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## GLOBAL HERIZONS ANNOUNCES 2019 WINNERS

Ottawa, Ontario, Thursday, September 5, 2019— Canadian women are changing the world for the better everyday. But for women who have grown up outside of our urban centres, it can be difficult to get access to opportunities, navigate contexts and build key relationships to translate their ambitions into global impact.

Global HERizons believes in the power of all women to change the world, and provides young women from rural Canada with the opportunity to receive a modest financial contribution to their academic or career ambitions, accompanied with expert mentorship support to help build bridges between local and global impact.

This spring we launched our 2019 Call for Proposals, seeking passionate young women from rural Canada to propose an investment in their globally-minded academic, volunteer or social enterprise project. We received many strong proposals from women in rural communities across the country, and after a rigorous selection process, Global HERizons is pleased to announce the two successful winners of this year's competition:

- **Stacey Haugen** is a PhD student at the University of Alberta. Born and raised in Camrose, Alberta, Stacey has a passion for connecting the rural and global by combining rural development and newcomers to Canada. After studying international relations and feminist theory, she worked for the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities on issues of rural development and community capacity. Moving to Ottawa in 2017, Stacey worked as a Research Awardee at the International Development Research Centre and spoke with Syrian refugees who had been resettled into rural and smaller communities across Canada, as well as, community volunteers, service providers and policy experts, on their experiences of resettlement and integration in rural places. Stacey is also involved in a local non-profit organization working to help provide services to refugees in her home community of Camrose. In 2018, Stacey moved to northern Alberta to work with northern and rural communities as a Research Officer with the Alberta Government. This diverse set of rural and international experiences influenced her to return to school in 2019 to complete her PhD in rural refugee resettlement and integration in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Global HERizons will be supporting Stacey's PhD field research into rural communities in Canada, as well as providing subject-matter and academic mentorship.

- **Charlotte Connolly** is a recent graduate of the University of Northern British Columbia's Natural Resources' Environmental Studies MA program, where she received the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Canada Graduate Scholarship to Honour Nelson Mandela. Charlotte's passion for activism began at the age of 12, when she started the 'ABC' youth group of Chelsea, Quebec to raise awareness about the HIV and AIDS pandemic. Since then, Charlotte has been involved in the planning and implementation of community development projects and advocacy campaigns at the local, national and international levels, including with LetsStopAIDS,



Doctors Without Borders, Level: Changing Lives Through Law, the Project for the Study of Alternative Education in South Africa, the Prince George Native Friendship Centre and the Sierra Club Foundation of Canada. She is passionate about improving access to justice and remedy for communities adversely affected by extractive projects in Canada and abroad, with an approach grounded in North-South solidarity. In 2018, while in Truro, Nova Scotia finishing her master's thesis on a Canadian-owned silver mine in Guatemala, Charlotte got involved with local struggles against gold mining. She hopes to enter law school in 2020 to pursue a career focused on environmental and Indigenous rights.

Global HERizons will be supporting Charlotte's research and organizing work in Guatemala and Nova Scotia through the Justice Corporate Accountability Project and Sustainable Northern Nova Scotia, both of which focus on the promotion of sustainable and community-driven alternatives to resource extraction. Charlotte will also be receiving mentorship towards her efforts to pursue a legal education focused on social and environmental justice.

You can find more about our 2019 winners and past recipients on our website: [www.globalherizons.ca](http://www.globalherizons.ca)

By accompanying our financial support with guidance, insight and perspective from some of Canada's successful female leaders and changemakers, we hope to provide a springboard for rural women who may not have the personal networks and connections to the national and global spaces, but who have the essential knowledge, skills and passion that the world needs to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the planet and its people.

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**Global HERizons** is a Canadian not-for-profit organization that provides financial and mentorship support to young women in rural Canada who want to create positive social change at the national and global levels.

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