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Moncton, N.B. - Every year, thousands of people are striving to make the Greater Moncton area a better place to live. They are employees and volunteers in the non-profit sector. Over a hundred agencies are making sure there is food for those in need, providing support for palliative care patients and their families, promoting literacy and the arts, making advances in science and technology. Not only are they contributing to our community through their actions, they are also contributing close to fifty million dollars to the local economy. But it's a real labor of love. Almost five thousand people are contributing 370,000 hours of their time voluntarily. And for the other thousand people who do earn a living in this field, they are being paid salaries that are typically lower than average.

The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce wants to recognize the importance of these non-profit groups in our community at the first annual Tri-Community Breakfast. The breakfast will take place on May 29, 2014 at the Delta Beausejour Hotel from 7:30-9:00am. "So many groups are doing outstanding work in Moncton, Riverview and Dieppe and the GMCC feels strongly about acknowledging the difference they are making in each of the three municipalities," says Carol O'Reilly, CEO of the GMCC. "We will be announcing the three winners of our "Heart of the Community Award" at the breakfast."

Our winners for this award will be chosen from nominations made by members of the GMCC and the general public. If you are interested in nominating a group or agency that you feel is worthy of this award please email us at events@gmcc.nb.ca or call the GMCC at 857-2883. The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday, May 20, 2014**.

Once the nomination list for the "Heart of Community Award" is finalized, we will be giving the public a chance to register their votes for a "People's Choice Award". More information will follow at that time.

Monique Imbeault, CEO of General Financial Corporation, will be our guest speaker. She has shown her commitment to our community with time spent on numerous boards and committees. We are honoured to have her speak at this event.

Tickets for the Tri-Community Breakfast are on sale now and can be purchased at www.GMCCTri-Community.eventbrite.ca

The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community for more than 820 businesses representing more than 35, 000 members in Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview and the vicinity.

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