## Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia and Livia Properties Announce Women In Trades Program Award Recipient

Nova Scotia – <u>Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia</u> (RCFNS) and Livia Properties are proud to announce the recipient of the "<u>Livia Properties: Women In Trades Program Award</u>". This award aims to empower and support women in pursuing careers in trades, breaking down barriers and promoting inclusivity within traditionally male-dominated industries.

Vikki Freeman, a dedicated student in the Automotive Service & Repair Technician program at the Nova Scotia Community College Pictou Campus(NSCC), has been named the recipient of the <u>Livia Properties: Women In Trades</u> award. Vicki's passion for the trades, coupled with her commitment to breaking down gender barriers, makes her an inspiring choice for this honour.

"I am truly honoured to be selected for the <u>Livia Properties: Women In Trades</u> award. This support will not only ease the financial burden of my education but also motivate me to excel in my chosen field," says Freeman, sharing her excitement. "I am grateful to Livia Properties and the <u>RCFNS</u> for recognizing the potential of women in trades."

<u>RCFNS</u>, a key collaborator in this initiative, is dedicated to fostering sustainable development and empowerment within rural communities. Together, Livia Properties and <u>RCFNS</u> are committed to creating opportunities for women in trades, addressing gender imbalances, and enhancing diversity within the workforce.

"The Livia Properties: Women In Trades award aligns perfectly with the RCFNS mission of fostering community growth and supporting individuals in achieving their fullest potential," says Penny Day, Executive Director of the <u>Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia</u>. "By breaking down gender stereotypes and encouraging women to pursue careers in trades, we are not only creating equal opportunities but also contributing to the overall development of our communities."

The award aims to provide financial assistance for women pursuing trades education and careers. It seeks to bridge the gender gap in traditionally underrepresented fields, encouraging diversity and innovation in the workforce.

"We believe that by supporting women in trades, we are not only promoting gender equality but also contributing to a more dynamic and inclusive economy. The benefits extend beyond the individual to positively impact families and communities," further emphasized Penny Day.

The <u>Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia</u> and Livia Properties look forward to witnessing the positive impact of the <u>Livia Properties: Women In Trades</u> award and hope it serves as a catalyst for change, inspiring more women to pursue fulfilling careers in trades.

For further information about the <u>Livia Properties: Women In Trades</u> award please visit <a href="https://refofns.com/women-in-trades">https://refofns.com/women-in-trades</a> or contact Executive Director Penny day at <a href="mailto:ed@rcfofns.com">ed@rcfofns.com</a>.