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CWA Foundation and Marinucci Family Foundation announces \$500,000 donation to 10 Canadian secondary school programs

The CWA Foundation and the Marinucci Family Foundation (MFF) announce their partnership of funding for 10 Canadian welding programs at the secondary school level. Each school will receive \$5000 annually over 10 years. The CWA Foundation will also be working towards establishing a welding program at a secondary school in Newfoundland within the next two years.

“Through the generous gift of the MFF, we are able to offer 10 secondary schools across the country with the funds to provide their students with a better quality learning experience within their welding programs,” said Deborah Mates, executive director of the CWA Foundation. “It is our objective to grow this model program by encouraging other individuals, corporations and industry partners to look within their own communities to support their local secondary school welding programs.”

The 10 selected schools will receive their funding annually starting Jan. 1, 2016. Funds are designated to assist with purchasing necessary equipment and materials for exciting welding programs.

Limited budgets for welding programs often limit the ability to purchase new technology, learn new welding processes or purchase new personal protective equipment. The schools have been selected based on the history of the program, student success, as well as internal and external recommendations from welding education experts. These schools have also been

identified as having model welding programs in their provinces. The following schools

will be receiving funding:

1. Grande Cashe Community High School, Grande Cashe, Alta.
2. St. Joseph's High School, Edmonton, Alta.
3. West Central High School Fabrication, Rocky Mountain House, Alta.
4. Sardis Secondary School, Chilliwack, B.C.
5. Lord Selkirk Comprehensive School, Selkirk, Man.
6. Oromocto High School, Oromocto, N.B.
7. Diamond Jenness High School in Hay River, N.W.T.
8. Ottawa Technical Secondary School, Ottawa, Ont.
9. Pontiac High School, Shawville, Que.
10. Albert E. Peacock Collegiate, Moose Jaw, Sask.

“The MFF, a Canadian Charity established in 2010, is committed to funding programs that significantly improve youth education. We are excited to partner with the CWA Foundation to significantly enhance secondary school welding programs across Canada,” said John Marinucci, founder and chairman of the MFF.

The MFF was founded in 2010 and continues to provide support to education based programs and initiatives. John Marinucci serves as a current member on the board of the CWA Foundation. Marinucci, retired as president and CEO of New Flyer in 2009 and previously served as president of National Steel Car.

The CWA Foundation was founded in 2013 and has since continued to engage various Canadian youth demographics in education and the promotion of welding. Key groups that the CWA Foundation focuses on include elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education as well as support for women, Aboriginal peoples, at-risk-youth, disabled, and visible minorities that are interested in the field of welding for their futures.

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