

## **Canada's largest collection of nonprofit sector literature receives five-year investment from Ontario Trillium Foundation**

*The Imagine Canada – John Hodgson Library to launch historic online initiative*

**Toronto, September 20, 2005.** Charities and nonprofit organizations throughout Ontario will soon benefit from an increased collection of library resources and services thanks to a more than \$800,000 investment from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This funding was announced today by Ontario's Minister of Culture, Madeleine Meilleur.

Imagine Canada, formerly the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy, is a charitable organization that supports Canada's charities, nonprofit organizations, and socially conscious businesses. As part of this new initiative, Imagine Canada will work in partnership with 16 community organizations throughout Ontario to launch the *Nonprofit Library Network*. This interactive web-based initiative will identify what resources these organizations require in order to establish a network of information providers throughout the province.

"Canada's charities and nonprofit organizations do important work in their communities," says Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, president and CEO of Imagine Canada. "The Nonprofit Library Network will provide these organizations with more direct services and better access to information."

"Our public libraries are hubs of community life and play an important role in encouraging literacy and education," said Minister Meilleur. "We have an exceptional public library system and thanks to this grant, community organizations of all sizes and in all sectors will be able to strengthen their capacity and provide better services. We are confident that the Foundation's partnership with Imagine Canada will produce huge long-term benefits for the voluntary sector and strengthen communities across our province."

The Imagine Canada - John Hodgson Library's collection currently consists of more than 5,000 print and online resources and publications covering everything from how to write funding proposals, to best practices in board governance. For more information about Imagine Canada or the Imagine Canada - John Hodgson Library, please visit [www.imaginecanada.ca](http://www.imaginecanada.ca).

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative. OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities throughout Ontario by strengthening the capacity of the voluntary sector, through investments in community-based initiatives.

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