



Media Release

The Guelph Community Foundation's Open House Event marked a new chapter of vision and growth

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For 15 years, the Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) has been investing in community organizations that make a difference and inject vitality into the city of Guelph and surrounding areas. To mark their anniversary, and celebrate the momentum of a new chapter, they opened the doors of their new downtown office space earlier this week. The event was attended by founding members, donors, community supporters and partners and had a festive air of excitement. "We are riding a wave of momentum" said Susan Brown, outgoing Board Chair in her welcoming address. "The new office space, additional office support, and the upcoming Gala in October is fueling an energy within the Foundation that will surge us into the next chapter". The Foundation recently hired a Marketing & Communications specialist, Lianne Carter Ladner as well as Volunteer Coordinator Beverly Watters.

Guests were able to get a sneak peek at the MSAC satellite art installation now on display on the walls of the Foundation. "The Guelph Community Foundation's mandate is to support and cultivate vitality within our community, and the artists works you see here today represent that spirit" said Brown.

Dominique O'Rourke, incoming Board Chair, thanked the original founders of the past, the current team and what is to come in the future. "Fifteen years of endowment building, granting and bringing people together to enhance the quality of life in Guelph deserves a celebration" said O'Rourke. "That is why we will be holding our first ever fundraising gala on October 3rd, 2015." The Dine & Dance gala will be held in Old Quebec Street and include music by Juno-nominated band *God Made Me Funky*.

The Open House event was attended by more than 100 guests. Anyone who was unable to attend is welcome to stop by and find out more about how GCF reach and positively change our community.

About the Guelph Community Foundation:

Fifteen years ago, a handful of people had a vision to build endowments that could be transformed into a perpetual stream of grants for a broad range of local causes and organizations – essentially it's an investment of giving that would last forever. What started with one \$13,000 fund has grown to over 100 funds that have given more than \$3 million in grants to over 800 local organizations. Arts, environment, children & youth, health, animal welfare – no sector has been untouched by the work of the Guelph Community Foundation.

The Guelph Community Foundation's new office is located at 46 Cork Street East. For more information about the Foundation, please visit our website at www.guelphcf.ca

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