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Bravo to the employees of Verona's Bank of Montreal for their latest contribution to the community. For years now, they have used their own money to buy the components of a raffle package which they use to raise money for a local cause. This year's Garden Package raised \$600 for Central Frontenac Community Services work with disabled adults. Over the past several years the employees have raised more than \$2500 for local social services. Watch for a new raffle package in the New Year, and be sure to say thanks to the friendly tellers and managers.

The Verona Lions are looking for a casual, part-time bartender to work with a Lion member at weddings and other hall functions. Check the classifieds in this issue for details.

Have you got your tickets for the Harvest Christmas Fundraising Gala in aid of Christmas for Kids? This special program, chaired by Susie Ralph under the umbrella of the Verona Community Association, works closely with the staff of Prince Charles P.S. to ensure that every needy child in the community receives special presents chosen specifically for them. The Fundraising Gala is a new venture for the committee, and promises to be a delightful evening out. First of all, it'll be beautiful. Eighteen artists (among them are Kingston Artist Association's Alana Kappell, Tiffany Gift Shoppe's Ann Elvins & Rock Paper Scissors Gallery's Geoffrey Murray) have donated centerpieces and wreaths on the theme of either harvest or Christmas. You'll have a chance to win these through silent auctions and raffles. You'll also be entertained throughout the evening by musicians Carolyn Stewart on fiddle, Anne Archer (flute) and the fabulous Limestone Chorale, whose vocal arrangements have delighted audiences in the Kingston area for the last decade. These talented singers have a wide repertoire from jazz to folk, with a few original pieces to boot. The evening will wrap up with dancing to RK'd – that's our own Bill Kendall and Tom Revell – founders of Bauder Road. A wide variety of foods will arrive to you throughout the evening – from appetizers through mains through dessert. (Imagine one long and special cocktail party with waiters). Of course, this is a fundraiser, so there'll be silent auction packages and raffles throughout the evening. "We have received some magnificent donations," says Susie. "I'm over the moon with that!" But whether you come to spend or come just for the fun of the evening, you're helping the Christmas for Kids campaign. "The generosity of people all the way around is just overwhelming," says Susie. "People really want children to feel loved and wanted at Christmastime." Only 100 tickets were printed, and you must buy them in advance so the committee can plan quantities for the magnificent food. Oh, and bring a small, new stuffed toy for the toy tree! Christmas for Kids Gala: Friday October 19 6:30 – midnight. Tickets \$20 each at Verona Hardware. See you there!