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Tadger Group International, a company that produces "Tadgers", a patented means to allow the fuel, on any gas or diesel engine, to burn more efficiently, recently donated money to Temiskaming and District Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Service (VCARS). The diesel "Tadger" is sold for \$700 each while the gas version is sold for \$200 and helps to cut emissions on underground and aboveground equipment. During a mining safety group conference held in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, representatives from Tadger Group International and VCARS were on hand to make presentations. Lori MacEwen, Program Coordinator for VCARS, described that VCARS is a community-based service that assists the local police in providing short-term emotional support, practical assistance and referrals to victims of crime, tragic circumstance or disaster. This assistance is provided by specially trained community volunteers who are on-call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Bill Johnston, General Manager of Tadger Group International, stated "we wanted to give something back to the local communities that support us"; therefore the company is donating \$25 from each Tadger sold in the Canadian mining industry to VCARS.

Pictured above, holding the first donation of \$300 are from left, Tadger Group General Manager Bill Johnston, Tadger Group President John Mogford, VCARS Program Coordinator Lori MacEwen, VCARS Executive Director Irene Chitaroni and Temiskaming OPP Detective Constable and VCARS Board Member Kim Murphy.

