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Over \$113,000 in grants to local charities announced!

31 local charities will receive grants through The Guelph Community Foundation this Fall

The Grants Committee at The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) is pleased to announce the 2017 Community Grants Program recipients and the Musagetes Fund grant recipients.

“Our purpose as a Foundation is to support local charities who are working hard to create programs and activities that make Guelph a better place”, says Cyndy Moffat Forsyth, Chair of the Grants Committee at GCF. “We love the idea that hard working people have invested philanthropically with GCF so that every year we can grant to these grassroots efforts that support, build and encourage people to feel connected”, Forsyth said.

The GCF Community Grants program has approved grants to 25 organizations, totalling \$67,020 as follows:

Action Read Community Literacy Centre: Diversity Action Project
Bereaved Families of Ontario – Midwestern Region: Living with Loss in Guelph
Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington: One to One Match Program
Child Witness Centre: 2018 Guelph & Wellington Youth Symposium
Elora Centre for the Arts: Together in the Gallery: Seniors and Youth Connecting through Art
Facilitation Wellington Dufferin: Caring for Yourself, Caring for Each Other
Family & Children’s Services of Guelph & Wellington County: Education Support and Transition program
Focus on Nature: Natural Wonders Exhibition
Guelph Community Health Centre: Community Food Market Expansion: Fruit Dividends for Early Years
Guelph Symphony Orchestra: Choir program
GW Seniors Association: GWSA CSS Outreach “Summer Rose Days”
GW Women in Crisis: Beauty for Ashes Program
Hope Spring Cancer Support Centre: Better Sleep for Cancer Patients, Caregivers and Families
Scientists in School: Bringing Hands-on Science to The Guelph Public Libraries
Sexual Health Options, Resources & Education Centre: SHORE Centre Guelph Expansion
Shelldale Better Beginnings, Better Futures: Royal Lead Youth Program
Start 2 Finish Canada: Running & Reading Guelph
Strong Start Charitable Organization: Letters, Sounds and Words program in Wellington County
Sunrise Therapeutic Riding Centre: Building Brighter Futures Arena Accessibility Project
Tetra Society of North America: Assistive Device Program in Guelph
The Life Centre: Agape Café program
Torchlight: Diversity is Strength: Supporting Newcomers in our Community
Wellington County Learning Centre: A Rural Web of Support for People Living in Poverty
Wyndham House: Community Engagement
YMCA YWCA of Guelph: SHARKs (Safe Healthy Aquatic Recreation for Kids)

The GCF Musagetes Fund program approved grants to 6 organizations, totalling \$46,000 as follows:

The Art Gallery of Guelph: Encounters Multicultural project

The Elora Festival & Singers: Circle of Song Therapeutic Choir

Guelph Black Heritage Society: Heritage Hall Theatre Project

Guelph Jazz Festival: Alumni Project

Inter Arts Matrix: Anthozoa May Your Spirit Be Well Project

Silence: The Crossings Project

With the two initiatives combined, The Guelph Community Foundation has granted **\$113,020 to 31 community organizations** this Fall. A special thanks to our grants committee members, investors, fund holders and community supporters. “We look forward to sharing the stories of grant impact with the community later this year as the programs unfold”, says Forsyth.

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About The Guelph Community Foundation:

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in promoting community philanthropy and to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of many donors into permanent, income-earning endowments. Income from the endowments supports a wide range of charitable programs and activities. Total funds under administration are over \$14 million with over \$9.6 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, over \$4.2 million has been distributed to over 950 charitable initiatives.

The Guelph Community Foundation’s office is located at 46 Cork Street East in Guelph. For more information about The Foundation, and how you can invest for community impact please visit <http://www.guelphcf.ca>

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