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## **UPSE Donates Over \$14,000 to Local Groups**

The Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees distributed over \$14,000 to a variety of local community and non-profit groups today as part of its “UPSE Has a Heart” campaign.

“Our members work for the people of Prince Edward Island,” said UPSE President, Shelley Ward. “Many of our members are very active in their communities, serving as coaches in various sports, volunteering with many community projects, etc. UPSE strives to support its members both in the workplace and in their communities. The UPSE Has A Heart Campaign is one of the ways that we can accomplish that,” states UPSE President, Shelley Ward.

The Union’s Public Relations Committee, chaired by Transportation and Public Works employee, Bob Taylor, invite non-profit community groups to make a short presentation outlining their request. “All of the groups that make presentations are providing a valuable service to the community. We were pleased that this year we were able to help out 31 of them with some financial assistance,” comments Taylor.

“It is important for us as Union members to remember the importance of being involved in our communities. This campaign is great way for us to be able to expand on the valuable contribution that our members are already making by volunteering their time and talents,” concludes Ward.

Attached is the list of the successful applicants from this year’s “UPSE Has a Heart Campaign”.

## 2008 UPSE Has A Heart Recipients

\$1000.00 – Joe Ghiz Park  
\$800.00 – Summerside Boys and Girls Club  
\$750.00 – Kidney Foundation  
\$600.00 – Easter Seals  
\$600.00 – Mikinduri Children of Hope  
\$600.00 – Brackley Children’s Treatment Centre  
\$600.00 – PEI Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association  
\$500.00 – PEI Children’s Wish Foundation  
\$500.00 – La Leche League  
\$500.00 – One Accord  
\$500.00 – West Prince Family Violence  
\$500.00 – Generation XX  
\$500.00 – Camp Gencheff  
\$500.00 – Kings County Search and Rescue  
\$500.00 - Biking for Breakfast  
\$500.00 – Prince Street School Breakfast Program  
\$500.00 – Elliot River School Breakfast Program  
\$500.00 – Westwood School; Breakfast Program  
\$480.00 – Youth Cycling  
\$400.00 – ALS  
\$300.00 – IODE (for wigs)  
\$300.00 – Queen Charlotte Intermediate  
\$300.00 - Canoe and Kayaking PEI  
\$300.00 – Provincial Ski Patrol  
\$300.00 – St. Edward and Area Youth Centre  
\$300.00 – Kids Count  
\$300.00 – Bethany Knox (sponsorship)  
\$250.00 – PEI Home and School Association  
\$250.00 – CAT Action  
\$200.00 - SAGE  
\$100.00 – PEI Allied Youth