



UPDATE: December 2015

It has been a busy few months at The Foundation and we are excited to share the headlines with you!

GUELPH GOT CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF KINDNESS! **Random Act of Kindness Day - 2015**

On November 6th, The Guelph Community Foundation was once again the Guelph Headquarters for Random Act of Kindness Day. As always, our goal was to encourage citizens, businesses and students of Guelph and surrounding area to practice kindness on a mass scale on a dedicated day, with the intention that people would continue to spread kindness in their daily lives. We generated some great community buzz and excitement - but the true heroes of Random Act of Kindness Day were our community. Caring people of Guelph surprised and amazed each other - thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful community-building cause.



Were you caught in the Act of Kindness? [Click here for more photos!](#)

FALL GRANT BREAKFAST CELEBRATION GRANTS OVER \$120,000 TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

At our fall grant celebration in October, The Guelph Community Foundation granted \$74,597 from a group of unrestricted funds, and \$49,500 was granted from the Musagetes Fund. The



total amount granted was \$124,097 to 39 different community groups. Our theme was "together we can be the seeds of change". Guests were entertained by performers from Guelph Dance Company (former grant recipient), and we heard grant impact stories from Guelph Dance, and then a graduate student spoke from Portage Addiction and Recovery Centre - both described the

impact of GCF grants on their lives. The guests also heard from Dr. Mary Peirson Cabena who shared her story about why she started a fund with The Foundation, and how it continues to impact her life as she contributes to her community.

GCF GALA RAISED \$50,000 FOR THE COMMUNITY FUND

In October, our 15th Anniversary Gala was held within the transformed interior of Old Quebec Street Mall where over 240 guests enjoyed live music and event festivities. Through the generosity of event sponsors, ticket sales and proceeds from the silent & live auction, we were able to raise \$50,000 for the Community Fund. This fund is invested and growth income will be reinvested back into our community through grants year after year, forever.



Thank you to everyone who played a role in assisting us reach our goal!

Did you attend our Gala? [Click here to view more photos!!](#)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



The staff and Board of Directors at The Guelph Community Foundation would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season! We also extend a heartfelt **thank you** to each and every one of our donors, volunteers, community organizations and supporters for your acts of kindness and generosity in 2015.

THE GIFT OF HOLIDAY GIVING

Please consider supporting our GCF [Community Fund](#). It allows us the greatest flexibility to respond to the ever changing needs in our community. You have until **December 31, 2015** to donate to receive a 2015 charitable tax receipt.



The last date for gifts of securities will be December 10, 2015. Gifts of securities can provide tax benefits - ask your Accountant or Investment Advisor or contact us for details.

Giving options:

-If [mailed](#), they must be received before December 31st, 2015. Donations postmarked by Canada Post **after** December 31, 2015 will receive a 2016 charitable tax receipt;

-For convenience, you can donate online easily and securely through [Canada Helps](#);

-To deliver your gift [in person](#), our **holiday hours** are Monday to Friday

9:00am to 4:00pm. We are closed from December 24 at noon, but open Tuesday December 29 - noon on Thursday December 31st. We reopen on Monday January 4, 2016.



Like us on Facebook



Follow us on Twitter



Join us on LinkedIn



[Contact Us](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

46 Cork Street East, Guelph, ON N1H 2W8,

Tel: 519.821.9216 | **Email:** info@guelphcf.ca | **Web:** <http://www.guelphcf.ca>

© 2015 The Guelph Community Foundation