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## News Release

### **Catherine Wilson Foundation Donates to Great Lakes Secondary School**

Great Lakes Secondary School is pleased to announce that it has received a donation of \$35 000 from the Catherine Wilson Foundation. \$21 000 has been allocated for seven graduation scholarships of \$3 000 each. \$5 000 has been set aside for the school library, which was named after Catherine Wilson in 2010. \$9 000 has been designated for the athletics program.

The late Catherine Wilson was an English teacher at Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School (SCITS) for more than 35 years, and she established the foundation that carries her name in 1998. The foundation has provided student scholarships and funding for extra-curricular programs at SCITS since 2010.

Foundation board member, Scott McKelvie, indicates that “the Catherine Wilson Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life of the citizens of this community and one significant way is through the provision of scholarships to Great Lakes Secondary School, as the successor to SCITS.” McKelvie says that “the Foundation is pleased with the way the two predecessor schools (SCITS and St. Clair Secondary School) have formed a new and strong community that provides enhanced program opportunities for all students.”

Principal Paul Wiersma is very appreciative of the donation from the Catherine Wilson Foundation. “Scholarships enable more of our students to be able to pursue post-secondary education. The financial support for the Catherine Wilson Library has enabled it to have high quality learning resources with one of the highest circulations among school libraries. Support for athletics and extra-curricular programs allows students to develop their full potential.”

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