



Media Advisory

New Executive Director for Guelph Community Foundation

September 27, 2013(Guelph) – The Board of Directors of the Guelph Community Foundation welcomed a new Executive Director at its board meeting on Thursday, September 19.

Former Director of Development and Marketing for the Burlington Art Centre, and Manager, Resource Development for United Way of Peel Region, Chris Willard brings a passion for philanthropy and a background in asset development, business and finance.

“The Guelph Community Foundation is dedicated to helping community members build lasting endowments in our community,” said Susan Brown, Board Chair. “For that we needed a relationship builder, a long-term thinker and a responsible steward. With Chris, we’ve found that combination and we’re excited to start a new chapter in the Foundation’s history.”

“I’m thrilled to be a part of the Foundation,” commented Chris, who has hit the ground running. “In the past month, I’ve met with Board members, fund holders, donors and various community organizations. I’m looking forward to our Fall Community Celebration on October 3 when we will announce our grant recipients and we also have our upcoming Random Act of Kindness Day on November 1.” Chris would love to hear from you if you are interested in supporting the Guelph Community Foundation in any way. Visit the website at www.guelphcf.ca for contact information.

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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 \$10.4 million with over \$7 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, over \$2 million has been distributed to over 800 charitable initiatives.

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