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## **Coquitlam Foundation announces new literacy fund**

The Coquitlam Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Peter Legge Literacy Endowment Fund.

Peter Legge, a publisher, author, inspirational speaker and philanthropist, launched the fund with \$20,000 raised at this past summer's annual Peter Legge Charity Golf Classic. As well, Legge, a Member of the Order of British Columbia and also the Coquitlam Foundation's honorary chair, donated \$3,000 from the proceeds of the Golf Classic to the Foundation's Kick-Start campaign.

The new Peter Legge Literacy Endowment Fund is designed "to provide enhanced educational and literacy opportunities for students and their families in School District 43."

"Both the Foundation and Mr. Legge share a strong commitment to literacy," Foundation Chair Colleen Talbot noted. "Through Mr. Legge's generosity, the Coquitlam Foundation will now be able to support the drive to improve literacy throughout our community."

Legge pointed to the fact the Canada Council on Learning reported last June that, because of demographic conditions, population growth and immigration patterns, Canada is predicted to be home to more than 15 million persons aged 16 and older who possess skills below the internationally accepted standard of literacy required to cope in a modern society.



**Photo: Colleen Talbot, Chair of the Coquitlam Foundation (l), and philanthropist Peter Legge.**

At a personal level, Legge said he firmly believes in the wisdom of the saying, "You'll be the same person you are today in five years, except for the people you meet, the places you go, and the books you read."

Established in 1992, the Coquitlam Foundation encourages and supports creative, targeted philanthropy that builds a vibrant, sustainable, and healthy community. The Foundation distributed \$91,000 in grants and bursaries last year.

Donations can be sent to the Coquitlam Foundation, c/o P.O. Box 2, 1207 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, B.C., Canada, V3B 7Y3, or made through the Foundation's website, [www.coquitlamfoundation.com](http://www.coquitlamfoundation.com). The Coquitlam Foundation is registered with Canada Revenue as a charitable organization, Number 890762347 RR0001.

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