



## **Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program announces grant and product donations to Scanlon House**

**June 28, 2011** – The Bradford West Gwillimbury and District Community Foundation and Benjamin Moore & Co. are announcing \$3,000 in cash grants and \$750 in donated Benjamin Moore paint for the project to restore Scanlon House in the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

“Mark Scanlon and his family emigrated to Canada from Ireland in the early 1800’s and built their beautiful stone farm house at what is now the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority’s Scanlon Creek Conservation Area,” says East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson, chair of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. “Sadly, over time it has fallen into disrepair and has sat empty for a number of years. Restoring it to provide a place for local community programming as well as staff is a long dream of the Authority and Foundation.”

“This grant from Benjamin Moore & Co. and the Bradford West Gwillimbury and District Community Foundation is helping to make this dream a reality. Extensive in-kind renovations by award-winning builder Baywood Homes will begin this summer and the addition of this grant will finally bring this historic home back to its former glory,” adds Debby Beatty, president of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation.

A presentation will take place at Scanlon House in the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 7.

“We are proud to be part of The 2011 Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program, which gives charities the materials and expertise they need to refurbish buildings of historical interest or social importance to their community,” says Bob Evans, chair of the Bradford West Gwillimbury and District Community Foundation.

“The restoration program is a great way to make a positive difference in our community, by sharing something that we are passionate about – our expertise and our products – with people who are equally committed to the community and its heritage and vitality,” agrees Lawrence Hellings, owner of Decorator’s Edge, a Benjamin Moore supplier in Bradford.

This year, the Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program, through Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), is extending grants to 21 community groups in 14 communities across Canada, from Penticton, BC to Sydney, NS. Projects supported range from helping to renovate a century-old home that houses a shelter for Aboriginal women and children fleeing violence, to refurbishing Scanlon House in the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

### **Applications for 2012 program**

The application process for the 2012 Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program will begin in October 2011. Information regarding the communities that will be targeted next year and details of the application process will be posted in the fall on the CFC website: [www.cfc-fcc.ca/programs/](http://www.cfc-fcc.ca/programs/)

Established in 2007, the **Bradford West Gwillimbury and District Community Foundation** is a charitable organization dedicated to improving life in this area by providing the opportunity for donors to support charities of their choice in perpetuity. It is one of four community foundations in Simcoe County.

**Community Foundations of Canada** is the national membership organization for Canada’s community foundations. Canada’s more than 175 community foundations help Canadians invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play. Together we are one of the largest

supporters of Canadian communities, providing more than \$149 million in support of local priorities and organizations in 2010. To find out more visit [www.cfc-fcc.ca](http://www.cfc-fcc.ca)

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The media is invited to the presentation at Scanlon House in the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 7. Please take the Highway 11 (Yonge Street) entrance, drive past the dog park and the Scanlon farm house is on the left before the workshop.

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