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## **Over \$160,400 in grants to 40 local charities distributed!**

**Monday September 26, 2022** – This fall 40 local charities have received funds through The Guelph Community Foundation's (GCF) Community Grant program.

The GCF Grants Committee and staff are pleased to announce the 2022 Community Grant Recipients. The funding decision was made by the Grants Committee on September 07, 2022 and approved by the Board of Directors on September 08, 2022. This year the decision was a particularly challenging one as GCF had received the highest number of applications ever for this program.

GCF's Community Grants provides dollars to registered charities (or non-profit organizations partnered with a registered charity) operating in Guelph or Wellington County. To best provide for those serving our community, and with an understanding of the ongoing pressures of Covid-19, for the first time ever GCF was able to open applications up beyond just programming, and now accept applications for operational funds and capital projects.

The Community Grants application period was from Monday, July 11 – Monday, August 15, 2022. Funding of up to \$5,000 was made available for applicants. The granting criteria for charitable organizations seeking funding their application must fit within the framework of Toward Common Ground wellbeing concepts and connects to one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

### **The 40 GCF Community Grants recipients and their application titles:**

Art Gallery of Guelph: Cross-Border Dialogues (working title)

Art Not Shame: Art in a Just Recovery

Best Buddies Canada: Friendship Program

Big Brothers Big Sisters Centre Wellington: Community Based Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph: In-School Mentoring Program

Career Education Council: Let Me See Me

Catholic Youth Organization: Boardwalk Nature Trail Along the Eramosa River

Child Witness Centre: Critical trauma-informed support for victimized young people

Church of the Apostles: Helper Bees and J.O.E.s Partnership

Community Resource Centre: 2022 Emergency Food Security Program

Easter Seals Ontario: Equipment Funding Program

Elora Centre for the Arts: The Nest! After School Program

Elora Road Christian Fellowship (Elora House): The Rebuild Project

Everdale Farms: The Good Food Project

Family & Children Services of Guelph and Wellington: Responsive Fund for Families

Guelph Black Heritage Society: #ChangeStartsNow

Guelph Chamber Choir: SingOUT: Youth-focused, educational and mentorship program

Guelph Community Singers: Singing is Pure Joy with Guelph Community Singers

Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition: Guelph Imagination Library (Brant)

Guelph Public Library: Social and Executive Skills Workshops with the LDAWC

Guelph and District Multicultural Festival: 37th Guelph and District Multicultural Festival

Habitat for Humanity Wellington Dufferin Guelph: Donation Stations

Hopewell Children's Homes Inc.: YMCA Partnership for Inclusion, Well-being & Health

Immigrant Services Guelph Wellington: Prevention and Education Against Trafficking

Jobs.Opportunities.Enterprise: Community Collaborators Program

Lakeside HOPE House: Seniors Community Produce Markets

Michael House: Accessible Mental Health Support

Royal City Mission: Community Drop In Meal Program

Scientists in School: Promoting STEM Education in Guelph/Eramosa

Seed, Soil and Spirit School: Herbal Immersion Program

Sexual Health Options, Resources & Education: Wrapped in Care and Education

Shelldale Family Gateway: Volleyball Program for Children and Youth

Strong Start Charitable Organization: Letters, Sounds and Words

TREC Charitable Foundation: Kids' World of Energy - Guelph and Wellington County

Tetra Society of North America, Guelph Chapter: Devices Breaking Barriers

The Elliott Community: IN TUNE Ukulele - Music Therapy for Seniors

The Grove Hubs: The Grove Guelph Outreach Program

Wellington County Learning Centre: Stronger Together (Formerly Circles Program)

West Village Community Development Co-operative Inc: The Village Garden  
Wyndham House: Youth Transportation Fund

We would like to share our thanks to the GCF Grants Committee members, investors, fund holders and community supporters. We are so grateful to be able to have such an impact in our community and are excited to share the grant impact stories in our 2022 Impact Report next year. If you are interested in learning more about how you or your family can support charities in our community, contact the Foundation at [info@guelphecf.ca](mailto:info@guelphecf.ca) or visit the website, [guelphecf.ca](http://guelphecf.ca).

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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 visit [guelphecf.ca](http://guelphecf.ca)