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Rideau Environmental Action League

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REAL Announces Action Grant Winners

The Rideau Environmental Action League (REAL) is proud to be celebrating its 25th year this month. The local volunteer organization was formed on the premise that people can make a real environmental difference by taking small actions in their own backyards. In celebration of its anniversary, and thanks to a generous REAL supporter, REAL was able to offer \$250 REAL Action grants to non-profit community groups for projects benefiting the local environment. Groups had until October 3 to submit proposals. The winners were announced at REAL's annual Local Foods Harvest Dinner October 18.

Several projects had a gardening and local food theme. Grants went to

- The Drummond Central School Parent Council for rainbarrels and tools for their Pumpkin Patch Project.
- The SFDCI Food Program and Special Needs Class for raised garlic beds in their community garden and
- The Lanark Highlands Youth Centre for a freezer to preserve produce grown in their community garden.

Other projects were on a reducing waste theme. REAL awarded grants to:

- YAK Youth Services, to support their Green Volunteer Program.
- The SFDCI Environmental Club for their water bottle filling station, and
- Community Support Services Perth, for an in house recycling program .

Other winners received funding towards larger projects:

- SADV Women's Monument Committee for a tree to be planted in Perth to honour women who have been victims of violence,
- TYPs Youth Centre, Almonte, for their Parks and Garden Program, and

- Carleton Place High School Enviro Project for their winter field camp, where students will study climate change.

“REAL is pleased to help make these projects a reality, and congratulates these community groups for their environmental initiatives,” commented REAL spokesperson, Donna McKenna. For more information on REAL and its activities, see www.REALaction.ca.

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