

With Their Donation to the Birtle and District Foundation Sons Create "Named Fund" for Parents, Mort and Joyce Cooley



On Dec. 20th, 2011, Dean Cooley, representing himself and his brother Ernie Cooley, stopped in Birtle to drop off a donation to the Birtle and District Foundation. While they wanted to honour their parents on the Founding Members Plaque, their donation of \$10,000 also allows them to create a Named Fund. This means that each and every year when the Foundation is making grants back to the community, the Mort and Joyce Cooley Fund will be acknowledged.

Dean explained that it was important to he and Ernie "To have our parents remembered for years to come, to give back to a community that gave to us and to show appreciation to a community that meant so much to our parents."

When asked why he chose the Foundation, Dean stated "The foundation is a great place to donate money knowing that it's going to benefit the community for years to come. My wife is on the Dauphin Foundation board and I have seen first hand how the Foundation can support the needs of a community."

This donation combined with others recently received brings the Founding Members total up to over \$76,000.