



St. Alban's
Boys & Girls Club
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St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club youth to benefit from Future Shop *Future Generation* scholarship

Toronto, ON – A local youth from St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club will be able to pursue her dreams of post-secondary education thanks to the generosity of Future Shop.

Christina Vandervaat was presented with a Future Shop *Future Generation* scholarship during a special presentation in front of friends, family and supporters from St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club in Toronto on Saturday, October 27. Christina Vandervaat is among 40 Boys and Girls Club youth across Canada to receive a \$5,000 Future Shop *Future Generation* scholarship that will help off-set the costs of pursuing higher education.

Future Shop's *Future Generation* program promises students in Grade 10 a scholarship for their post-secondary education at a critical time when it may still be possible to influence their decision about whether or not to continue their studies past high school. By awarding these scholarships in Grade 10, successful applicants may realize earlier on that pursuing post-secondary education can still be a realistic option.

This year's recipients include 18 youth from Ontario, five from British Columbia, four each from New Brunswick and Newfoundland, three from Manitoba, two each from Alberta and Nova Scotia and one each from Quebec and Saskatchewan. They were selected based on their outstanding contribution to their Boys and Girls Club and local community, good academic standing and financial need.

St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club's Executive Director, Chris Foster said Christina Vandervaat was a deserving recipient of a Future Shop *Future Generation* scholarship because of her ongoing contributions to the Club and her community.

"With this financial assistance, our scholarship recipients are able to further their studies beyond high school and pursue their career goals," Foster said. "We are so grateful to Future Shop for opening the doors to higher education through their generous support of young people in Toronto."

Together with Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada (BGCC), Future Shop has been supporting the post-secondary dreams of Boys and Girls Club youth for over 10 years through the provision of much needed scholarships through Future Shop's Future Leaders scholarship program. Seen as an evolution to this program, the *Future Generation* program aims to provide young people in Grade 10 with the financial resources they need to achieve their long term education goals.

"Future Shop is committed to investing in creating positive opportunities for young people so they can realize their dreams of post-secondary education," said Andrea Farnell, Community Relations Manager, Future Shop. "We are proud to partner with Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada to help open doors for young Canadians so they can create their own infinite

possibilities. Our *Future Generation* program continues our tradition of providing much needed scholarships to deserving youth.”

Future Shop *Future Generation* scholarship recipient Christina Vandervaat expressed her sincere gratitude for the generous scholarship and the acknowledgement of their efforts.

“I am thrilled to receive a Future Shop *Future Generation* scholarship as it will help me to pursue higher education and I can focus on my studies without worrying about financial instability,” Christina said.

St. Alban’s Boys and Girls Club

St. Alban’s Boys and Girls Club was founded in 1949 and serves over 2000 members a year at our founding clubhouse plus 1000 more in 18 satellite sites including locations in three United Way identified priority neighbourhoods. Passionate, well trained staff and volunteers lead a diverse range of programs and services such as daycare, early years programs, after school programs, sports and recreation programs, youth leadership programs, summer camp, aquatic lessons, tutoring, mentoring, arts programs, employment readiness programs and more. At St. Alban’s, we strive to maintain and strengthen our core services to children and youth while growing to meet the varied and changing needs of our communities. To learn more, visit www.stalbansclub.ca.

About Future Shop

With 149 stores across the country and the nation’s premier web store (www.futureshop.ca), Burnaby, BC-based Future Shop is Canada’s largest retailer and e-tailer of consumer electronics. The company employs more than 10,000 technology enthusiasts, has enabled its website, Futureshop.ca, to deliver unparalleled content about the products it sells. Futureshop.ca also hosts an online community forum and tech blog called Tech Yeah for technology beginners and tech-savvy experts to exchange ideas, reviews, tips and other consumer electronics information (www.futureshop.ca/techyeah). As a proud corporate citizen, Future Shop has developed solutions to recycle used electronics and is committed to employee volunteerism and supporting non-profit organizations dedicated to transforming local youth into Future Leaders (see www.futureshop.ca/futuregeneration).

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