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Musical Friends

A Rural Nova Scotia Community Success Story

Chester Municipal Heritage Society was awarded a \$5000 Rural Leadership Initiative Grant from the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia to be used for the Musical Friends project. This project developed leadership and skills in the performing arts, and made it possible for all participating youth to attend by providing transportation and food. There were 36 workshops throughout the duration of the project. Participants performed in a community choir, produced a music video and learned important leadership skills.

The project bettered the life of community member Blake Bignell, a 22-year-old man who was unemployed at the time. “I am so grateful for the opportunity of working with Musical Friends. You

guys put your trust in me and gave me confidence. I was proud of what the kids were able to accomplish, and even more, I was proud of how I grew during this project. Thank you again. I am looking forward to being part of it again this year. It is very important to me.”

