

## July 2012 Foundation Update



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#### Co-operative enterprises build a better world ...

In this International Year of Co-operatives, we would like to take the opportunity to highlight [The Co-operators Fund](#), the organization's past support of Vital Signs and Random Act of Kindness Day, and their ongoing contributions to our Board and its committees. They clearly live the co-operative principle of concern for community.

*"We created The Co-operators unrestricted fund in 2003 in recognition that community needs change over time and with an understanding that The Guelph Community Foundation needs funding and flexibility to address those evolving community challenges,"* said Barbara Turley-McIntyre, Director, Sustainability & Corporate Citizenship.

**Thank you to The Co-operators for supporting a wide variety of initiatives through our Community Grants Program.** Read the [full story](#) behind The Co-operators Fund.

#### Let's talk about flexibility ...

Relaxed vacation time is often when our best ideas and conversations take place. Time spent sitting around the camp fire can be a great opportunity to discuss your philanthropic goals with family. You can find out what is important to them and the issues they are passionate about.

The flexibility of community foundations has been key to our growth. Our ability to accept many kinds of gifts (*cash, securities, bequests, life insurance*), satisfy almost any donor interest, and engage our fund holders and their families in the granting, builds community and active citizenship. Want to get started? [Contact us](#) for our **Family Philanthropy Workbook** - we are here to help you.

#### Planned Giving

Doing your Will is important and keeping it up-to-date is crucial. Many people support us through future gifts from their estates. A charitable bequest allows you to make a significant donation upon your death, that you may not have been able to make during your lifetime. It's also an easy way to reduce taxes upon death, increase inheritances to your loved ones and make a difference in your community.

Talk to us about your options; we'll treat your questions with utmost care and confidentiality.

#### Inspired by a community that cares ...

The Guelph Community Foundation Board of Directors is committed to representing our community's interests, setting direction, and monitoring The Foundation's operations.

We are now inviting applications for appointment of up to three candidates to The Foundation's **volunteer** Board of Directors. All applications will be considered, however, we

are seeking individuals with leadership and expertise in one or more of the following sectors: corporate, business, financial, and legal. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to your community and utilize your leadership skills in a unique organization.

Interested individuals are asked to submit a letter of introduction and résumé by September 14, 2012. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Tell us your story ...

**Has your life been touched by The Guelph Community Foundation?** Whether you're a grant recipient, scholarship winner, donor, volunteer or friend of The Foundation, we want to hear from you! We invite you to share your story or let us know how it has impacted your life.



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