



## Dollars for Students

Over \$75 000 has been donated by Quebec university women in 2009 alone to fund scholarships for deserving students. In total, the five clubs belonging to the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) have donated more than \$250 000 over the years as part of the organization's goal to encourage women from many local communities in pursuing educational opportunities, advanced study and research.

In fifty years of activity, the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club (MLUWC) has given over \$125 000 to West Island women for further education. Next year MLUWC members plan to give \$6000 in scholarships and \$2000 in bursaries.

CFUW Sherbrooke & District in the Eastern Townships recently gave out over \$7500 to university students who are studying law and business, women and gender, education, medicine, elementary education and nursing. Other awards were given to high school and vocational students for leadership, French, history and effort. A new award was made possible with the profits of sales of *Days to Remember: One-room Schoolhouses in the Eastern Townships of Quebec* that resulted from an oral-history project undertaken by club members.

Since CFUW Montreal South Shore was founded in 1957, members have supported women as they pursued further education. This year \$6000 was given to five local high schools for young women entering CEGEP; to two women graduates from Champlain St-Lambert and Edouard Montpetit entering university; and to two women studying at Concordia University. A donation was also made to the national Charitable Trust for the Polytechnique Commemorative Award. The club has an on-going project whereby funds are donated to help support a school for girls in Afghanistan.

In Feb. 2009, L'Association des Femmes Diplômées des Universités de Québec (AFDU Quebec) presented 23 students in the first, second and third cycles at the University of Laval with \$24 500. In addition, a donation was made of \$3000 for a project related to girls' education in Rwanda.

Montreal Inc. was able to distribute over \$13,000 including bursaries to six deserving students at Concordia and Project Chance. The Betsy Barber Memorial Award is intended to encourage and reward women who are pursuing their graduate studies in the MBA program at Concordia University's John Molson School of Business. In keeping with its mandate, the Montreal Inc. Foundation also supported several organizations with grants totalling \$ 9,000 including Project Chance, Auberge Madeleine, Montreal Children's Library, Chez Doris, Old Brewery Mission, Atwater Library, Native Women's Shelter of Montreal and the Foundation of the Women's Centre of Montreal.

Money is raised through benefit theatre performances, silent auctions, donations and book sales. The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), founded in 1910, is a national non-profit, non-partisan, women's equality-promoting organization of close to 10 000 women graduates in 118 clubs across Canada. The members of these clubs are making a real change both at home and abroad. Educating young men and women enables them to contribute meaningfully to society, both in their chosen career and their family life. For further info contact [www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org) or the individual Quebec clubs.