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## News Release

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# Long Time Catholic Community Foundation Administrator to Retire

## Doug Farwell known as the “face of the Foundation” for more than 25 years

**Waterloo Region, ON** – The students, staff and trustees of Waterloo Region’s Catholic Schools congratulate **Doug Farwell** on his announced retirement as Administrator of the **Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region** – scheduled for April of 2015. In the interim Doug will assist his yet-to-be named successor in a transitional period.

### QuickFacts

- ✓ Doug Farwell has been Administrator of the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region for 27 years.
- ✓ The Foundation – established in 1987 – traces its roots to the **St. Jerome’s High School / St. Mary’s High School “Make it Happen” Campaign** of the 1970s which was aimed at making a Catholic high school education more accessible in the years prior to full funding.
- ✓ Since 1987 more than \$2.33 million has been returned to the community via grants.
- ✓ Over the last five years 42% of the funds have gone to schools, 37% to regionally-based charitable organizations and 21% to local parishes.
- ✓ Today, the Foundation derives its funds primarily from profits from the annual Catholic Charities Lottery; interest earned on the Foundation’s endowment fund; donations from individuals and/or groups; and, bequests and memorial donations.

### Quotes

“It is my pleasure to recognize the contribution Doug Farwell has made to the work of the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region. From the very beginning Doug has demonstrated a true commitment to the Foundation and to the Catholic Charities Lottery which allows the Foundation to carry out its mission. Doug has been the day-to-day face of the Foundation and the Lottery for more than 25 years. His stable, loyal and consistent efforts have been of incalculable benefit to the Board during those years. Our transition to a new era in the development of the Board will be challenging and I know we will be calling on Doug frequently for advice during this period. Thank you, Doug, for everything you have done to help strengthen our Catholic community. Our prayers and best wishes go with you in your retirement.

~~ **John Pinnington, Past Chair, Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region**

“Doug Farwell has been the heart and soul of the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region for the past 27 years. He has always had the best interests of the schools and Catholic community in his heart. This is reflected in his many tireless hours to ensure grant money flowed to schools and the wider community. He will be missed as a member of our school board community”.

~~ **Roger Lawler, Former Director of Education (1997-2012), WCDSB**

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