

## Local community organizations benefit from \$40,000 donation

**OTTAWA, November 22, 2013** – The latest recipients of Alterna Savings' Community Grants program, totalling \$40,000, include Ottawa and Toronto-area organizations such as the Free Geek and Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-operative Inc.

Twice a year, Alterna Savings considers grant requests from community organizations and projects where a modest donation can make a big impact, supporting the Greater Toronto Area, the National Capital Region, Kingston, Pembroke, North Bay, Gatineau and Hull.

One of the grant recipients, [Free Geek](#) in Toronto, provides access to computers and communications technologies, as well as education, training and job skills. The organization promotes the use of Free and Open Source software, and strives to reduce the environmental impact of electronic waste. Free Geek's two Sharing Programs, Computer Adoption and Computer Build, provide useful, transferrable skills to program participants. Their \$5,000 grant will help support their Computer Build program and Thrift Store operation.

"Giving back to the communities we serve is an integral part of who we are", says Alterna Savings President and CEO, Rob Paterson. "We're pleased to lend a hand up to these small yet vital organizations that support residents of these areas."

For a complete list of recent Alterna Savings grant recipients, or for more information on how to apply, visit [alterna.ca](http://alterna.ca).

### About Alterna Savings

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