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## \$40K in grants made in support of local organizations

TORONTO, ON – (December 16, 2015) – Alterna Savings and its members have donated another \$40,000 to local organizations in the second round of the 2015 Alterna Savings' Community Grants program.

Twice a year Alterna Savings considers grant requests from community organizations and projects where a modest donation can make a big impact. Alterna grants are focused in the communities they serve—the Greater Toronto Area, the National Capital Region, Kingston, Pembroke and North Bay. They support projects or organizations that help build healthy and strong communities by providing programming or support focused on areas of learning and education or poverty reduction.

Alterna is extremely proud to have supported such deserving non-profit community-based organizations such as recent Alterna Savings member [Suits his Style](#) which aims to reduce poverty by lowering barriers to employment and offering appropriate interview attire, free of charge, to low income, unemployed men in search of work.

"As a co-operative, it is part of Alterna's foundation to give back to the communities where we live and work", said Rob Paterson, President and CEO, Alterna Savings. "We are honoured to be able to help these deserving organizations to better the lives of people in our local communities."

Learn more, and view the full list of grant recipients, by visiting Alterna's [Power of Learning Community Grants webpage](#).

### About Alterna Savings

As Canada's first co-operative financial institution outside of Quebec, Alterna Savings and Credit Union Limited has operated as a full-service, member-owned credit union for over 100 years. Alterna Savings is committed to helping our more than 100,000 members achieve their financial dreams, while at the same time supporting vibrant, local communities. Alterna Savings offers a full suite of financial services online, by phone, by mobile and through a network of 24 branches. Alterna members also have access to THE EXCHANGE® Network, with thousands of surcharge-free ATMs across Canada and 500,000 ATMs in the United States. For more information please visit [alterna.ca](http://alterna.ca)

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