

COMMUNITY MATTERS



Community Matters is published regularly to keep you up-to-date on community foundation happenings. If there is something you would like to see in our newsletter OR if you would like to sponsor an upcoming issue, please write, e-mail or phone us:

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This newsletter is intended to share information and encourage philanthropy. The information provided is general; please consult a professional advisor for specific advice to meet your needs.

BMO Financial Group and Canada's community foundations join forces to bolster community giving

Supporting Your Community is the first collaboration between a financial institution and Community Foundations of Canada's network of community foundations. This unique and distinctly Canadian program capitalizes on BMO's force of more than 2,220 investment professionals and over 130 community foundations across the country to create more opportunities for donors to make charitable contributions that have a lasting local impact. With a minimum donation of \$25,000, Canadian donors can create their own charitable fund at their local community foundation through the *Supporting Your Community* program.

Supporting Your Community helps donors formalize their giving and provides them with charitable and financial advice to help maximize the impact of their donation in the community. The program will also help donors choose which local issues or

charitable organizations they want to support and co-ordinate all grant-making activities.

"This collaborative effort between BMO and The Guelph Community Foundation sparks interest in prospective donors that building a permanent endowment for a charitable cause is now available to more people than ever," says David van Veen, Vice-President and Branch Manager of BMO Nesbitt Burns in Guelph.

"We are excited about raising the profile of philanthropy, allowing donors a more direct and long-term role in their charitable giving and making a real difference in our community."

Further information on this initiative is available through The Guelph Community Foundation office or the local branches of BMO, Nesbitt Burns or Harris Private Banking.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!

Mark the date and JOIN US for The Guelph Community Foundation's

Community Gathering

in celebration of our donors and grant recipients

RSVP ~
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Tuesday **June 1, 2004** 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Guelph Youth Music Centre, 75 Cardigan Street

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Girls Fastpitch supports our community

The Guelph Girls Fastpitch Championship Committee, in co-operation with Guelph Girls Minor Softball, hosted a very successful national championship in Guelph in August 2003. More than 240 players, ages 17-19, plus family and coaches from across the country spent 9 days in the city to compete and enjoy our community. The national title was won by a team from British Columbia.

"The event was extremely successful in many ways," said organizer Ronnie Fraresso. "From the almost 600 volunteers to local supporters who came and enjoyed the games, we were thrilled with the results."

The event provided the community with the opportunity to devote the profits toward creating a fund with The Guelph Community Foundation. The fund will help to create scholarships, support programs and activities of the Girls Fastpitch in Guelph and area, and promote healthy, active living for girls through sport.



2003 SCHOLARSHIPS



Jessica Beitz receives the first Guelph Chamber of Commerce Millennium Scholarship from Ian Smith, President and CAO, Guelph Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to **Jessica Beitz**, the first recipient of the **Guelph Chamber of Commerce Millennium Scholarship**, administered by The Guelph Community Foundation. This scholarship provides financial support for trade and technical students, in an effort to alleviate the growing problem that industry has in recruiting suitably trained students in this field. Jessica graduated from John F. Ross in 2002 and is currently a student in the General Metal Machinist program at the Guelph campus of Conestoga College.

Two \$500 awards were presented at the Centennial CVI commencement ceremonies in November. **Kate Buddo** and **Emily Smit** were the recipients of the **Class of '71 scholarships in memory of Kathryn Winegard Award**. Both recipients were selected for their school spirit and participation in extra-curricular activities. Congratulations to both Kate and Emily as they pursue post-secondary studies.

Making Music Happen: Jazz-in-the-Schools

Local high school students recently had the opportunity to make music in workshops facilitated by guitarist/composer/arranger Michael Occhipinti. Winner of the 2002 National Jazz Award for Guitarist of the Year, Michael was a 2003 Juno Award nominee for Best Contemporary Jazz Album. He has also played in several venues at the Guelph Jazz Festival.

Students from J.F. Ross, Centennial CVI and Guelph CVI worked with Michael on jazz techniques including improvisation. The session enabled them to expand their knowledge and understanding of jazz. This musical opportunity was supported by a grant from The Guelph Community Foundation's Children and Youth Endowment Fund to the Guelph Jazz Festival.

Funds Opened to Date... Since April 2000, 22 funds have been created at the Foundation. Our staff and volunteers work with each donor to determine the type of fund most appropriate to his or her philanthropic intent. Thank you to our donors for creating these permanent legacies which, to date, total over \$1.3 million.

DONOR-DESIGNATED FUNDS

- Thelma Townsend Fund
- Anne Hohenadel Fund
- Tom Incledon Memorial Fund
- Valcom Employees Fund
- Kiera Schneider Memorial Fund
- Wynne Christie Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS/STUDENT AWARDS

- 175th Anniversary Scholarship Fund
- Guelph Chamber of Commerce
- Class of '71 in Memory of Kathryn Winegard Award
- Bruce Graham Memorial Fund
- Angelo and Rina Longo Scholarship Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

- Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth
- Bonnie Ewen Memorial Fund
- Guelph Mercury Kids to Camp Fund

CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS

- Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington
- Guelph Museum's Legacy Fund
- River Run Centre Endowment for the Performing Arts
- Hospice Wellington
- Bishop's Education Fund
- Guelph Girls Fastpitch Championship Fund

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- William Greenaway and Anne C. Bawden Fund
- The Co-operators Fund

More than 200 campers thank you!

The 2003 *Guelph Mercury* Kids to Camp program was another great success: completing its third year, more than 225 children were able to go to camp last summer. Children from our community experienced canoeing, fishing, swimming and making many new friends, thanks to the spirit of giving.

The Foundation and every child who was able to attend camp extend a hearty thank you to *The Guelph Mercury* and the many donors who provided over \$9,100 in support for 2003.



Bonnie Ewen Fund

Bonnie Ewen was a woman with a great passion for her community and for children in need. She was also a strong supporter of The Guelph Community Foundation. The Foundation lost a good friend when *The Guelph Mercury*'s Managing Editor passed away last December.

Bonnie's vision of a fund to provide camping opportunities for children who could not otherwise attend was one of the first funds created at The Guelph Community Foundation. Over the past three years, she reached out to readers, sharing her own personal experiences to convey to everyone the value of investing in these children. Since that time, over \$20,000 has been raised and distributed to support more than 700 children in our community to attend day camps and residential camps.

Bonnie's commitment to children was shared with her peers in the newspaper industry. The Guelph Community Foundation was pleased to work with Grand River Newspapers to create the Bonnie Ewen Fund in her memory. This endowment of over \$10,000, through the generosity of the newspapers and individual donors, will provide support for programs and activities for children in need throughout Guelph and Wellington County. As an endowment fund, it remains a legacy to Bonnie and will continue to give year after year in our community.

A perfect gift for Mom

by Pauline Curtis

This is a photo of my Mom with a 'bottle of the best' in 1936. Before Coke renamed their original recipe, my mother was a 'classic' all by herself. She passed away last May in her 86th year, and we are left with cherished memories and the wisdom of a practical and exceedingly resourceful woman who was full of fun.

Mom delighted in any gift she was ever given. She unwrapped them with the gusto of a 6-year-old. The first present I can remember buying Mom was a dishcloth nearly 50 years ago, which I likely purchased for pennies. She gave far more than she ever received. She also taught me the true joy of giving.

This past Christmas, though she was with us only in spirit, I wanted to buy her something special ~ and I've done it. It's perfect! In buying it, I have created an everlasting legacy in Mom's name. I've bought an Anne Hohenadel Fund through The Guelph Community Foundation. Please don't think I must be one of the rich and famous to be able to do this. Not so. I'm just an ordinary citizen who wants to honour an extraordinary person.

And here's the good news: as with all community foundation funds, the money I gave will be invested. The principle will never be spent. But the interest from Mom's fund will be used each and every year forever to provide something The Red Cross can use to help others. It may be a wheelchair to lend, or a hospital bed to replace one that's seen too many patients. While the options were many, I chose to direct her fund to the Puslinch Red Cross because Mom had supported them and had lived 63 years of her life in Puslinch Township. Now, every year, my gift extends her generosity. I can imagine her smiling all the way to Heaven!

This kind of gift is something we all could consider to honour the passing of someone special, the birth of a child, a wedding or anniversary or to acknowledge a lifetime mentor. We could do it in one payment or over time with what most Canadians spend on their daily coffee. We could do it alone or pool resources with family, friends or co-workers to make it happen. In case you're wondering why I have written this story, I feel there must be others who haven't thought of this kind of gift. My choice may prompt them to consider a gift that never stops giving. My only regret is that I did not think of this earlier when Mom and I could have planned it together. That would have been fun.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I love you.

■ Pauline Curtis is a board member of The Guelph Community Foundation. For more information on how to create a fund, contact the Foundation at (519) 821-9216 or visit our Website at www.guelphcf.ca



Donor-advised funds: A growing trend

As the fastest-growing type of endowed fund within community foundations across Canada and the United States, donor-advised funds are designed to help family giving. The Guelph Community Foundation invests the gifts of capital and consults with the donor on how the annual income generated by the endowment should be used within the community. It is a simple, yet effective way for a family to provide a lasting legacy to the community.

A growing trend across Canada — as well as in Guelph and Wellington County — is to develop a 'named' fund. This fund could include other family members in the development of the fund and in providing direction on grants that are given to the community. In this way, not only is the family providing a lasting legacy to the community, but the importance of philanthropy is shared with different generations of the same family.

For donors, there are many advantages of donor-advised funds:

- Donors may refer requests to the Foundation
- The Foundation can offer advice regarding needs and opportunities in the community, rather than burdening the donor with this aspect of gifting
- Costs associated with operating a private foundation are reduced by setting up a donor-advised fund. It has been recognized by private foundations that their operation requires a great deal of time and expense. A recent article from the U.S. notes that donors are finding the 'glamour' of a private foundation to be less than they had imagined, due to time and cost associated with such a venture. As a result, there is a growing trend to convert private foundations into donor-advised funds within Community Foundations, to avoid the bookkeeping, tax reporting and paper trail required by a private foundation.
- The importance of giving is shared with different generations of the same family. Children can take over direction of the donor-advised fund, getting them involved in giving.

To learn more about donor-advised funds, contact GCF at **519-821-9216** or e-mail: guelphcf@sympatico.ca

Other News...

The Guelph Community Foundation thanks the Ontario Trillium Foundation for awarding a two-year grant to us in support of our operations, endowment-building and raising our profile in the community.



Thank you to our donors

Thank you to our many generous donors over the past year. We look forward to sharing more donor and grant stories with you in our upcoming annual report.

Board of Directors update

The Foundation says goodbye to two original board members: Bob Berry and Bill Greenaway. Both were instrumental in the development and start-up of The Guelph Community Foundation. We welcome to the Board long-time Guelph resident Peter Barrow, President of Petrona Associates.

The Guelph Community Foundation Board of Directors:

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