

Community Matters



Anyone Can Build A Legacy!

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GCF Mission

To enhance the quality of life and vitality in Guelph and surrounding communities by supporting and promoting endowments and donor service, grant making and community leadership.

GCF Vision

To leave our community greater, better and more beautiful than it was given to us through the philanthropic leadership of those in our area.

Mark Your Calendar

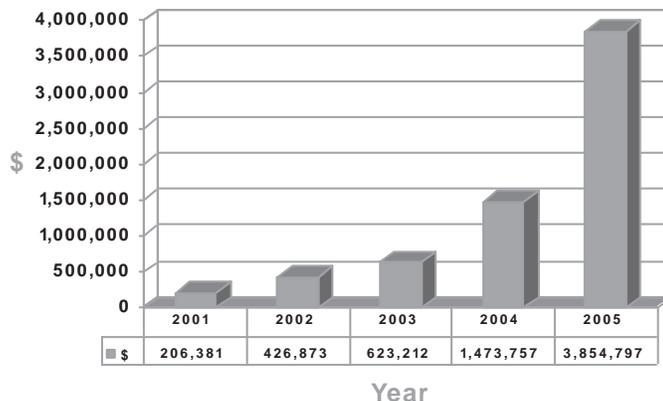
- ✓ **May 2006**
Annual Community Event
- ✓ **June 2006**
Visit the GCF website for 2005 annual report information.
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\$830,000 donation to support arts & culture

Most people give because they have identified a cause about which they feel passionate. Often it is to support an area of interest. Others simply want to share their good fortune or help organizations that have supported their loved ones.

For the donors of the Musagetes Fund, it supports their passion for the arts and culture in our community and they have been very strategic about their philanthropy. Through their generosity, The Guelph Community Foundation received a donation of \$830,000 in November 2005. "We are thrilled our fund is already making a difference in our community and we are hopeful it will challenge others to explore this idea of leaving an everlasting legacy at whatever size their income will allow. Legacy is within reach for us all," says donor Michael Barnstijn.

This donation, along with the gifts from many other donors, quickly boosted the Foundation's assets to over \$3.8 million, ending 2005 as one outstanding year! This is an incredible testimony to the generosity and commitment of those living in our community. ☺



**The Guelph
Community
Foundation
5 Year Asset Growth**

What's your legacy?



**For our children & youth . . . for diversity . . . for the love of music & art
. . . for our environment . . . for a greater understanding of our world.**

What's new from the Executive Director

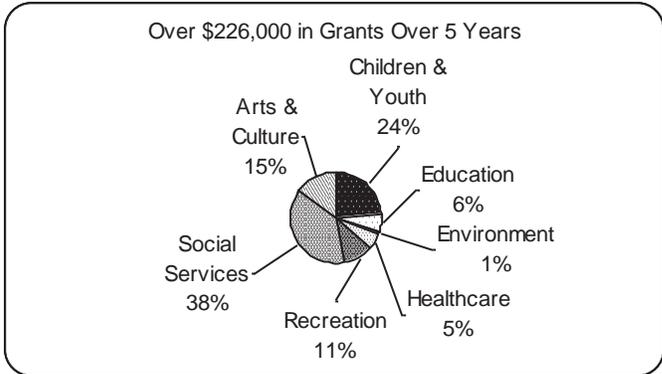
Our stories share with you some of the highlights of 2005. We have indeed had an exciting year! Over **\$2.2 million** in new gifts to the Foundation, represented in part by **22 new funds**. The legacy of these funds will support a wide range of programs and activities throughout our charitable sector: arts & culture, children & youth, education, environment, healthcare and social services.

The GCF return on investment for 2005 was **over 12%**. This solid return allows us to keep growing the endowment funds in order to build the support to community groups. We are most appreciative of our Investment Committee volunteers and investment manager for their excellent work.

In 2005, over **\$74,000** in grants and scholarships were made to **41** organizations.

Thank-you donors, charitable organizations and volunteers!

Cindy Lindsay



The Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund . . . the gift of a camp experience

Fact: Fund established in 2001.

Fact: Grants totaling \$39,776.

Fact: Supports children & youth who are disadvantaged financially or have special needs.

Fact: Has supported 20 camp organizations in Guelph-Wellington over the past 5 years.

Fact: Has benefited hundreds of children & youth either in full or partial subsidy.

Fact: 100% of these gifts, from donors in our community, are granted out every summer.

Fact: Depending on the camp, a donation of \$25-\$50 can subsidize a child for 1 week of camp, and a gift of \$100-\$300 can fully support a child for an entire week.

What we do: The Guelph Community Foundation builds strong partnerships with local organizations that assist with the camper selection process. Once campers are identified, these organizations apply to us for funding assistance on behalf of the families, and we try our best to help as many children as possible.

Thank you to our Kids-to-Camp donors!



Salvation Army Discovery Daycamp Campers



Kids-to-Camp Grants	
2001	\$5,845
2002	\$4,860
2003	\$9,160
2004	\$8,556
2005	\$11,355
Total	\$39,776

Its more than sports, arts & crafts, exploration, games and music . . . feedback from campers, staff, and parents:

Growth & Achievement

- "My thanks to all at Project C.A.N.O.E., my child could never have had this **experience** if not for you. He learned to **trust** and **share** his feelings with others, which has been very hard for him to do."

Friendship & Aspiration

- "Josh has already made plans to see his new **friends** over the fall and is already talking about being a camp counsellor when he is 16."

Learning & Independence

- "Camp Sunrise is great for Jesse's **self-esteem**. It allows him to be with his peers, gets him **involved**, builds **self-confidence** and brings him out of his shell. The animals are a **special** part of this experience."

Happiness, Laughter = Great Memories!

- "This was my **best day ever!**" [camper who attended the Neighbourhood Support Coalition Day Camp]

Anyone can donate to this fund! Just fill out the enclosed donor information card and send it to us with your gift.

A family's tribute to their father . . . the John A. Hourigan Memorial Fund

John [Jack] Hourigan, was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan in 1911 and his career in finance brought him and his wife Marjorie to Guelph in 1952. Besides being very busy with his career and raising 5 children, he served on the Wellington County Separate School Board as a Trustee from 1956-1986.

The Hourigan home was the gathering place for friends and neighbours. Music, faith and tradition were important to Jack Hourigan who played the piano all his life. He enjoyed sports and only wished he had started playing golf earlier in life, instead of waiting until he retired.

Jack Hourigan was devoted to Catholic education and many people expressed admiration for his efforts as a Trustee. *"It is those comments that inspired us to create a lasting memory of our father"*, stated Paul Hourigan.



From bottom left: The late John [Jack] Hourigan & son Paul
From top left: Daughters Maureen, Dianne, Joan and Linda

Last year, after their father's passing, the family discussed the idea of creating a scholarship fund. They were excited about the idea of continuing their father's support of Catholic education, however, there were concerns with how to administer such a fund.

Richard Woolfrey, their father's lawyer at Moon Heath LLP in Guelph, listened to their ideas and talked about The Guelph Community Foundation. After visiting the Foundation's website [www.guelphcf.ca] and a few telephone conversations with staff, the family realized that the Foundation offered a solution to their wishes.

Together, the family created the John A. Hourigan Memorial Fund, a scholarship fund to support students in Catholic education.

"The Guelph Community Foundation provided direction and a comfort level that we could create a lasting memorial to our father, which would in turn benefit others in an area that he dedicated a great deal of his life", stated Paul Hourigan.

What a wonderful way to celebrate a loved one's life, forever! ☪

New fund update

Since October of 2005, the following funds have been created:

- ✓ Guelph Arts Council Youth Endowment Fund
- ✓ Guelph Arts Council Jane Graham Memorial Fund
- ✓ Guelph Community Health Centre
- ✓ June McCann Fund
- ✓ Dr. Griffith A.V. Morgan Fund
- ✓ John A. Hourigan Memorial Fund

Thank you to our donors for creating these permanent legacies!

The Terry Doyle Scholarship Fund



The late Terry Doyle

Over 600 theatre patrons, sponsors, Rotarians, friends and family members gathered at the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse on January 28th to pay tribute to the late Terry Doyle with a spirited celebration of music and laughter. Terry Doyle died suddenly last June while performing in the opening night performance of *Beauty and the Beast* in Grand Bend.

Terry was a proud family man with his wife Joyce, two sons, and five grandchildren. He was also a community champion, as a former board member for the River Run Centre, an active member of the Norfolk United Church, and a longstanding Guelph Rotarian.

Upon Terry's passing, several Rotarians gathered together and discussed how they could preserve Terry's spirit. They approached The Guelph Community Foundation and established a scholarship fund in Terry's name. The Terry Doyle Scholarship Fund will provide our youth with financial assistance towards post secondary study in the performing arts. While Terry will be missed by all, his legacy and exceptional character will continue. ☪

We're On The Web!
www.guelphcf.ca

The Guelph Community Foundation

If you would like to learn more, we would be pleased to share the impact of our presence and the level of granting that we have provided in such a short time.

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What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a collection of charitable funds established by people from all walks of life who have one thing in common - the desire to make a difference in their community, forever.

Donations to endowment funds are pooled together and invested. The income from these investments is then used to make grants to support local registered charities, while the capital remains untouched.

We are often asked how to make a gift to The Guelph Community Foundation. The Foundation accepts everything from loonies to legacies. Simple donations to existing funds can be any size.

Here are the steps:

1. Gifts we can accept: →

Cash or Cheque
Securities [stocks, bonds, mutual funds, stock option shares]
Life Insurance
Bequest
Real Estate & Residual Interest

2. Connect with a fund:

You can establish your own fund or support one of the GCF Funds currently held:

Type of Fund	What It Is	Sample Funds Currently Held
Unrestricted Fund	A donation to this fund gives the Foundation the greatest flexibility to be able to respond to the current and ever changing community needs.	~ Community Fund ~ Meridian Credit Union Fund ~ Co-operators Fund ~ Wm. K. Greenaway & Anne C. Bowden Fund
Field of Interest Fund	Donors identify an area of interest they would like to target their support.	~ Children & Youth Fund ~ Environmental Legacy Fund
Designated Fund	Gives donors the opportunity to specify which charities they would like to support in perpetuity.	~ Mary K. Richards Fund ~ Wynne Townsend Christie Fund ~ Anne Hohenadel Fund
Donor Advised Fund	Enables donors to have ongoing participation in the selection of charities that will benefit their gift.	~ Musagetes Fund ~ Dr. Griffith A.V. Morgan Fund ~ Norman Earl Webb Fund
Scholarship Fund	Donors can support the continuing education or training of deserving students, or help with the financial challenges of post secondary education.	~ Dr. Harry Downie Memorial Fund ~ GCORI Graduate Scholarship Fund ~ Bruce Graham Memorial Fund ~ Terry Doyle Scholarship Fund
Charitable Endowment Fund	Allows registered charities to set up a fund without the responsibility of investment management. Once established, the charity can encourage their donors to contribute to their endowment fund.	~ Children's Foundation of Guelph & Wellington ~ River Run Centre Endowment Fund ~ Hospice Wellington Fund ~ KidsAbility Fund
Managed Fund [non endowed]	Donations are collected on behalf of the fund and disbursed as needed.	~ Bishop's Education Fund/WCDSB ~ Guelph Girls Fastpitch Championship Fund

3. Donation is carefully invested & managed.

4. Charities may apply for funding.

Applications are evaluated by our Grants Committee to match the philanthropic wishes of the donor to make a visible and lasting difference in our community.

5. Grant making!

Grants are dispersed to a wide range of registered charities within Guelph and Wellington County in the following categories:

ARTS & CULTURE	EDUCATION	YOUTH & SENIORS
ENVIRONMENT	HEALTH	SOCIAL SERVICES

Each organization that receives a grant is required to complete an evaluation to monitor the success of the program. Our follow-up procedure allows us to assess the outcomes of our grants. ☺