

we build community vitality



### November 2013

#### November 15 = National Philanthropy Day

National Philanthropy Day is a day to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy — and those people active in the philanthropic community — have made to our lives, our communities and our world. Your involvement — whether it's mentoring, volunteering, giving, staffing an event or showing your support on social media — makes philanthropy possible, and makes National Philanthropy Day so special and meaningful.

We thank each and every one of our generous donors and volunteers who have made it possible to grant over \$300,000 this year to charitable organizations in our community. Your support has helped send a child to camp, furthered a student's education, set food on a table, and left a lasting legacy. Thank you for your continued commitment!

#### Giving Tuesday

Most people know about Black Friday and Cyber Monday ...now [GivingTuesday](#) is coming to Canada on December 3, 2013.

It is a new Canadian movement for giving and volunteering, taking place each year after Cyber Monday. The "Opening day of the giving season," it is a day where charities, companies and individuals join together to share commitments, rally for favourite causes and think about others.



To get involved, visit [www.GivingTuesday.ca](http://www.GivingTuesday.ca).

#### Give the gift of community

The holidays are often a time of year to **extend gratitude**: thank the math teacher, acknowledge the hockey coach, show appreciation to a neighbour, *or simply* give a gift that is meaningful. Our GCF [Community Fund](#) is a popular option for donors to pay homage to a special person. *Anyone* can donate *any amount* to this fund and it supports projects, initiatives and people right here in your community. Recipients are

grateful to be honoured with a charitable gift.

### The gift that keeps on giving

Our 4th annual Random Act of Kindness Day was a huge success. Over 200 organizations participated and thousands of kindnesses - big and small - took place all over town.

Some of the kindness included free lunches, gift cards, and lots of coffee. At the Stone Road Mall radio remote with Magic 106.1 and CJOY, Guelph Community Foundation RAK volunteers collected hundreds of pairs of glasses, three bins of food for the Guelph Food Bank, a mountain of towels for the Humane Society and a nice collection of pjs, slippers and undergarments for Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis. There were hugs for strangers, and free hotdogs and chicken burgers in the parking lot from Maple Lodge Farms.



A huge thank you to all of the volunteers and organizations that helped make RAK 2013 a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

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