



## Kawartha Credit Union Supports Lighthouse Learning Centre Garden

### PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

July 10, 2014

### PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

In 2013, The Lighthouse Learning Centre approached Kawartha Credit Union about using some of the land surrounding Kawartha's new corporate offices at 14 Hunter Street East for their Lighthouse Learning Centre garden. Kawartha was pleased to accommodate this request, and in the Spring of 2014 the garden was planted. On July 9<sup>th</sup>, representatives from Kawartha Credit Union and The Lighthouse Learning Centre gathered to celebrate their partnership and the official opening of the garden.

The Lighthouse Learning Centre is a food industry skills training program offered by Kawartha FEST. The program is open to Ontario Works and Employment Planning and Counselling (Peterborough) participants as well as to those in other employment programs that fund training. Kawartha FEST is a non-profit organization promoting and creating festivals, events, conferences, recreational and cultural activities and offers skills training for the food and tourism's needs in the Kawartha region.

"Kawartha Credit Union's generosity in donating land at their Hunter Street property for the Lighthouse Learning Centre Garden is a gift for which we are immensely grateful," says John McNutt, General Manager/Co-chair KawarthaFEST/Lighthouse Learning Centre.

Kawartha Credit Union was pleased to provide land for this worthwhile initiative. "Supporting the well-being of our branch communities is a guiding principle at Kawartha Credit Union. We show we care not just with words and donations, but with our actions. The Lighthouse Learning Centre Garden is an opportunity for Kawartha to help make a difference and improve the quality of life for some Peterborough residents," says Carl Silvestri, Chair of the Board of Directors at Kawartha Credit Union.



Representatives from Kawartha Credit Union and The Lighthouse Learning Centre celebrate the Lighthouse Learning Centre Garden at Kawartha's new corporate office property at 14 Hunter Street East.  
From left: Paul Ayotte, Emily Brynaert, John McNutt - General Manager/Co-Chair, Lighthouse Learning Centre, Enzo Curcio. At right: Steven Sager, KawarthaFEST, Carl Silvestri - Chair of the Board of Directors, Kawartha Credit Union.

### **About Kawartha Credit Union**

One of the fastest growing credit unions in Ontario, Kawartha employs over 325 staff members, and serves 50,000 members at 25 branch locations from Cornwall to Parry Sound. With over \$1 billion in assets under administration and more than 60 years of banking history, Kawartha delivers a full range of needs-based financial services, solutions, and advice tailored to each member, including access to The Exchange® Network of more than 2,400 no-fee ATMs in Canada. Membership at Kawartha is open to anyone looking for a financial services provider with a local-focus. Since 1998, Kawartha Credit Union has donated over \$1 million to the charitable causes in the communities they serve through their Community Involvement Program. In addition to corporate donations, employees volunteer their time and talents to over 100 initiatives throughout the year.

### **For more information contact:**

Crystal Dayman  
Vice President, Marketing & Corporate Communications

#### **Kawartha Credit Union**

Phone: 705-743-9966, extension 7252

Cell: 705-931-1101

Email: [cdayman@kawarthacu.com](mailto:cdayman@kawarthacu.com)

John McNutt

General Manager/Co-chair

#### **KawarthaFEST/Lighthouse Learning Centre**

Phone: 795-874-6960

Cell: 705-760-1540

---