

## The Guelph Community Foundation FAQ



**The Guelph Community Foundation** is a public foundation created by and for the people of Guelph and Wellington County. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of many donors into permanent, income-earning endowments. Income from the endowments provides grants for a wide range of community needs and opportunities – *for now and for always*.

### What we do

We help:

- Invest in the charities and causes you care about most.
- Professional advisors assist their clients.
- Local charities build endowments for the future.
- Local charities access grants and financial support for projects and initiatives.
- Bring people and organizations together to address local issues and opportunities.

### Features

Simple, flexible and cost-effective.

Personalized service and local expertise.

Accept a wide variety of gifts and provide donors with a number of charitable options.

Tax advantage under federal and provincial law.

### Types of Endowment Funds

GCF Community Fund (unrestricted)

Donor Advised

Donor Designated

Field of Interest

Memorial & Tribute

Other GCF Funds: Environmental, Children & Youth, Ken Hamill Operating Fund

Charitable Agency

### Investments

The Foundation has been entrusted to create and steward over 100 funds. Total funds under administration are \$10.7 million with over \$7.7 million in permanent endowed assets. Funds are overseen by a volunteer investment committee comprised of local investment professionals and by professional investment consultants with extensive experience in endowment building and long-term investment strategies.

### Grants

More than \$2.3 million in grants since inception 14 years ago.

### Our Vision

To leave our community greater, better and more beautiful through the philanthropic leadership of those in our area.

### Founded

Started in 2000 through the vision of Ken Hammill who remains an Honorary Board Member.

### Status

Public foundation, registered charity #867278350 RR0001.

### Leadership

Board Chair: Susan Brown

Past Chair: Jay Elinesky

Executive Director: Chris Willard

Legal Counsel: Miller Thomson

### Member

Community Foundations of Canada

Guelph Chamber of Commerce

Volunteer Ctr of Guelph Wellington



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