

# Media Release



## **New home for Guelph Community Foundation**

### **Moving day is Wednesday, February 11**

February 9, 2015

A simple idea and big dreams launched the Guelph Community Foundation fifteen years ago. Since then, it's grown from one to more than 100 funds and has distributed over \$3 million in grants to over 800 charitable organizations in Guelph and the surrounding area.

While The Foundation has been neighbours with the Guelph Arts Council in the Wellington Building since 2002, all that growth created a need for more office space, dedicated meeting space and easier street-front access.

“We’ll be more accessible, a lot more visible and we’ll have room for our board and committees to meet,” said Executive Director, Chris Willard. “Plus, our new neighbour is the Volunteer Centre of Guelph Wellington so we’ll be in great company.”

The Foundation moves into their new home at 46 Cork Street East, Unit 2, on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. An official open house later this year will be one of the many events planned to mark The Foundation’s fifteenth anniversary but visitors are welcome – as soon as the movers are done.

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#### **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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