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# Tbaytel for Good Celebrates Diversity Across Northern Ontario

**Thunder Bay, Ontario (Nov. 8, 2017)** – Thaytel for Good is excited to announce the winners of the fall 2017 Good Schools and Good Community programs. Seven winners from across the region have been awarded grants totalling \$16,250 for their projects that will have a real impact in building stronger and healthier northern Ontario communities.

Five grants of \$1,250 were presented to recipients in the Good Schools program category and two grants of \$5,000 were given to not-for-profit organizations in the Good Community program category.

A total of 61,024 public votes were cast for 15 semi-finalists based on their video submissions that were made available online. The final winners and their vote counts are:

#### **Good Schools**

# 1. Open Roads Public School

Project Water Safety - 10,198 votes

#### 2. Sturgeon Creek School

Outdoor Classroom – 6,531 votes

### 3. Crestview Public School

Crestview Leadership Team Anti-Bullying Campaign – 5,653 votes

#### 4. New Prospect School

Outdoor Rink Community Hub Project - 2,378 votes

#### 5. Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute

Aboriginal Student Committee - 1,826 votes

## **Good Community**

# 1. Stratton Best Start Hub

Cultivating Outdoor Creativity in Kids – 16,544 votes

#### 2. Hospice Northwest

Die-alogues: Talking to Kids About Death – 11,738 votes

Says Amy Meunier, Director - Marketing & Communication: "Tbaytel for Good called upon the region to get innovative with their ideas for doing more good in their schools and communities this fall. Our Tbaytel judges were truly impressed with the quality and diversity of ideas submitted. From unique art festivals and creating sensory community spaces to innovative ways of engaging children in difficult dialogue, and unique programs that help youth in transition to adulthood, we know that northern Ontario is willing and

ready to make our region a better place. We would like to thank everyone who participated."

Videos for all the winning projects can be viewed online at www.tbaytelforgood.net.

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# **About Thaytel for Good Community Fund:**

Tbaytel for Good Community Fund provides financial support to individuals, schools, community groups, not-for-profit organizations and charities whose activities match our own priorities. We support inspiring projects that build strong and healthy communities across northern Ontario. Together, we accomplish more good than we ever could alone.

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