



The Children's Aid Society of Hamilton will benefit as the result of a new partnership between the HGCC Foundation and its connection to the 2019 RBC Canadian Open.

FedEx, the sponsor of the FedEx Cup on the PGA Tour, has donated \$14,000 US to the HGCC Foundation through its FedEx Cares program, which is committed to actively supporting the communities it serves.

In turn, the HGCC Foundation used some of that money to make a \$10,000 donation to The Children's Aid Society of Hamilton earlier this month to provide for two \$5,000 Crown Ward Bursaries for youngsters in college or university.

“For the past three years, the HGCC Foundation has supported the CAS Crown Ward Bursary Program through funds raised at our Borthwick Memorial Golf Tournament, but to have a new partner step up that’s very exciting,” says Al Scott, Foundation Vice-President. “Through co-operation with Golf Canada, the PGA Tour and other opportunities we’re hopeful we can create other partnerships that will allow us to support people in need in our community.”

To date, the grants from the HGCC Foundation have assisted 16 students in pursuing post secondary school opportunities.

“Without this support, they would never have been able to go to university or college,” says CAS Development Officer, Teresa Silvestro. “We have some brilliant kids in our care. They are great kids, but they don’t have parents at home who can help them out. They are on their own as wards of the crown.”

Bill Paul, Tournament Director, Canadian Open Golf Championship at Golf Canada, said he is pleased that the tournament and its sponsors can support local initiatives and young people.

Since 1970, The Borthwick golf tournament has raised about \$2.8 million for local charities. Since 2012, the HGCC Foundation has dispersed \$1.3 million to local charities and it’s looking to increase its impact with additional community partnerships.