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CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tech students to get help

Group to award two \$2,500 scholarships

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PETERBOROUGH — A group of movers and shakers are showing their support of local high school students through a new scholarship foundation.

The group's treasurer, Christine Clinton, announced the formation of the ConVal Community Scholarship Foundation (CVCSF) Dollars for Scholars fund at the ConVal School Board meeting on Tuesday.

"This is really an outreach foundation," said Clinton, "where we will award two \$2,500 scholarships, which we anticipate will meet with matching funds, to area high school students who are looking at

certificate or technical college opportunities. Support from community leaders has been very positive."

According to its literature, the mission of the foundation is "to inspire confidence and hope with community support to help more students in the ConVal Region to achieve their potential."

Founders and directors of CVCSF include former New Hampshire governor Walter Peterson, Chester Bowles, James Callahan, Sue Chollet, Christine Clinton, Robert Condon, Kathryn Dodge, Barton Goodeve, Joseph Hayes, Carl Johnson, Jason Lambert, Edward Leach, the Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole, Rob Rubendall and John Vance.

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*John Vance,
CVCSF member*

"The key here is community," Vance told the Ledger-Transcript. "The students must reside in the nine towns covered by the ConVal School District, but they don't have to be a ConVal student."

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dents who without identification, encouragement and support, would most likely fall through the cracks."

Vance reported that the group has raised \$38,000 in cash receipts or pledges from corporate and individual donors. Donations and pledges of support for CVCSF have come from its founders and directors, the Gilbert Verney Founda-

tion, N.H. Ball Bearings, Millard Group and Ocean National Bank.

"We've already identified 19 students as potential candidates," reported Vance, "and are working with them on career planning. We'll pare that down to 10 candidates and will give them additional counseling and support and two scholarships will be given in the New Year."

ConVal Community Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars

was chartered as an affiliate of Scholarship America on Aug. 25 and notification of 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, as a subordinate of Scholarship American on Sept. 25.

"Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by the end of 2007," said Vance, "so that we can help to keep kids from dropping out and we hope that the greater impact is that this may give hope to other kids to stay in school."