SJS Press Release

Once again, Northern Community Development Services (NCDS) is pleased to announce the success of this year's EO Summer Jobs Service (SJS) and the winner of the 2011 NCDS Making a Difference Bursary. This year, NCDS received funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to place 157 students aged 15-30 returning to school in the fall on wage subsidies throughout the summer. The SJS program placed 167 students, with $108,500 being invested into local businesses in our district. The number of placements has continuously been increasing over the past few years, increasing from 84 placements in 2008, 112 placements in 2009, to 157 placements in 2011. These numbers reflect the growing success and popularity of the EO Summer Jobs Service among employers and the increasing availability of summer jobs for students.

NCDS is also excited to announce that Andrew Gobeil is this year's recipient of the $1000 Making a Difference Bursary. With approximately 45 applications this year, the process of choosing a winner was difficult, but in the end Andrew was chosen because of his hard work, positive attitude and community involvement. Throughout high school, Andrew has been a member of the Fort Frances High School Mentoring Committee, been a positive role model to his peers and participated in various events such as the 30 hour famine. Outside of school, he has been a camp counsellor at CSSM Bible Camp for numerous years, assisted in coaching his brother's hockey and soccer teams and even volunteered his time at his younger brother's school. His dedication to helping his peers, family and those younger than him made Andrew an excellent choice to receive this bursary and NCDS could not be more pleased with the selection.

The staff at NCDS would like to congratulate not only Andrew, but all of this year's Grade 12 Graduates. We wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavours and if you ever need assistance with your employment or training goals, you know where to come! Your job is out there, we'll help you find it.