

Guelph Community Foundation Supports Over \$200,000 in Spring Grants

July 7, 2010 (Guelph) - The Guelph Community Foundation recently reported its 2010 spring grants of over \$200,000 distributed to charitable organizations. "As we continue to connect donors who care with causes that matter, we have been able to grant \$1.7 million to a wide-range of community organisations since inception just 10 years ago", stated Andrea Olson, Executive Director for The Foundation.

"Spring grants for 2010 are almost double what they were for 2009 and it is important to ensure that programs supported with grants are productive and efficient and to consider a program mix that will be sustainable over time."

Although the Foundation's core business is building endowment funds, we continue to assist a number of donors who wish to make a 'flow-through' gift to charities they feel passionate about. "We have not completed our granting for the year", said Olson, "the Foundation will be granting over \$50,000 more this fall within the arts & culture sector and our Building Vital Communities program which is focused on areas of opportunity and need as identified in our Vital Signs reports".

The spirit of giving in Guelph continues to inspire us at the Foundation and the following is a list of our spring grants:

Organization/Grant Recipient	Amount	Fund
Animal Health & Environment		
Guelph Humane Society	\$500.00	Anonymous Donor
Nature Conservancy of Canada	\$3,000.00	Anonymous Donor
Arts & Culture		
City of Guelph - Loretto Convent Building Fund	\$100.00	GCF Community Fund
Guelph Civic Museum - volunteer development	\$1,250.00	Thelma Townsend Fund
Guelph Youth Singers	\$2,000.00	Dr. Glenn D. Peirson Fund for the Arts
River Run Centre	\$500.00	Anonymous Donor
Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada	\$600.00	Anonymous Donor Made possible from a group of funds (Bonnie Ewen Fund; Camp Discover Fund; GCF Children & Youth Fund; Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund) and two anonymous donors.
Children & Youth - Kids Summer Camp Program		
Belwood Lodge & Camp	\$1,250.00	
Canadian Diabetes Association	\$1,300.00	
City of Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition	\$2,000.00	
Community Resource Centre of North and Centre Wellington	\$1,500.00	
Everdale Farm and Learning Centre	\$1,000.00	
Great Big Theatre Company	\$225.00	
Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival	\$1,584.00	
Guelph Youth Music Centre	\$1,000.00	
Guelph-Wellington Women In Crisis	\$500.00	
Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre	\$820.00	
The Salvation Army	\$1,000.00	
Children, Youth & Recreation		
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph	\$500.00	Anonymous Donor
Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington	\$100.00	GCF Community Fund
City of Guelph - Civic Square Project (skating rink)	\$25,000.00	Bill & Leslie Mactaggart Fund
KidsAbility Foundation Endowment Fund	\$300.00	KidsAbility Foundation Fund
Onward Willow BBBF – Books for Birthdays Program	\$1,700.00	Koornstra Family Fund

Rainbow Programs for Children	\$4,477.50	Cremasco Fund
Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre	\$4,901.07	Honourable William C. Winegard
Education - Awards and Burseries for students attending the following schools		
Bishop Macdonell CHS, Our Lady of Lourdes CHS, St. James CHS	\$600.00	John A. Hourigan Memorial Fund
Bishop Macdonell CHS, Our Lady of Lourdes CHS, St. James CHS	\$3,000.00	Angelo & Rina Longo Fund
Bishop Macdonell CHS, Our Lady of Lourdes CHS, St. James CHS, Centennial CVI, College Heights HS, Guelph CVI, John F. Ross HS	\$7,000.00	Ray Scapinello Foundation Fund
Bishops University	\$1,000.00	Terry Doyle Scholarship Fund
Education		
Ignatius Jesuit Centre - Student Retreat Centre	\$50,000.00	Bishops Education Fund (WCDSB)
Ignatius Jesuit Centre	\$100.00	GCF Community Fund Nicholas Lambden Memorial Children's Foundation Fund
Willow Road School - Reading Cart Project	\$1,000.00	
Health & Wellness		
Guelph General Hospital Foundation	\$500.00	Anonymous Donor
Guelph General Hospital Foundation	\$1,350.00	Valcom Employee Guelph Ctrs Benefit Fund
Guelph General Hospital Foundation - MRI & More Campaign	\$4,901.07	Honourable William C. Winegard
Hospice Wellington	\$1,250.00	Wynne Townsend Christie Fund
Hospice Wellington	\$5,900.00	Honourable William C. Winegard
Hospice Wellington	\$10,000.00	Fathers Remembered by Daughters Fund
Hospice Wellington	\$50,000.00	Anonymous Donor
St. Joseph's Health Centre Foundation	\$1,350.00	Valcom Employee Guelph Ctrs Benefit Fund
Social Services		
Chalmers Community Services Centre - food cupboard	\$500.00	Anonymous Donor Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington Fund
Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington	\$1,500.00	
Eramosa Union Cemetery	\$1,400.00	William & Leslie Mactaggart
Friends of Veterans	\$500.00	Anonymous Donor
Medicins Sans Frontieres	\$2,000.00	Anonymous Donor
Oxfam Canada	\$1,000.00	Anonymous Donor
Puslinch Red Cross	\$290.00	Anne Hohenadel Fund
Red Cross - International Disaster Relief Fund	\$1,000.00	Anonymous Donor
United Way Toronto	\$10,005.94	William D. Packham
USC Canada	\$500.00	Anonymous Donor
Total 2010 Spring Grants	\$213,754.58	

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About The Guelph Community Foundation

The Guelph Community Foundation is an independent, volunteer-driven charitable foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in promoting community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and of Wellington County. 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. The Foundation currently has \$6.7 Million in capital assets and since its inception just 10 years ago has disbursed over \$1.7 Million in grants to community organisations.

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