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**Windsor Family Credit Union's (WFCU)
2015 Harold Hewitt Scholarship Recipients Announced**

On Tuesday, May 26 Windsor Family Credit Union (WFCU) announced the recipients of the 2015 Harold Hewitt Scholarship (HHS). Sixteen recipients were chosen, from over 330 submissions, to receive the special scholarship inspired by the late Harold Hewitt, WFCU's long term Director on its Board whose dedication to the community was an integral part of the credit union.

Earlier this year, youth enrolled in JK to Grade 12 were invited to respond to WFCU's question, "What does living in Windsor and Essex County mean to you and what do you appreciate about living here?" The successful recipients provided insightful responses and now share in a total of \$5,000 in scholarship funds.

The Harold Hewitt Scholarship program is one of WFCU's annual contributions to post-secondary education for youth in the Windsor-Essex community. Over the past 13 years, WFCU has presented 192 youth in the community with post-secondary school scholarships through the Harold Hewitt Scholarship program totaling \$75,900.

The following youth were selected as recipients of the 2015 Harold Hewitt Scholarship:

JK - Grade 2 (awarded \$100 scholarship each)

Katelyn Lovell	Grade 2	Academie Ste Cecile International School
Shaina Bajaj	Grade 2	Academie Ste Cecile International School
Adrianna Spidalieri	Grade 2	Academie Ste Cecile International School

Grades 3 – 5 (awarded \$200 scholarship each)

Nathan Samuel	Grade 4	Maranatha Christian Academy
Niko Laus	Grade 4	Academie Ste Cecile International School
Rebecca Sweet	Grade 4	Maranatha Christian Academy

Grades 6 – 8 (awarded \$300 scholarship each)

Mya Mailloux	Grade 8	Maranatha Christian Academy
Jack Haddad	Grade 8	Talbot Trail Public School
Shahed Saleh	Grade 8	Talbot Trail Public School

Grades 9 and 10 (awarded \$400 scholarship each)

Andrew Drury	Grade 10	St. Thomas of Villanova
Amelia Ng	Grade 10	Vincent Massey Secondary School
Waffa Bakheet	Grade 9	Academie Ste Cecile International School

Grades 11 - 12 (awarded \$500 scholarship each)

Tejas Pandya	Grade 12	Assumption College Catholic High School
Andrew Hewitt	Grade 12	St. Anne's High School
Owen Stichhaller	Grade 11	Sandwich Secondary School
Julia Conflitti	Grade 12	Tecumseh Vista Academy

Funds will be entrusted to WFCU in the name of the recipients to be used towards their post-secondary education.

Congratulations to all recipients.

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To request photographs from the ceremony, please contact Danielle Thomas at communityinvestment@windsorfamily.com or call 519-974-3100.

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About Windsor Family Credit Union (WFCU)

Windsor Family Credit Union (WFCU) has long been recognized as one of the leading, progressive financial organizations in the City of Windsor and Essex County. Serving Windsor and surrounding communities for over 70 years, WFCU began in 1941 with assets of less than \$10,000 and now has \$1.9 billion in Managed Assets and Member Service Totals of \$2.8 billion. WFCU is the sixth largest in Ontario operating nine retail locations and serving 34,000 members including 31,000 Personal members in 16,300 households, 2,000 Businesses and 1,400 Organizations. WFCU membership is open to anyone who lives and/or works in Ontario.

The credit union having roots in the community is dedicated to offering the products and services that will enable members to conveniently handle all their financial business with WFCU. WFCU's Financial, Investment, Insurance and Trust product and service offerings are tailored to each member segment. Accessing the credit union and conducting everyday financial transactions is a priority for WFCU, providing a number of access channels to members including its above noted retail locations, live and automated telephone banking, online and mobile banking, MasterCard® credit card and merchant services, secure pre-authorized debit and credit services and 24 hour account access using a WFCU *MEMBER CARD*® debit card at ATMs and retailers.

Over the last 20 years WFCU has enhanced the financial strength of the credit union. Regulatory Capital remains strong at \$97.8 million and represents 7.79% of total assets and 13.27% of risk weighted assets. These ratios are substantially above regulatory standards of 4.0% and 8.0% respectively. The Deposit Insurance Corporation of Ontario (DICO) is the provincial deposit insurer equivalent to the federal Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation. WFCU's financial and operational strength is a result of planned initiatives developed in order to ensure that it strives to be the best.

WFCU is a loyal and active member of Central 1, the credit union's banker, trade association, and a financial cooperative. Central 1's role is to serve as central financial facility, liquidity manager, payments processor and trade association for the provincial credit union systems of British Columbia and Ontario. It provides leadership, advocacy, technology, and a range of support services in fulfilment of these key functions. Central 1 holds \$12.9 billion in assets.

Committed to the communities it serves, WFCU is proud to display the Imagine Caring Company logo. Every year hundreds of local community organizations experience first-hand the benefits of several elements of WFCU's overall Community Investment Program, such as The Community 1 Free Chequing Account, Community Rooms, Scholarships, Donations, Sponsorships, Multi-Year Capital Giving and the Community Donations Fund.

WFCU stresses the importance of quality by maintaining an internal 5 Star Program. Reflective of offering a progressive work environment and culture supported by a strong focus on its employees and goals, WFCU has been repeatedly recognized as a Best Small and Medium Sized Employer and received multi-year ranking as one of the Best Workplaces in Canada. A Gord Smith Healthy Workplace Award recipient, WFCU is committed to promoting the importance of health and well-being among its employees.

WFCU's solid attributes of financial strength; innovation; local ownership; quality products and service; community mindedness; and strong human resource management, have resulted in the on-going success of the organization. WFCU is proud to serve the Windsor and Essex County community and to be a leading financial services provider.

For more information on WFCU visit **wfcu.ca**