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**Townsend Mutual Insurance Awards Ten Thousand Dollars In
Local Scholarships**

Ten local students have received \$1000 each, as a result of participating in Townsend Mutual's 2015 Essay Contest, open to Policy Holders and their children.

The winners were announced this past week, at Townsend Mutual's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, for their new location in Waterford. As part of the ceremony, two of the winners represented the group of scholarship recipients and planted a tree on site. The planting of the tree represented the future and growth, symbolic of education and what these students mean to Townsend Mutual and the community.

The scholarships were awarded as a result of chosen essay submissions that best conveyed the subject matter: *Mutual Insurance companies were founded on the concept of commitment to community.*

"What does Social Responsibility mean to you?"

The scholarship winners are listed in alphabetical order:

Canaan Awde
Randi Booker
Kelsey Case
Elisabeth Haviland
Joshua Haviland
Megan Haviland
Joshua Miedema
Caitlyn Schell
Kyle Schell
Megan Welink

Whether it is college, university, or trades training; higher education builds stronger, more diverse communities. Townsend Mutual believes strongly in the benefits of post-secondary education and therefore, is proud to offer this scholarship initiative. The company has held this contest for the second consecutive year and hopes to make it an annual initiative.



Mike Kekes (Marketing Manager of Townsend Mutual) and Scholarship Winners Randi Booker and Megan Haviland are seen in the photo above, planting the tree, during Townsend Mutual's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, as part of the festivities.