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The Guelph Community Foundation is excited to have added four new members to their Board of Directors

Monday, October 17, 2022 - The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) is pleased to announce the addition of four new members to the Board of Directors.

We are excited to have the following four new board members: Justin Chan, Riley Graybrook, Jaime Power, and Raymond Stultz. Elected at the Annual General Meeting their work with the Foundation is now ramping up. Their nomination came about after an extensive recruitment process, and internal review of the skills and experience GCF needed.

These four members join two other new board members who joined earlier this year. Hilary Coates and Eric Johnstone, who, after being long time volunteers and special advisors with GCF, were elected as board members on Thursday March 10, 2022.

The new four members come with a range of experience, backgrounds and skill sets to best support GCF in their goal of making Guelph a better place for everyone.

Social enterprises entrepreneur **Justin Chan** is, amongst other things, the Founder of The Community Company which creates sustainable social projects in partnerships with individuals and charities to build a better community. Impacting the community has always been at the heart of all of the many projects Justin has been involved in. With a background in both investment management and community leadership, paired with his relative youth, should provide a valuable and unique perspective in GCF's decision making and planning. In addition to the board, Justin will be serving on the Grant Committee and the Marketing and Communications Working Group.

GCF Grants Committee volunteer and medical student **Riley Graybrook** is a similar age group as Justin and has always had immensely valuable input during their time volunteering with GCF. Their consistent willingness to assist in updating word choices and policies for better clarity, inclusiveness and bias-checking has been a great benefit to the Grants Committee, as has their thoughtful dialogue during meetings. As a 2SLGBTQ+ community member and young professional, Riley's perspective around child development, 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion, and anti-oppression work will surely prove useful and meaningful as GCF works towards our inclusion, diversity and equity goals going forward.

Wealth Advisor with Gambit Wealth, **Jaime Power** is a 'born and raised Guelphite' with deep roots in our community's philanthropic sector. Jaime's knowledge around legacy and estate planning has served well in her five years of participation in GCF's Investment Committee of which she is now the chair of, and we are excited to have her

bring this knowledge into the board's decision making. Jaime's endless enthusiasm, kindness, and expertise have made her a joy to work with as the board will soon also get to experience.

Client Relationship Manager at Scotiabank and 20+ year Guelph resident **Raymond (Ray) Stultz** is a volunteer powerhouse. A current member of the Board of Directors for the Guelph Chamber of Commerce, and a former Cabinet Member for The Groves Hub, a former Chairperson of the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington Board, and a former Board member of KidsAbility Centre for Child Development, Ray is no stranger to the non-profit board room and getting great things done in this community! In addition to the board, Ray will be serving on the GCF Grant Committee.

The Nominations Committee met throughout the spring to complete the process of recruiting, vetting, and selecting nominees for the Board's consideration. In total, thirty-seven people were connected with regarding recruitment. The Committee considered both diversity of experience - lived experience, board experience, experience with the GCF directly, and considered areas of expertise and interests with respect to how the candidates would like to contribute to the Board and GCF. Thank you to volunteers of the Nominations Committee, Andrew Johnson, Carly O'Brien, Maneesh Jain, Mike Gourlay, and community member Jaya James for their help in this recruitment process.

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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 guelphecf.ca