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Government of Canada supports seniors in Prince Edward-Hastings

Belleville, ON —Seniors living in Prince Edward-Hastings can anticipate new opportunities to participate in and contribute to their communities thanks to Government of Canada funding for the East Central Ontario Training Board (ECOTB) “SkillShare” program.

Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, made the announcement today on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, and the Honourable Diane Ablonczy, Minister of State (Seniors).

“The Government of Canada is committed to improving the lives of seniors, and is proud to support local organizations with the same goal,” said MP Kramp. “These projects will encourage seniors to contribute their skills, knowledge and experience for the benefit of the entire community.”

“Today’s seniors know the importance of being active and staying involved in their communities,” said Minister Finley. “The New Horizons for Seniors Program is just one example of how we are helping seniors make a positive difference in their own lives and in those of the people around them.”

Mr. Kramp made the announcement at his constituency office in Belleville with representatives from the ECOTB. The organization received \$18,550 in funding for its SkillShare program.

SkillShare creates pathways and opportunities for retired and semi-retired individuals to remain engaged in their communities and contribute to its well-being and provides a vehicle to transfer valuable knowledge from one generation to the next.

Through Budget 2010, the Government invested an additional \$5 million per year in the New Horizons for Seniors Program, bringing this year’s funding to \$40 million. This additional funding will support projects that encourage seniors to volunteer and mentor other generations, as well as initiatives that aim to increase awareness of financial abuse.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program helps to ensure that seniors are able to benefit from and contribute to the quality of life in their communities through their social participation and active living. Since its beginning, the Program has funded over 7,000 projects in hundreds of communities across Canada. Last year alone, more than 100,000 seniors in over 500 communities throughout the country were involved in projects funded by the Program.

For more information about the Program, please visit www.hrsdc.gc.ca/seniors.

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