

Scotiabank and BizBaz support local DAREarts innovation

Orangeville's Scotiabank branch has made a significant donation to DAREarts.

DAREarts founder and President Marilyn Field recently made the announcement.

This is a follow-up to Scotiabank's personnel volunteering at this community's inaugural arts fair called Bizarre Bazaar (BizBaz), recently held at the Osprey Valley Golf Course. More than 3,000 people came to the two-day event. While the event was free to the public, many offered a donation to DAREarts, a locally based charity that uses the arts to empower kids.

"The arts are a universal language," said Danila Maric of Scotiabank. "They are important to our lives, transcending differences and bridging cultures. We are delighted to be working with Bizarre Bazaar and DAREarts to help young people across Canada experience firsthand the power of the arts to build their confidence and courage."

"Scotiabank is dedicated to helping improve the quality of life in the communities where we live and work," Maric added. "Our desire to make a contribution is deep-rooted. We see our link with DAREarts as a vital partnership, recognizing the fundamental role of arts education in community development."

"Scotiabank's contribution is doubly meaningful," Field observed. "It is a special moment for us to have the community and BizBaz so generously support our cause, and then have Scotiabank match the public's donations. This year, we are celebrating our 20th year empowering our country's children. Having this community, BizBaz and Scotiabank with us at this moment is truly moving."

"BizBaz launched as a unique experience in the country where the public could learn, participate and see great art," Vandi Hill of BizBaz commented. "With that in mind, we wanted to work with and recognize an organization that uses art to empower the youth. So DAREarts was a great fit."



Representatives of Orangeville Scotiabank and BizBaz recently presented this cheque to DAREarts.