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## **September's Guelph Community Foundation's Around Downtown Fundraising Event Raised \$23K to Better our Community**

**Guelph, Ontario – Friday, October 24, 2022**

We are greatly pleased to announce that the return of Around Downtown, the Guelph Community Foundation's annual fundraising event this September, raised over \$23,000 in support of the Foundation. The funds raised will greatly help to further our mission of enhancing the quality of life and vitality in Guelph and the surrounding area. The support will be directed towards the Foundation's operational work of building endowments, creating legacies, donor stewardship, and granting to local charitable organizations and initiatives in our community.

The fundraising event took place on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> in downtown Guelph and was a full afternoon of activity. Over eighty participants enjoyed a unique curated culinary journey throughout downtown Guelph, sampling food and beverages from some of the best places that the downtown Guelph food scene has to offer; all while supporting local businesses.

Guests created self-selected tour groups of no more than 20 people to visit three pre-selected restaurants for a featured drink and appetizer. Tour groups were identified by their colour name, of which guests were eager to wear the corresponding colours of. At 11:30 AM guests arrived at the Onyx Nightclub for a mimosa-filled Welcoming Reception and returned to Onyx Nightclub after the restaurant tour for the Post-Reception, dessert, and auction. The event featured a silent auction with more than 50 items up for bidding, and a live auction with eight uniquely exclusive prizes that caused much excitement.

In all, a successful event that was only made possible due the incredible work done by our volunteers, supporters, donors, funders, sponsors, ticket holders and all the amazing people of Guelph. Thank you to our sponsors, Ed Clayson, RBC Dominion Securities Clayson Wealth, Barzotti Woodworking, GM BluePlan Engineering Limited, Sylvia Plester-Silk and On Purpose Transformations, Gary and Wynne Christie and Foundation volunteers Roger and Faith Garriock.



*Around Downtown's live auction table at the Onyx Nightclub*

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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 community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas through endowments, stewardship, and granting programs. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. The income from the endowments supports a range of charitable programs and activities. Currently, the Foundation administers \$15.5 million in funds with \$13.0 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, \$13.5 million has been distributed through more than 2,300 individual grants to local charitable programs.

The Guelph Community Foundation is located at 55 Wyndham St N, Suite 4A, in the Old Quebec Street Shoppes in downtown Guelph. To learn more please visit [guelphcf.ca](http://guelphcf.ca)