



Media Release: Alberta Council for Global Cooperation presents Frank Flaman with Award of Excellence

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Alberta business executive Frank Flaman, of the multi-division Flaman Group of Companies specializing in agricultural equipment, trailers, grain cleaning and fitness equipment, has been an active supporter of local, Alberta-based international development organizations and a very generous philanthropist for the last three decades. For his efforts, the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) has presented Flaman with an Award of Excellence, recognizing the outstanding contributions he has made to the non-profit sector both locally and globally.

The award was presented by ACGC last weekend at a benefit dinner for Edmonton-based Change for Children, one of the many Alberta non-profit groups he supports. Through the Frank Flaman Foundation, which he established in 2005 after helping people in need for 15 years on his own, he has donated between one to two million dollars a year to charity. A large portion of the Foundation is funded by Flaman himself. His support has been crucial to the success of countless non-profit organizations in the province in the work that they do both in local communities and around the world.

For example, Flaman has helped Change for Children implement a water project in Nicaragua, also purchasing water well drilling equipment and solar stoves for people there while visiting the community in person. He has assisted Mennonite Central Committee Alberta in their efforts to ensure sustainable food sources, adequate housing, and education worldwide, and has restored the eyesight of over 5000 individuals in the developing world through his donations to Calgary-based Operation Eyesight Universal. He also supports Oxfam Canada in their mission to tackle the root causes of poverty and inequality, and has helped Edmonton-based Canadian Peacemakers International to establish a new Computer Assisted Learning school in Honduras, enabling over 1100 students to complete at least one grade of Junior High School since 2009. Flaman is known for championing and facilitating innovation through his support, and for his mantra to live simply in a society of abundance so that others may "simply live."

"Mr. Flaman is a visionary and a shining example of a true global citizen," said ACGC Executive Director Heather McPherson. "His generous and ongoing support exemplifies the values Canadians hold dear with regard to providing assistance to others in need around the world."

ACGC's Award of Excellence is presented on a semi-annual basis to an Albertan for their outstanding efforts in the cause of international development. Recipients of the award have demonstrated

leadership through personal commitment and vision, and have inspired others to advance the alleviation of poverty and to build a more just world.

The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is a coalition of close to 70 voluntary sector organizations located in Alberta, working locally and globally to achieve sustainable human development. ACGC works towards ending poverty and achieving a peaceful and healthy world, with dignity and full participation for all. The Council has a mandate to promote and mobilize greater Albertan participation in international development. See www.acgc.ca

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