

Community Matters

Shaping our community?

The Guelph Community Foundation is built upon a **simple concept** . . . with some rather complex details. Foundation Chair, Dan Cremasco says, "since the Foundation's inception, over \$320,000 has been granted to a growing number of community organizations in a variety of areas, including: Arts & Culture, Children & Youth, Education, Environment, Health, Social Services, Sports & Recreation, and Seniors". These grants come from the investment income of an endowment, that has now reached over \$4.2 million.

That is the basic principle of The Guelph Community Foundation — donations are **invested** in perpetuity, with the income from those endowments distributed as **grants**. A community foundation is an organization that invests for the future.

Community foundation's are amongst the fastest-growing forms of **philanthropy** in Canada today and they all have three special features:

- 1] Endowment building and personalized service
- 2] Local grantmaking expertise
- 3] Community leadership

Like any charitable group, the real **value** of the organization lies in its volunteers. We have over 20 active volunteers with so much talent and enthusiasm. As with any young charitable organization, there always seems to be a need for **operating** dollars to allow the Foundation to do it's work.

This past year, the Foundation approached a few individuals/companies to ask if they might wish to support a long-term commitment to the Foundations operations. Blackmont Capital, Tom Bird & Jay Elinesky of RBC Dominion Securities, Robinson & Company LLP, and Robinson, Lott and Brohman LLP all agreed to be apart of this program called **ENGAGE**.

"Over the last five years, **legacies** have been created that are helping to shape our community and the way we live through the vision of many donors to build endowment funds", stated Grant Robinson of Robinson & Company LLP, "we see that we can play a strong role by providing an annual contribution to the Foundation's operations so that it can continue to **grow** philanthropy in our community . . . today and for generations to come".



Photo: Robinson & Company LLP presenting a cheque to The Guelph Community Foundation

Thank you to our ENGAGE donors for believing that the health of their business and the health of the community is linked. By using our knowledge and networks, our plan is to 'connect people who care with causes that matter'. ☺



Tom Bird & Jay Elinesky



Anyone can donate a gift to The Guelph Community Foundation! Just fill in the enclosed donor card and send it to us with your cheque. All donations over \$10 will receive a receipt for income tax purpose.

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.

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Business coming together to support the community

Mark Your Calendar

- *To receive your 2006 charitable receipt, please ensure your cheque is dated and received no later than December 31, 2006.
- *Donations of 'gifts of securities' should be received by December 15, 2006 to allow for processing.

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Grant impact . . . Helping Hands for Art & Culture

Immigrating and becoming a new Canadian is a huge change and many women can feel very **isolated** as they begin a new life in a completely different culture. Last Fall, the Guelph Community Health Centre was granted \$3,000 for a program called **Helping Hands for Arts & Culture**, supporting women from different backgrounds. The program provides opportunity for women to meet others in a safe space, where, through art, they share their skills and experiences as immigrants, and are able to talk about specific issues that affect them, their families and communities.

The program is still running, and to-date 23 women from 9 countries have participated and developed incredible **relationships** with one another, and have created a support system for themselves. Women are more aware of their rights and responsibilities within their new environment and have access to information that can be of assistance if they need it. Interpreters are provided for those who have communication barriers. It has also allowed the Health Centre to **strengthen** its outreach with *English as a Second Language* programs in schools.

Thank you to our generous donors from the Foundation's Musagetes Fund for creating an everlasting impact for these women in our community. ☺



Philanthropy at work . . . new gift of over \$118,000

Mary had many fond **memories** of summer camp. From meeting new friends, acquiring a new skill, or just having a ton of fun. These were special moments that were close to her heart.

This year, Mary established a new fund at The Guelph Community Foundation that will support camp opportunities for **children and youth** . . . forever. This new gift of \$118,650 came in the form of a securities transfer as Mary, who worked closely with her Professional Advisor, wanted to take advantage of the new tax incentive as well as fulfill her philanthropic goal of **leaving a legacy** in her community.

Earlier this year, the federal government announced new **tax incentives** for charitable giving. Gifts of publicly traded securities have always had appeal to donors, however, in the May 2006 Federal Budget, it was announced that capital gains tax on gifts of publicly traded securities was eliminated.

It is anticipated that this will triple the charitable



Photo: Kids at Neighbourhood Coalition Day Camp

giving across our country and will make a huge impact on our charitable sector and provide an exciting **opportunity** for donors in our community to make a difference. ☺

Note: The donor's name has been changed to reflect her wishes of anonymity.

The Donors Goal:

- To create a legacy and give back to the community
- To remain anonymous
- To provide ongoing support and opportunity for children and youth to attend summer camp

The Guelph Community Foundations Response:

- A Field of Interest Fund

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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Message from Cindy Lindsay - Executive Director

With the holiday season just around the corner, this issue is focused on **philanthropy**. There are many definitions of Philanthropy, but the one I like best is from Merriam-Webster On-Line for kids as it is a simple message to many complex problems. It states that philanthropy is "a spirit of goodwill towards all people, especially when expressed in active and generous efforts to help others".

National Philanthropy Day is Wednesday November 15th. This day gives us a chance to honour all the contributions philanthropy has made. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of **giving** and all that it has accomplished, as well as what there still is to do.

This holiday season, as you and your family continue to support your favorite causes and charities, I would like to wish you health and happiness and extend a huge **thank-you** to all of our generous donors and volunteers who support the Foundation, and the many charitable organizations who do such great work in our community. *Thank-you* to donors who are planning to leave a future gift through their estates. Gifts in a Will are the most common way that individuals provide a **gift for the future**. We look forward to working closely with the community, its partners and each individual whose goal is to make Guelph Wellington a **model** for others to aspire to. ☺

Philanthropy . . . featuring two organizations that accept gifts this holiday season

Adopt-A-Family

You can make a world of **difference** in a child's life.



In November, the Children's Foundation receives referrals from a variety of social service agencies for families with children who need **assistance** during the holiday season. Volunteers match these families with community donors who are provided with the names and wish lists of the children. The donors purchase the gifts (within their budgets) and return them unwrapped. Volunteers wrap the gifts and send them to the social workers for delivery to the families. Included with the gifts are food vouchers to help with their dinner expenses for this special occasion.

In 2005, 312 families were helped (631 children/youth & 348 parents). You can also donate cash, food vouchers, hydro vouchers, and gift certificates. For more information about this program, contact **The Children's Foundation of Guelph Wellington:** (519) 826-9551 or visit www.childrensfoundation.org



Women & Children Need Your Help

Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (WIC) is a local non-profit providing shelter and support services for women and their children escaping intimate partner **abuse** and sexual **violence**.

In-kind donations are welcome throughout the year, however, the holiday season **heightens** the need for the women and children they support. Donations of toys are often plentiful, however, WIC has a special need of gifts for adolescent girls and boys as well as gifts for women. There is also a **critical need** for food vouchers.

New unwrapped donations and gifts can be dropped off at the WIC office in Guelph at 18 Norwich St. E., but please call to ensure the office is open. This year WIC is partnering with the Salvation Army to ensure women using their services receive gifts for their children and themselves, as well as help with food.

For more information contact **Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis:** (519) 836-1110 or visit www.gwwomenincrisis.org



New funds for 2006

- Camp Discover Fund** ~ supporting children & youth summer camp
- Fathers Remembered by Daughters Fund** ~ supporting palliative care
- Guelph Community Health Centre Fund** ~ supporting the GCHC
- Lorna Guthrie Fund** ~ supporting heritage preservation
- Italian Canadian Club** ~ supporting local charities
- Andy Lindsay Memorial Scholarship Fund** ~ supporting agriculture & rural youth development
- June McCann Fund** ~ supporting the Community Mental Health Clinic

Thank you to our donors for creating these permanent legacies!

Philanthropy is granting \$68,880

The following list of **Fall 2006** grants are supported through the **generosity** of our donors:

The Musagetes Fund grants \$49,580 to arts & culture

A community's prosperity isn't just defined by its economic outlook. Lively communities celebrate arts and culture as well. The Musagetes Fund held by the GCF supports a range of initiatives that contribute to the cultural fabric of our community, from nurturing young artists to ensuring the long-term viability of arts organizations.

- ◆ **Anishnabeg Outreach**~\$2,000 to *Aboriginal Youth Music*
- ◆ **Architectural Conservancy of Ontario**~\$2,500 to *Heritage Recognition Awards*
- ◆ **Guelph International Film Festival**~\$5,000 to *GIFF festival event*
- ◆ **Guelph Jazz Festival**~\$3,500 to *Jazz in the Schools*
- ◆ **Guelph Youth Music Centre**~\$10,000 to *Children & Youth Outreach*
- ◆ **Spark of Brilliance**~\$2,500 to *Mosaic Enabling Garden Sculpture*
- ◆ **Suzuki String School**~\$1,080 to *Music Therapy program*
- ◆ **University of Guelph**~\$20,000 to *Shakespeare -Made in Canada*
- ◆ **Women of the World**~\$3,000 to *Youth Endless Possibilities*

Classroom investments of \$8,900

- ◆ **Laurie Nicholl Education Fund**~\$3,400 to 8 students attending post secondary educational institutions
- ◆ **Ray Scapinello Foundation**~\$3,000 to 3 deserving youth from Guelph High Schools
- ◆ **Guelph 175th Fund**~\$1,000 to Ainsley Moir attending Conestoga College
- ◆ **Bruce Graham Memorial Fund**~\$1,000 to Stephanie McTague attending University of Toronto
- ◆ **Class of '71 Award in Memory of Kathryn Winegard**~\$500 to Shazli Shethwala attending Centennial C.V.I.

Other community grants of \$10,400

- ◆ **Janet Borg Memorial Foundation Fund**~\$1,900 to Weekend to End Breast Cancer
- ◆ **Guelph Arts Council -Jane Graham Memorial Fund**~\$500 to Chris Hierlihy for professional development in visual arts
- ◆ **McNeil Consumer Healthcare**~\$2,900 to Guelph Wellington Seniors Association for the *Evergreen Action Nutrition* program
- ◆ **Thelma Townsend Fund**~\$1,800 to Guelph Museums
- ◆ **KidsAbility Fund**~\$1,500 to KidsAbility
- ◆ **Wynne Townsend Christie Fund**~\$1,800 to Hospice Wellington

Our granting guidelines, current funding priorities and grant application are available on our website: www.guelphcf.ca ☺

Six tips on raising philanthropic children

All parents want their children to appreciate their gifts and share with others. When and how can they pass on a tradition of giving while respecting each child's individuality?

Begin as soon as your child begins receiving

It's never too early. Very young children can collect pennies for UNICEF or help bake for a community bake sale. Older children can set aside a portion of allowances and select a cause to support with the funds.

Make philanthropy a family affair

Make children aware of your family's philanthropy. Discuss your dreams and listen to theirs. Don't despair if your child shows little interest; simply keep him or her informed and leave options for participation open.

Support your community's philanthropic education initiatives

Many schools now require students to fulfill a community service requirement. If your child's school does not, suggest it; and think about making a contribution to get a program off the ground.

Find a cause your child is passionate about

As children grow older they often assert their independence with distinctly contrarian attitudes. Find out what causes your child is passionate about and encourage involvement.

Find your child a philanthropic mentor

If your child hesitates to become involved, find a community minded adult with whom your child would feel privileged to spend time. This will provide a measure of independence and will broaden his or her horizons.

Be your child's philanthropic hero

The greatest way to ensure that charitable giving is a significant part of your child's life is to ensure that it plays a large role in your own life. Make sure that your children understand the joy you derive from your own philanthropic involvement.

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