is a very active local committee, which has not only raised most of the \$30,000, but has also raised the profile of the project to the point that almost



everyone you meet knows about it.

"We are not that far away from being able to announce the location of the project," she continued. "I think once we can visualize the facility, it will mean even more to people."

For more information on A Port in the Storm, go to [www.aportinthestorm.ca](http://www.aportinthestorm.ca). For more information on local fund raising efforts or to join the committee, email [pbyer@mts.net](mailto:pbyer@mts.net).

## Report Central Region

The Minnedosa and area quilting group have donated a quilt for raffle. We will get this raffle going shortly.

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Merv Robinson presented a cheque for \$3007. (the proceeds of his weight loss challenge)

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Our raffle prize of a five course dinner for six took place in August. Our winner brought five friends and drove out from Winnipeg; by all reports they really enjoyed their prize package. They were wine and dined in a heritage home on the edge of the Minnedosa Valley. All of the food and alcohol was donated and the kitchen staff had almost as much fun as the winners. The package also included a one night stay at the Fairmount Bed and Breakfast where they were also treated very well. Only one of the six women had heard of ADPFS and all were certainly interested in the project and will hopefully spread the word. They made a donation of \$100 before they left and asked to be kept informed of our progress. We will run this raffle again this year as we netted over \$5000.



## Josh Krieser's CD raises money as he continues his mom's dream

Josh Krieser is a grade seven student at Tanner's Crossing in Minnedosa. Josh is the son of Sue Leslie. She was a young single parent from rural Manitoba, who endured repeat and lengthy stays in Winnipeg during her illness. This resulted in her

dying wish to have a house built for people like herself - a house of hope she called it. Regrettably she did not live to accomplish it, although A Port in the Storm is the manifestation of her dream.

Josh now lives with his grandmother Barb Krieser. He

recently wrote a song with his grandma's help about loving and missing his mom. He decided to record this song with the help of a local musician, Fred Scott. The total money raised from his CD are over \$3200 as he continues the task of making his mom's dream a reality.

**YES I want to help make Sue's dream a reality! Please accept this contribution.**

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161 Rue Grandin, Wpg,  
MB R2H 0A8  
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