



CANADIAN MOTHERS' UNION

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REV. DEBBIE STRICKLAND MEMORIAL FUND APPLICATION

Mothers' Union branches across Canada can apply for a grant up to \$150.00 to facilitate a new or expanded outreach program in their communities. A branch may apply once in a three year period.

Applications may be submitted at anytime in the year and will be acknowledged when received.

Branch Name _____ Branch Number _____

Branch Address _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone (____) _____

Email Address _____

Name of Project _____ Time Frame _____

Amount Requested \$ _____

Short description of the Project (Explain how this project demonstrates one or more of the objectives of the Mothers' Union and our commitment to Listening, Observing and Acting in our communities).

BACKGROUND

Rev. Debbie Strickland was ordained in 2011 and served as an associate priest in the Parish of St John the Baptist Church, North Sydney, Nova Scotia. After a long and courageous battle with cancer, her death occurred just a few weeks after she attended a MU Canadian Council meeting on Skype in February, 2016. Debbie's wish was to have the funds used to help establish an outreach program such as community gardens, breakfast/lunch programs, coffee time for seniors, help for the homeless, setting up childcare programs for those in need, drop in centre programs and the like.

Donations to the **Make A Mother's Day Program** support the Rev. Debbie Strickland Fund. Branches are encouraged to make an annual donation to help sustain the fund according to their circumstances.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- This is a new or expanded outreach program.
- The program is designed to be ongoing.
- The purchase of the items required is essential for the success of the program.
- This grant will not be used for food or other donations.
- This program is in keeping with our aim to support Christian family life.

SUGGESTED EXAMPLES OF A PROJECT

A Mothers' Union Branch has been supporting young single mothers in their community with baby supplies for the past number of years. They have decided to hold a regular Mom and Tot program in the church hall and provide a place for them and their children to meet. For this purpose they would like to purchase a baby changing table in the hall.

A MU Branch sees a need in their community for warm winter quilts for the homeless. They would like to purchase a sewing machine so they can meet and put together quilts for distribution.

SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

The decision will be taken by the Canadian President, the Canadian Treasurer, the NSPEI President, and the Branch Leader of St. John the Baptist, North Sydney N.S. Up to four grants will be awarded in each calendar year depending on the available funds.

Please send the application to the Canadian Mothers' Union by email: info@canadianmothersunion.ca OR mail to the Canadian President.

Successful applicants are asked to submit a report on the outcome of their Project to Canadian Council within six months of receiving the grant. The Branch will acknowledge the Rev. Debbie Strickland Grant in any project literature.