



Media Release

Guelph Community Foundation's Open House Event will unveil more than just a new office space

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The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) is officially opening its doors to the community to celebrate their new office in the heart of Guelph. But freshly painted walls and a bright boardroom are not the only things you will discover if you drop in to the open house next week. The Macdonald Stewart Art Centre will be unveiling a small exhibit of paintings and sculptures within the Foundation's new space. "We have chosen a broad selection of works created by local artists that are going to look fantastic on the walls of the Foundation's new office" says Dawn Owen, Acting Director at Macdonald Stewart Art Centre. "You will see pieces ranging in materiality from encaustic on canvas, painted steel, silver print photographs and embroidery on tapestry, among other forms of artistic expression" reveals Owen.

The partnership with the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre and the GCF is a natural fit. "The Guelph Community Foundation's mandate is to support and cultivate vitality within our community, and the artists we have selected for this satellite exhibit are the perfect representation of that core value" said Chris Willard, Executive Director at the GCF. Works of art by Guelph artists including Don Russell, Greg Denton and Armand Buzbuzian will be part of the installation (all are graduates of the University of Guelph), which also features art by Diane Bos, John Kissick, Jennifer Gordon and James Carl.

Everyone in the Guelph and surrounding communities are invited to attend the Guelph Community Foundation Open House on Wednesday April 15th anytime between 3:30 and 6:30 PM. A short ceremony will take place at 4:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided with special thanks to The Mactaggart Team at Richardson GMP and CI Investments.

The Guelph Community Foundation is located at 46 Cork Street East, Guelph. Anyone planning on attending is asked to RSVP to specialprojects@guelphcf.ca

About The Guelph Community Foundation

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in promoting community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding communities. 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. Total funds under administration are \$11.3 million with over \$8 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, over \$3 million has been distributed to over 800 charitable initiatives. In 2015, the Guelph Community Foundation is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary.

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