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CYFS raised \$1412 for the Hawkins-Gignac Foundation

NEWMARKET, ON, October 20, 2016 – On Saturday, September 24 and Saturday, October 1, Central York Fire Services (CYFS) held their annual Open Houses in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week (October 9 to 15, 2016), which took place in the Towns of Aurora and Newmarket. The theme for this year's Open House was *"Don't wait, check the date,"* which reminded residents to check the manufacture date on all smoke alarms and ensure they are replaced every 10 years.

Each year, CYFS selects a charity of their choice and accepts donations on behalf of the charity at the Open Houses. This year, CYFS selected the Hawkins-Gignac Foundation. The Hawkins-Gignac Foundation was established to educate Canadians on the dangers of carbon monoxide and how to keep your family safe by installing carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas of the home.

Together, with the help of residents and friends, CYFS raised a total of \$1412 for the Hawkins-Gignac Foundation. The money raised will go towards purchasing carbon monoxide alarms for families in need who do not currently have them in their homes.

"I want to thank everyone who attended, volunteered **and** worked at the Open Houses for helping to make it a great success," said CYFS Fire Chief Ian Laing. "We helped raise \$1412 that will go towards purchasing carbon monoxide alarms for fire departments and donating them to families in need. It is the law to have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed in your residence to help protect against carbon monoxide poisoning."

For more information on the Hawkins-Gignac Foundation, visit www.endthesilence.ca. For more information on carbon monoxide safety tips, visit www.cyfs.ca.



CYFS Fire Chief Ian Laing, Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, John Gignac, Newmarket Mayor Tony Van Bynen and Chief Fire Prevention Officer Ryan Schell present a cheque for \$1412 to John Gignac of the Hawkins-Gignac Foundation.

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