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Dear, To Whom It Might Concern,

My experience with “what’s working in community development” conference has overwhelmed me in many different ways. I would also like to mention that everyone who took part in making this conference happen, did an amazing job!

The people I have met the past week have greeted me with kindness and open arms. Its amazing how so many people from around the world who have never met just all come into one room and feel comfortable with there surroundings. Its nice walking threw the door and having everyone turn your way and greet you in some way, even just a smile as you walk past makes a difference.

Cari Patterson got me involved in all this and I’m so glad she did. When she told me that I would be participating with heartwood I was slightly confused with how it would all work out. Cari told me that I’d have to take what I learned from the conference and bring it back to my community. At first I had no idea how I could do that with out getting involved in a huge thing that I most likely couldn’t handle on my own. During the conference, at some points I just laid back and observed my surroundings. Just seeing how people communicated gave me the idea of how to make a community stronger. It just stats out with people getting to know each other and respect, respect your people and your surroundings. It starts with you, then goes on to others that have experienced your positive energy, ECT.

Some of the interesting people I’ve met are just so inspiring, I’m just getting started with how all this works and they have done all these great things big or small, I just find it so eye opening. Cari and Joanne always tell me I have great insight... yes, I might have quite a bit for someone of my age, but look at them, there hospitably and ability to always look at the positive and its hard not to respect them. (Then again who wouldn’t want to?)

I just want to thank everyone who was involved in anyway... I’m so glad I got to experience this conference, it has changed my outlook on community and it inspires me to make Kentville a better community to be a part of!

Sincerely,

Tammy Martin