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CanScribe offers scholarship in memory of beloved community volunteer and former student

Canada's top Medical Transcription School now offering The Robert Thompson scholarship to individuals who have overcome hardships in their lives and who have given back to their community through volunteer work.

LAKE COUNTRY, BC, Canada (February 5, 2010)- CanScribe Career Centre, Inc., Canada's top Medical Transcription School, is offering a new scholarship, the Robert Thompson Scholarship. This scholarship is dedicated to Robert Thompson, a former Medical Transcription student at CanScribe who passed away in late 2009.



The scholarship is valued at \$2500 and intended for those potential students who have overcome significant hardships in their lives and who have given back to their community through volunteer work. This scholarship is open to residents of Vancouver Island and will be used for tuition for CanScribe's nationally recognized Medical Transcription program. One scholarship will be awarded per year. Colleen Gaudet, President & CEO of CanScribe states that, "Robert was an inspiration to all of us and we were in awe of his perseverance and positive attitude through extremely hard times. We wanted to do something to honour his life and the scholarship seemed like a perfect fit."

Triumph Vocational Services was instrumental in assisting Robert to reach his most recent educational goals and scholarship applicants will be chosen from their client base on Vancouver Island. "As one of the Regional Managers on Vancouver Island for Triumph Vocational Services, I am thrilled to hear this exciting news! The Robert Thompson Scholarship will be a significant support to a student who wishes to enhance his or her career opportunities, as Robert Thompson did. At Triumph, we will do our part to assist in choosing a worthy candidate who will benefit from the generosity of CanScribe. CanScribe has worked closely with all of us to make this dream a reality." (Norm Attwell, Triumph Vocational Services)

Applications will be taken from April 1st to December 1st each year and awarded annually on Robert's birthday, January 11. Applicants are asked to contact Triumph Vocational Services at (250) 716-1214 and ask for Robert Thompson scholarship application forms.

To be considered for this scholarship, students must be living on Vancouver Island and be a client of Triumph Vocation Services (any location on Vancouver Island). They will be required to write a 500-word essay answering these questions:

- **What are the hardships in your life you have been able to overcome?**
- **How did you overcome your hardships?**
- **What has your community involvement been throughout your lifetime?**
- **What draws you to our Medical Transcription program?**

Summary: New \$2500 scholarship offered by CanScribe Career Centre, Inc. in honour of Robert Thompson, a former Medical Transcription student, who dedicated his difficult, hardship-filled life to volunteerism. This scholarship will be awarded to one student yearly who submits a persuasive essay on the hardships they have endured, but who also have a long record of community volunteerism.

ABOUT: ROBERT THOMPSON

Robert Thompson was born in Midland, Ontario, January 11, 1953; he was initially the youngest of 3, but when his parents divorced and his mother remarried, he became 1 of 8 children. After high school he moved to Toronto, Edmonton then Vancouver, holding a variety of positions. He eventually settled in Nanaimo, BC in the late 70s.

Robert was happiest when learning and attended Simon Fraser University becoming a chef, paralegal and also taking first aid courses. Health problems plagued Robert throughout his entire life and as he lived with serious illnesses, he decided to take the Medical Transcription at CanScribe Career Centre as a means of supporting himself while working at home.

Robert was involved with various charitable organizations for many years. He cooked numerous meals at food kitchens for the homeless on Christmas and other holidays; he volunteered at senior centres and was an active volunteer at the Nanaimo Parole Citizen Advisory Committee. Roberts' spirit and unfailing optimism will be missed by all.