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CAN FUND #150WOMEN REACHES EPIC MILESTONE: 500TH CANADIAN FEMALE ATHLETE FUNDED

Toronto, ON, January 26th, 2022 - \$3 million. That is how much women from across Canada have invested in our Canadian female athletes over the past 4 years through CAN Fund #150Women. In 2017, Ice Dancer and 2-time Olympian Piper Gilles, became the first-ever CAN Fund #150Women recipient. So, it was only fitting that Piper be the one to surprise Snowboarder Megan Farrell with the exciting news she is the 500th female athlete to be funded by CAN Fund #150Women. It was a memorable occasion shared on a virtual call with fellow winter Olympians, parents of athletes and CAN Fund #150Women donors and supporters in attendance.



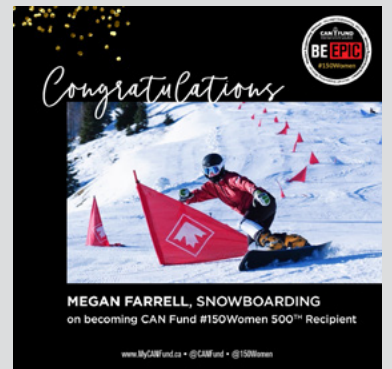
“I know how much \$6,000 helped me and it couldn’t have come at a better time. I was going to my first Games, we’d changed programs, I needed new costumes, and the funding absolutely changed my life. Being the first CAN Fund #150Women recipient is a huge honour, and now Megan Farrell is the 500th - what an EPIC milestone!” shared Gilles.

Every CAN Fund #150Women recipient receives \$6000 so they can afford what they need to train and compete for Canada. This includes new equipment, coaching, proper nutrition, extra physiotherapy, travel to training camps and competitions, and to pay annual team fees. View the full list of CAN Fund #150Women recipients [here](#).

MEGAN FARRELL – SNOWBOARDING

500th CAN Fund #150Women Recipient

From Richmond Hill, ON, Megan first started snowboarding at the age of 4, was competing at age 6, and by 7 years old she’d won her first national title. Now, at 29, Megan will be making her Olympic debut at the 2022 Games competing in Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS). She is poised for a top performance after a strong 2021 season with multiple top 10 results including a pair of 8th place finishes at the World Cup in Cortina d’Ampezzo and the World Championships. Her quarterfinal performance in the PGS matched the best World Championship result by a Canadian woman in that event. Watch for Megan on February 8th as she races in her first Olympic competition.



“This is so awesome, I’m going to cry, and my parents are on the call too - which means a lot. CAN Fund #150Women and the network that’s been created is life changing and it’s amazing to be supported by women across Canada. It’s expensive to be living and training in Europe, especially the past two years. I’m so happy and thankful to be a part of this - thank you!” said Farrell as she reacted to the news of becoming the 500th CAN Fund #150Women recipient.

To become a CAN Fund #150Women Member: Women are asked to make a donation of \$150 or more. With every donation the donor finds out the name of the female athlete supported and receives a tax receipt.

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About CAN Fund #150Women: CAN Fund #150Women launched in November 2017 as a campaign to invite women to donate and support our female athletes who compete for Canada. Quickly it transformed into an ever-growing network of women with a shared vision of supporting and celebrating female success. There are now over 1800 CAN Fund #150Women members, bringing together women with diverse knowledge and experience, representing every province across Canada. The youngest CAN Fund #150Women is 9 and the oldest is 87. To learn more about CAN Fund #150Women, visit our website [here](#).

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AND EMPOWER WOMEN AROUND YOU TO FOLLOW YOUR LEAD.**

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