

23/24 Impact Report

Change Through Impact

The Guelph Community FOUNDATION

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An extra special thanks to staff and board members whose tenures ended this past year for their contributions, care, professionalism and integrity during their time with The Guelph Community Foundation.

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We are a Living Wage Employer.

Message from the Team

Impact. That is what The Guelph Community Foundation is all about.

Whether through a flow-through fund that provides monies quickly or an endowed fund that uses the power of the financial markets to provide stable support for critical community-focused organizations, impact is what we all seek.

That is why a group of Guelphites, including Bob Berry, Hugh & Lorna Guthrie, Ken & Eileen Hammill, Gary & Wynne Christie, Bill Greenaway & Anne Bawden got together 24 years ago to set up The Guelph Community Foundation. They were aware that community foundations play a valuable role in cities across Canada and thought 'Why not Guelph?' and made it happen.

Being philanthropists in addition to leaders of families and organizations, they recognized the power a Community Foundation offered, particularly as an avenue for people of all means to 'Leave a Legacy'. With the United Way already established in Guelph at the time, the discussions about whether a Community Foundation would be complementary or distracting needed to be held. During those conversations, a long-standing relationship formed that exists today.

The first Treasurer was Hilary Coates, who volunteers as Treasurer again today after ten years away. The first Executive Director was Cindy Lindsay and with Bill Greenaway's first donation, The Guelph Community Foundation was off and running, bringing more people to philanthropy as they worked.

With one contact to The Guelph Community Foundation, supporters uplift the causes to which they are already committed—Children & Youth, Families, Environment & Animals, the Arts, Education, Health & Wellness. In the words of Wynne Christie:

"Supporting The Guelph Community Foundation is a positive way to keep our community strong. They work with all of the charitable sector and provide donors a great service."

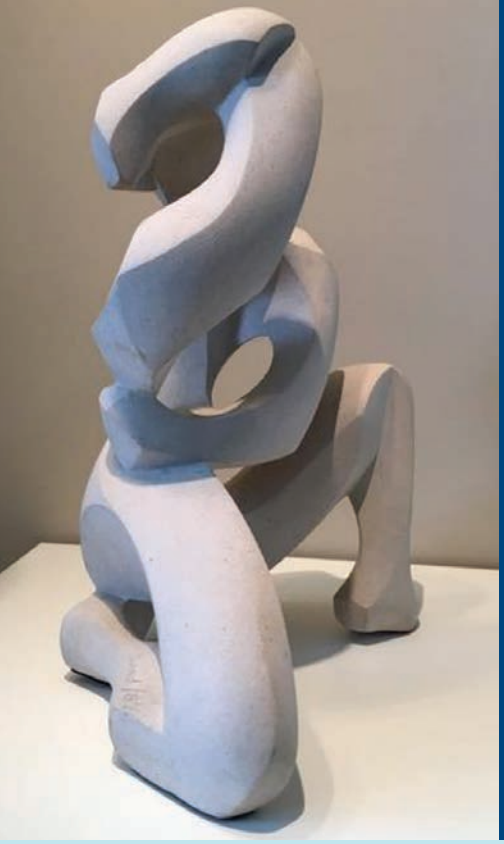
This report acknowledges the impact created by the support that started 24 years ago and every year since. The list of names grows, diversifies and wows with the care it represents. The Guelph Community Foundation facilitates, supports and amplifies the work done by others. In this report we seek to honour the roles played by donors, fundholders, volunteers and staff to create impact.

As complexity permeates our lives, the meaningful simplicity of people helping people is in these pages. Enjoy.

In gratitude,

The Guelph Community Foundation Board of Directors & Staff

The Guelph Community Foundation supports and amplifies the work done by others to help make an impact in our community.



Arend Nieuwland Remorse Sculpture • *Thank you to the Nieuwland family for establishing this fund in support of public art.*
Photo courtesy of the Nieuwland Family.

With The Guelph Community Foundation, donors can support the ongoing work within our community.

Purpose

To strengthen and support our community through philanthropic leadership.

Vision

Inspired philanthropy as a trusted connection between people and causes within our community.

Mission

To empower people and causes through evidence-based granting and donor support.

Values

Community Driven
We are of and for our community.

Respect
We act in ways which value all people.

Impact Focused
We address priority needs within our community through meaningful connections and intentional resource allocations.

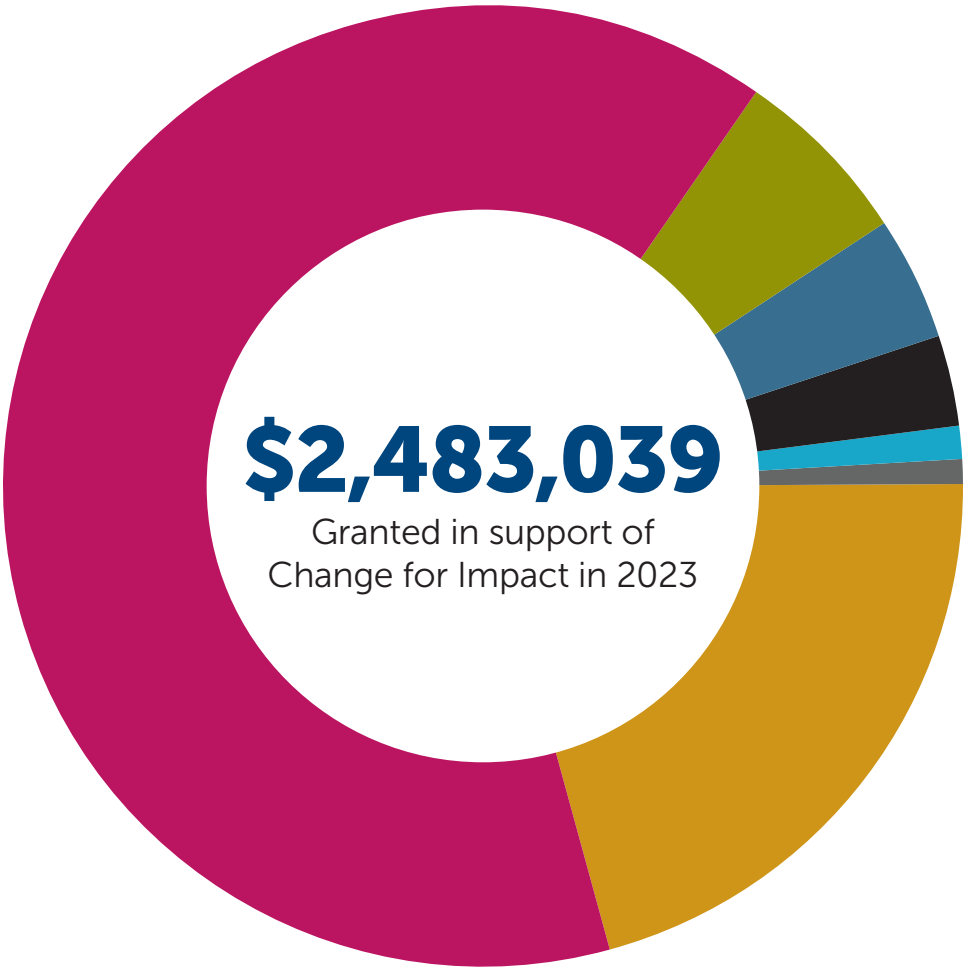
Integrity
We earn and maintain trust by operating as philanthropic leaders.

Strategic Plan

Our intended result is a trusting relationship with philanthropists whose passion, commitment and engagement support community needs and goals. Learn more at:
guelphcf.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Strategic-Plan-Nov-2022.pdf

Grants for impact

In 2023, The Guelph Community Foundation invested $2.5 million in 268 grants to 154 charities.



$1,588,820
Directed Flow-through Grants 64.0%

$152,915
Designated & Donor Advised Grants 6.2%

$107,400
Community Grants 4.3%

$72,507
Musagetes Grants 2.9%

$28,747
Kids to Camp Grants 1.2%

$20,650
Scholarships & Bursaries 0.8%

$512,000
Community Services Recovery Fund 20.6%

Top three Vital Signs funded

#1	#2	#3
$979,498	$546,878	$353,337
Economic and Household Resources	Health	Environmental



In memoriam

Michael Delisle 1952-2024

In March 2024, one of our long-standing Board Directors, Michael Delisle, passed away unexpectedly in his home. Waves of shock and sadness travelled between all those who knew and respected Michael dearly. Michael was on the GCF Board of Directors from 2021 until his passing and was the driving force behind the 2022 Around Downtown Event.

His wife Sandra McCormick, their three children, three children-in-law, and four grandchildren continue to honour his legacy by establishing the McCormick Delisle Family Fund. This endowed fund supports families new to Canada while acknowledging their own families' histories and the perseverance all families show when establishing themselves in a new country. This Fund provides Guelph the opportunity to continue the example Michael provided through his life and work.

New Funds

Name	Fund type	Open date
Kev Rem Flow-through Fund	Flow-through	02/22/2024
Sylvia Plester-Silk and Mark Silk Family Fund	Donor Advised	01/10/2024
Ashkar Family Flow-through Fund	Flow-through	01/02/2024
Estate of Janet Mary Pearson	Flow-through	01/02/2024
Guelph Wellington Volunteer Fund	Field of Interest	12/05/2023

How to set up your own fund

You have options. Our community is a busy place with long-term and short-term needs. Starting your own fund and building your legacy of philanthropic giving is made easier with The Guelph community Foundation. You can make meaningful impact now and in the future. Let's talk.

There are three simple steps to start your own fund:

1. **Consider** your financial means, goals for impact and knowledge of community resources.
2. **Call** The Guelph Community Foundation to learn about work happening in your area of interest, community needs and ways to support.
3. **Act** by finalizing your fund agreement with a signature and initial gift.

Funds can be created by individuals , families, corporations, charities and community organizations. The gifts to these funds can take many forms from cash, securities, bequests, life insurance, RRSPs/RRIFs, or other assets. Eligibility and tax deductibility of gifts vary

Our fund options include:

A. **Endowed**: for long-term, sustainable support

B. **Flow-through**: for short-term support for current needs

1. **The GCF Community Fund**: this is a strategic fund established by The Guelph Community Foundation to support the area of greatest need identified by our community. Anyone can give to this fund and other funds can direct support towards it.
2. **Field of Interest:** a fund where you select a general area of need you would like to support such as environmental, culture, youth or healthcare and The Guelph Community Foundation grants to organizations and causes acting in this area each year.
3. **Donor Advised:** Advisors provide direction each year about the organization(s) and corresponding disbursement allocation.
4. **Scholarship or Bursary:** In collaboration with school teams, you support the educational pursuits of individuals. You specify the overall purpose, and the Grants Committee completes the selection process. GCF then provides the funds and reports to you.
5. **Designated Fund:** A fund that supports a specific charity(ies) specified by the fundholder. Grants from this fund will go to the charity of your choice each year and you automatically receive a report.
6. **Charitable Endowment Fund:** Established by existing charities to support that specific charity. This fund allows donors to give to existing charities while easing the organizational burden of charities managing their own funds.

All fundholders for which contact information is current will receive annual reports.

For more information on creating your own fund, call us at **519.821.9216** or visit **guelphcf.ca/creating-a-fund**.

Fund Spotlight
Dr. Charles Pinch Endowed Fund

Established by Susan Brown in memory of her father



"Join me in supporting our community. Come on, let's go do something together."

SUSAN BROWN

When you see that things can be better—go do something.

This statement encapsulates the inspiration Susan Brown internalized from her parents' service in the Canadian Armed Forces and how she's operated during her life. As a professional nurse, she saw a better way to offer home care for families, so she went and did it. She partnered with her friend, Wendy Robertson, to start Robertson-Brown Health Services an organization that grew to 225 nurses and PSWs helping families in the Waterloo Wellington area. As a busy entrepreneur with a family of her own, who was focused on her team, clients and business, she wasn't looking for something else to do. Then her mentor said, "You are joining me on the Board of The Guelph Community Foundation, because it will be good for you." Susan admits that it was, in fact, very good for her. She found herself surrounded by good people and inspiring stories. In service to others, she was able to fill up her own cup and that in turn spilled over to having even more spirit to give to her family and business. Susan established the Dr. Charles Pinch Endowed Fund in memory of her father. This fund supports the Guelph Humane Society, as that was one of the charities he had supported during his lifetime. She has since established a fund that will specifically support Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis and other organizations that support health and wellness in our community. Susan pays forward the favour from her mentor by saying to others: "Join me in supporting our community. Come on, let's go do something together."

Background photo: Rukhsar Jaffer

Grant impact stories



$3,000 grant

Donor Supported Impact



Both photos:
Campers at Camp Wilderwood
Photos courtesy of West Village Community Development Co-operative

Community Youth Support

West Village Community Development Co-Operative Inc: Camp Wilderwood

VITAL SIGNS:
BELONGING AND PARTICIPATION

The impact of funding a camp experience for 25 children from the West Willow Village, one of Guelph's four priority neighbourhoods, went far beyond the camp experience itself. Camp Wilderwood's collaboration with the Guelph Public Library's Bookmobile led two families to visit the library for the first time and acquire library cards. Some campers were so inspired by their experience and their excursions through camp that they organized a media event and invited their MPP to showcase their experiences.

The Kids to Camp grant also provided the necessary funding for three boys from a family that had fled conflict in Syria to attend a full summer of camp. The boy's father shared that "the summer camp made them feel welcome, allowed them to share experiences and stories with other campers." The boys had been afraid to go to school in September, but they now have friends and feel like they are a part of the community.

Community Grants



Story Time & Crafts participants
Photo courtesy of Children's Reading Room

$5,000 grant

Children's Reading Room: Books Without Barriers

VITAL SIGNS: EDUCATION

The Children's Reading Room (CRR) is a champion of early education and literacy in our community. They provide children and families with free books, literacy resources and programming. They are located in Guelph's Onward Willow neighbourhood, a densely populated area without a public library. By providing access to free books and allowing children to select the ones they have an interest in reading, the CRR removes a significant barrier to book ownership and fosters a special relationship with reading for years to come.

Because of GCF's Community Grants funding, five additional "Book Nooks" were placed around the city, providing easily accessible free books for all and bringing the total number to 17. Since the Book Nook program began in June 2022, over 8,000 books have been distributed free of charge to the community! The funding has also allowed CRR to increase the frequency of their popular "Story Time & Crafts" drop-in program from once a week to twice a week, providing a safe and free place for caregivers and their children to participate in storytelling and crafts. As an already overwhelmingly popular program, its expansion has supported even more children and their families in their literacy journey!

Immigrant Services Guelph Wellington: Scam SMART

$5,000 grant

VITAL SIGN: SAFETY

Fraud is the number one crime against older Canadians and is especially challenging for newcomers due to language and cultural barriers. With funding received from Community Grants, Immigrant Services Guelph Wellington (ISGW) was able to launch a new program called Scam SMART.

ISGW partnered with Crime Stoppers and Victim Services Guelph Wellington to help newcomer seniors be better equipped to identify potential scams and develop a plan to reduce their vulnerability and risk of being defrauded. Scam SMART has hosted 60 participants over four sessions. The information was presented in Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Tigrigna, and Arabic. This multilanguage approach allowed participants to fully understand the material being taught.

ISGW reports that the seniors were eager to share their own lived experiences of how they had already encountered scams while living in Guelph. The seniors were able to encourage and support each other during this sharing and continue to stay in touch. ISGW has continued in creating educational workshops to further educate and protect hundreds of newcomers, with a focus on advice when purchasing a used car or registering for legitimate Personal Support Worker Programs.



Scam SMART workshop participants
Photo courtesy of Immigrant Services Guelph Wellington.

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Home for Good Update

$29,000
raised for
Home for Good!

The Home for Good campaign is a collaborative initiative between The Guelph Community Foundation, United Way Guelph-Wellington-Dufferin, and the Guelph & Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination to alleviate chronic homelessness in our community.



Left to right: The HFG team celebrating the substantial donations from The Tricar Group, Triumph Tool Inc., and the Mactaggart Hryn family. Photos courtesy of United Way GWD.

By the end of 2023, Home for Good had raised a cumulative 2.6 million dollars to put towards supportive housing projects.

Large-scale support for the campaign is still ongoing. Tricar, Triumph Tool Inc., and the Mactaggart Hryn family have each pledged $50,000 to the Home for Good campaign to end chronic homelessness. These contributions demonstrate the enduring community support for the campaign. Many people, families, and organizations throughout the community are eagerly supporting this cause.

Home for Good, in collaboration with the Guelph Giving Pledge, also hosts regular community conversations with various organizations and partners throughout the area. These sessions provide valuable opportunities for productive dialogue and feedback between the community and the Home for Good campaign.

In June 2024, Kindle Communities opened the 10 Shelldale Permanent Supportive Housing project, one of three projects that Home for Good committed to supporting. 10 Shelldale provides 32 housing and common space units, as well as 24/7 staff support that allows residents constant access to critical services.

10 Shelldale is only the latest project supported by Home for Good. The Home for Good campaign also contributed crucial funding for Stepping Stone GW's Grace Gardens project and Wyndham House's Bellevue Project. Together with municipal, provincial and federal representatives, The Guelph Community Foundation continues to collaborate with United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin to alleviate chronic homelessness through permanent supportive housing.

Visit **homeforgoodgw.ca** to learn more.

Our funds and fundholders

Charitable Endowment (open for contribution)

Action Read Community Literacy Centre of Guelph Fund

Bruce Trail Conservancy Fund

Children's Foundation of Guelph & Wellington Fund

Compass Community Services Resilient Fund Elliott Endowment Fund

Grand River Conservation Fund

Guelph Arts Council Jane Graham Memorial Fund

Guelph Arts Council Legacy Fund

Guelph Arts Council Youth Endowment Fund

Guelph Community Health Centre Endowment Fund

Guelph Museums Fund

Guelph Public Library Fund

Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis Fund

Hammill Family Tribute Fund Supporting the Guelph Y SHARKs

Hillside Festival Endowment Fund

HIV/AIDS Resources and Community Health (ARCH)

Hopewell Children's Homes Fund

Hospice Wellington Fund

June McCann Fund

KidsAbility Fund

River Run Centre Endowment Fund for the Performing Arts

Shelldale Family Gateway Endowment Fund

The Grove Hubs Endowed Fund

The Suzuki String School of Guelph Fund

Unitarian Congregation of Guelph Future Fund

United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin Tomorrow Fund

Endowed

175th Anniversary Scholarship Fund

Ages Foundation Fund

Andy Lindsay Memorial Scholarship Fund

Angelo and Rina Longo Fund

Anna and Vivian Fund for Healthy Kids and Families- O'Brien Trochta

Anne and John Lawrence Memorial Fund

Anne Hohenadel Fund

BDO Community Support Fund

Bonnie Ewen Fund

Bruce Graham Memorial Fund

Camp Discover Fund

Clare & Shirley Rennie Family Fund for Literacy

Class of '71 Award in Memory of Kathryn Winegard

Community of Hearts Scholarship Fund

Cremasco Fund

Daniel & Marcella Furlong Family Foundation

Dianne Dance & Family Fund

Dr. Charles Pinch Fund

Dr. Glenn D. Peirson Fund for the Arts

Dr. Griffith A.V. Morgan Fund

Dr. Harry Downie Memorial Fund

Eric Goegan Scholarship Fund

Frances Mackenzie Martin Estate Fund

FS Build Fund

GCF Children & Youth Fund

GCF Community Fund

GCF Environmental Legacy Fund

GCF Sustainable Operating Fund

Girls in Sports Fund

Gladstone and Evelyn Mowatt Memorial Fund

Gordon Macleod Memorial Scholarship Fund

Guelph Chamber of Commerce Millennium Scholarship Fund

NEW Guelph Wellington Volunteer Fund

Harrison Legacy Fund

Hood Family Fund

Hugh and Lorna Guthrie Fund

Iolanda Maugeri Hall Business Scholarship Fund

Jack and Nancy Sinclair Fund

Jamie Vickery Memorial Fund

John A. Hourigan Memorial Fund

Kachina Fund

Kaiser Family Fund

Kathie Deters Young Performers Fund

Ken and Eileen Hammill Fund

Ken Danby Legacy Fund

Kiera Schneider Memorial Fund

Kimberly Thompson Memorial Fund

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Lassen Johnson Family Fund

Lcol Rod Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mabel Anne Brouwer Scholarship Fund

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Mactaggart Hryn Family Endowment Fund

Make your Mark Foundation in Memory of Kayla Chadwick

Mary Phelan Fund

Masquerade Fund

McKeough Taylor Fund

Meridian Credit Union Fund

Mildred Christie Fund

Miller Thomson Community Fund

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Musagetes Fund

Norman Earl Webb Community Fund

Norman Earl Webb Donor Advised Fund

Norval and Mary K. Richards Fund

OMS Graduate Scholarship in Industrial Organizational Psychology Fund

Paul J. Smith Memorial Fund

Peter and Sabine Davison Fund

Peter Szkotnicki Legacy Fund

Ray and Maureen Scapinello Family Fund

RLB LLP Community Fund

Rothwell Family Fund

Rudolph (Duke) and Elizabeth (Betty) Sorbara Family Welcoming Fund

Seven Generations Forward Fund

Shelldale Family Gateway Bursary Fund

SmithValeriote Education Bursary

Squires Family Recreation and Sports Fund

NEW Sylvia Plester Silk and Mark Silk Family Fund

Tai Yu Fund

The Co-operators Fund

The Griffith and Violet Morgan Fund

The Mactaggart Team Fund

The Tatham Fund

Thelma Townsend Fund

Tom and Nathan Incledon Memorial Award Fund

Tom Bird and Jay Elinesky Fund

Valcom Employee Guelph Health Centres Benefit Fund

Willard Jaklitsch Family Fund

William and Catharine Lord Endowment Fund

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William K. Greenaway & Anne C. Bawden Fund

Wismer Fund for the Arts

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Funds Held for Others

Friends of the Guelph Public Library Fund

Guelph Community Health Centre Managed Fund

Upper Grand Learning Foundation Fund

Non-Endowed

10C Change Fund

10C Harvest Impact Fund

AlectraCARES Community Support Fund

NEW Ashkar Family Flow-through Fund

Augeo Fund

Bill Mactaggart Scholarship for OVC

Bishop's Education Fund (Wellington Catholic District School Board)

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Charity Enterprise Fund

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NEW Estate of Janet Mary Pearson

Fathers Remembered by Daughters Fund

First Nations, Metis, Mixed Ancestry and Inuit Circle Fund

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Grand River Conservation Foundation Fund

Guelph Community Response Fund

Guelph Giving Pledge Fund

Indigenous Community Development Fund

Italian Canadian Club Fund

June McCann Fund

NEW Kev-Rem Flow-through Fund

Kimberley Walker Fund

Lassen Johnson Family Flow-through Fund

Mactaggart Hryn Family Flow-through Fund

Mary Nyegony Deng Legacy Fund

McBey Family Flow Through Fund

Nicholas Lambden Memorial Children's Foundation Fund

Pay It Forward Arts Fund

Ray Scapinello Foundation Fund

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The Grove Hubs Flow-through Fund

The Home for Good Campaign Fund

The Nightingale Fund Flow-through Fund

Will Medeiros Fund

Funds allow the path for impact.

Musagetes Fund



Youth participating in the Playwriting Workshop
Photo courtesy of Guelph Public Library.

$3,180 grant

Musagetes: Guelph Public Library

With the generous funding from a Musagetes grant, the Guelph Public Library was able to host a series of free community-accessible playwriting workshops with playwright Deanna Kruger. Held throughout August 2023, these 90-minute workshops allowed teenagers the opportunity to learn about the performance arts while immersing themselves in the creative process. Participating youth received education in a wide range of playwriting elements including brainstorming, creative development, character development, dialogue, and plot design.

The youth in attendance were so enthusiastic about these workshops that a variety of scripts were purchased for participants. Once the workshops were completed many of the participants remained in touch, eager to learn more about playwriting. This highlights just how crucial accessible and creative educational experiences are for young people in our community.

Thanks to the Musagetes grant, these workshops managed to fill gaps in affordable and accessible theatre writing and performance art educational opportunities in Guelph. In addition these workshops provided a valuable opportunity to foster youth belonging, empowerment, individuality, and community engagement.

Scholarships and bursaries

The Guelph Community Foundation currently holds 16 funds that help students throughout our community overcome financial barriers to pursuing post-secondary education. Every year we are deeply moved by the stories of resilience and initiative that the scholarship applicants submit to us. These stories highlight the inspiring perseverance of the young applicants.

One of the largest scholarships funds held at The Guelph Community Foundation is the SmithValeriote Education Bursary. The fund was established through the generosity of SV Law, a local law firm. This year, the Bursary provided $5,000 each to two Guelph students. From the several moving applications which were submitted, the scholarship recipients were Tonatiuh (Tony) from Guelph C.V.I. and Sophia from College Heights SS.

Several other scholarships are awarded each year, including two Women in STEM scholarships: the Mabel Ann Brouwer Scholarship and the Bruce Graham Memorial Award, while the Iolanda Maugeri Hall Business Scholarship Fund nears its 7th year of support. Education impacts the future and we enthusiastically facilitate donors' support of youth on their educational and professional path. Next year, the Smith Family Heritage Fund will be a new addition to the list of scholarship funds granting support to students.



Community Services Recovery Fund

This year The Guelph Community Foundation granted an incredible $512,000 in funding to charities in Guelph and Wellington County through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund!

$512,000
fund

This fund was a one-time investment of $400 million by the Government of Canada to help community service organizations, charities, non-profits, and Indigenous governing bodies located in Canada. The funding provided support for these organizations to be able to adapt, modernize and be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility and sustainability of the community services that they provide through the pandemic recovery and beyond. The full amount of funding requested was provided for almost all successful applications.

From the original 27 applications received, we were able to invest over a half a million dollars into 11 projects from our allocated funds:

- **$100,000.00** was invested to fund Compass Community Services to upgrade its service systems
- **$100,000.00** was invested to fund The Guelph Community Health Centre to modernize and improve its financial management system
- **$54,406.00** was invested to fund Guelph Black Heritage Society to develop a comprehensive fundraising strategy
- **$51,094.00** was invested to fund Guelph Film Festival to develop a strategic local growth strategy
- **$42,500.00** was invested to fund West Village Community Development Cooperative to develop a cloud-based client and data management system
- **$38,000.00** was invested to fund Food4Kids Guelph to redesign its fund development strategy
- **$37,000.00** was invested to fund Ed Video Media Arts Centre to create specialized working spaces and to update its website
- **$35,450.00** was invested to fund Guelph and District Multicultural Festival to develop organizational strategies
- **$20,650.00** was invested to fund Royal City Mission to build and implement CRM software for donations and fundraising management
- **$20,000.00** was invested to fund Michael House Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services to modernize and improve Michael House's website
- **$12,900.00** was invested to fund Circle Home Charity Society to implement a refugee backlog management system



Many organizations are struggling to recover and adapt their services to the changing needs of Guelph and Wellington. This half a million dollar investment has proven to be a much needed and unique opportunity for organizations as there typically is no funding available for these kinds of organizational and structural needs.

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Community Services Recovery Fund

Canadian Red Cross

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United Way Centraide Canada

Sleeman Better Water Fund



Collecting observations for National Lake Blitz
Courtesy of Living Lakes Canada

The Sleeman Better Water Fund was established in 2024 to support charitable organizations focused on responsible water use (conservation and preservation) and the accessibility of clean water in communities. This funding stream supports registered charities across Canada who are making impactful contributions in the field of responsible water use. Organizations may apply for up to $40,000 to support their clean water initiatives.

The inaugural grant recipient, Living Lakes Canada, works with communities to protect freshwater and local watersheds. Their National Lake Blitz program, a citizen science initiative, engages people across Canada to monitor local lakes for climate change impacts. Their Foreshore Integrated Management Planning program conducts lake surveys to protect foreshore habitats and help conserve the ecological and cultural values of lakes, as well as endangered and at-risk species. Living Lakes also operates a community-driven water and climate monitoring network and associated open source database to track how climate change and other impacts are affecting water supply for communities and ecosystems and support the informed management of the Columbia Basin watershed.

BRASSERIES SLEEMAN BREWERIES

This new funding opportunity is going to have incredible impact in supporting organizations dedicated to Canada's precious water systems!

Friends of the Guelph Public Library Fund

The Friends of Guelph Public Library (FGPL) have been hard at work advocating and raising funds for the construction of a new public library since the mid-1990s. FGPL began as an advocacy group, attending municipal council meetings and building community awareness around the need for new, larger main library. They later began to fundraise for the construction of a new main library with an incredibly popular yearly book sale.

Their goal was to raise a million dollars, and they looked for an organization that could help them invest their money wisely. The values and mission of GCF perfectly aligned with their work, and so the FGPL Fund was created in 2007. The Guelph Public Library (GPL) also created a fund with GCF in 2014. When the 1-million-dollar goal was reached in May 2023, the decision was made to transfer the FGPL funds into GPL fund. A children's reading area will bear the name of FGPL when the new public library opens in 2027 as a tribute to their hard work and dedication.



Financial summary 2023

We are pleased to report that the endowed portfolio annualized rate of return in 2023 was **11.45%**.

Despite global uncertainties in 2023, the prudent investment strategies of our Investment Manager, stewarded by our Investment Committee, led to steady growth, enhancing the foundation's endowed portfolio aligned with our values and supporting our philanthropic mission.

After experiencing a negative rate of return in 2022 we are pleased to report that the endowed portfolio annualized rate of return in 2023 was 11.45%.

The foundation's balance sheet continues to be in a strong position for the Operational and Endowed funds. The total endowed assets under management rose 18% over the prior year to a value of $14.55 million.

In 2023, we disbursed 17% of our eligible assets, exceeding the Canada Revenue Agency requirement. This was possible due to the investment from the Government of Canada to Community Foundations of Canada, and allocated to individual Community Foundations for distribution to local charities and non-profit organizations. Donations received decreased by 10% over the prior year, more than $2.36 million in 2023 compared to over $2.62 million in 2022.

The Foundation's operating expenditures of $556,000, exclusive of investment management fees covered administration expenses and salaries for three full-time and one part-time staff. Administrative fees and recoveries for philanthropic service covered 70% of the cost to deliver the foundation's services, and the balance is funded through donations, fundraising events and operating reserve.

Our Investment Committee has continued its commitment to strong financial governance principles over our Endowed and Operating Reserve assets with investment policy, compliance improvements, and the full support of our Board of Directors. Adhering to these principles allows our Foundation to steward funds through ever changing times with confidence in our ability to provide ongoing positive community impact.

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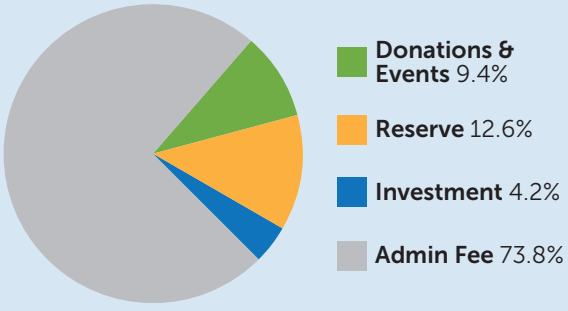
Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2023

Statement of Operations

The summarized information below represents highlights of our fiscal year and was extracted from the financial statements as audited by RLB LLP.

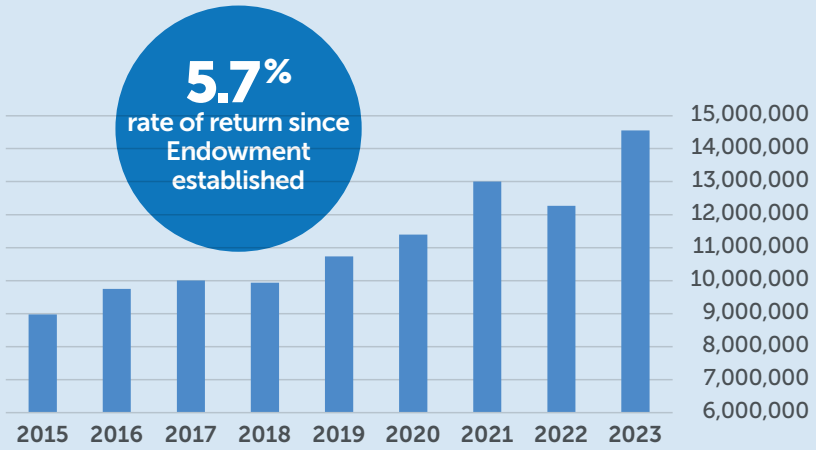
	2023	2022	2021
Donations	$2,367,098	$2,626,992	`$1,510,724
Investment income	$759,165	$287,467	$1,375,990
Other	$70,915	$2,175	$75
Fundraising	$0	$24,470	$42,492
Grants	$516,739	$14,065	$4,421
Revenue	**$3,713,917**	**$2,955,169**	**$2,933,702**
Grants distributed	$2,483,039	$2,052,274	$1,195,230
Net revenue before expenses	$1,230,878	$902,895	$1,738,472
Operating expenses	$529,121	$541,466	$390,312
Revenue in excess of expenditures before the following	$701,757	$361,429	$1,348,160
Unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of investments	$751,687	-$1,398,657	$695,242

Operations Funding



% of Annual Funding

Growth of Endowed Fund Assets Under Management



* Endowed Asset growth is reflective of principal and market fluctuations.

How to donate to your Fund or other Funds

When you are ready to support your community, The Guelph Community Foundation can provide a tax receipt as you achieve your philanthropic intent. Feel free at any time to contact us with questions and ideas as you consider your journey.

1. Gift of cash:

a. **Donate by interac e-transfer**
Please send to **donate@guelphcf.ca** and include your name, email address and the fund to which you would like the gift directed.

b. **Donate online via credit card**
The Guelph Community Foundation accepts online donations at **guelphcf.ca/donate**. Please choose to cover the administrative fees so more of your gift supports our community.

c) **Donate by mail**
Please print off and fill out the required donor information to accompany your cheque in the mail, so we can provide an accurate tax receipt and allocate your gift appropriately.



2. Bequest

Your estate will receive a charitable tax receipt that will reduce the income tax owed by the estate.

3. Gifts of securities

With a gift of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or employee stock option shares, you will receive a tax receipt for the market value of the securities on the date of transfer. To donate securities, contact us for the Securities Transfer Form or download it from **guelphcf.ca/ways-to-give** and complete with your advisor. The final step will be to inform both The Guelph Community Foundation and the advisor listed on the form, of the transfer.

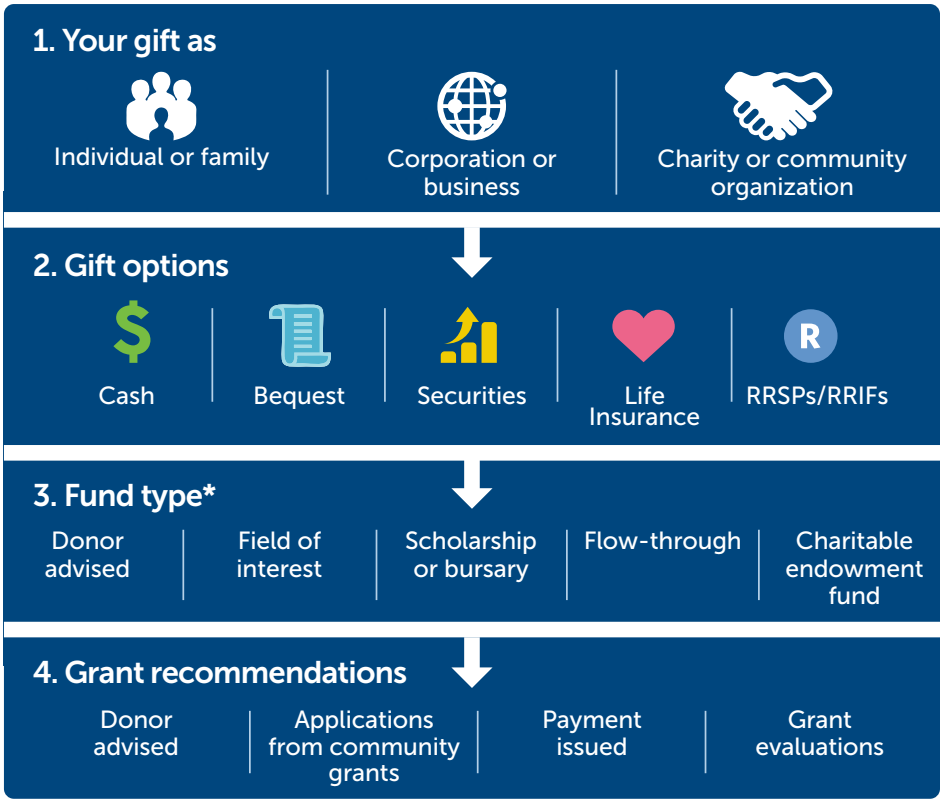
4. Gifts of life insurance

You will receive a charitable tax receipt for the cash value of a life insurance policy and any future premiums you pay on it if you name The Guelph Community Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of the policy.

5. Gifts of RRSPs/RRIFs

By designating The Guelph Community Foundation as the beneficiary of a RRSP/RRIF you reduce estate taxes and probate fees.

How to give



*See page 5 to learn more about our funds.

What is the Community Fund?

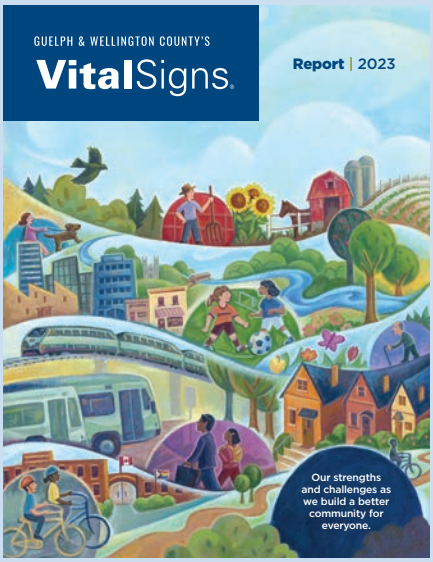


The GCF Community Fund is an endowed fund established for the purpose of supporting where community needs are greatest each year. When you donate to the Community Fund at The Guelph Community Foundation it means that a wide range of grant requests from charities across Guelph and Wellington County can be supported. Our volunteer Grants Committee of local residents with varied lived experience, review applications from local, registered charities and recommend how funds should be distributed. Community needs are considered and weighed with extreme care. These applications are then approved by our Board of Directors and the funds are distributed based on community recommendations. Donors to the GCF Community Fund appreciate the benefit of having local expertise direct the funds. All donors receive a tax receipt for their gift.

Our community has needs. The GCF Community Fund provides support where needed most.

Visit **guelphcf.ca/donate**

Vital Signs—Informing Impact



Vital Signs cover illustration by Sean Kane

The Guelph Community Foundation is guided by the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the areas of community need highlighted in Vital Signs, a collaborative project in partnership with Toward Common Ground, United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph-Public Health, the City of Guelph, Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team and Wellington County. Our Annual Impact Report summarizes support provided each year as guided by the UN SDGs and research about our own community. Initiatives such as permanent, supportive housing projects, arts funding, education and environmental conservation make a direct impact towards community well-being.

To learn more about researched areas of need, request your copy of the Vital Signs report or visit guelphcf.ca/vital-signs

Spirit OF THE Season
DOWNTOWN GUELPH

On December 1st and 2nd, 2023, The Guelph Community Foundation hosted a two-day holiday extravaganza in historic downtown Guelph in partnership with the Downtown Guelph Business Association. The Old Quebec Street Shoppes were turned into an indoor market full of sparkling lights, laughter and local community vendors, including organizations that have received grants from The Guelph Community Foundation Funds. In addition to an outdoor market and a Santa Claus run, the over 1000 attendees of the Mayor's & Council's Tree Lighting Ceremony heard about the Home For Good Campaign. The weekend of heartwarming holiday spirit and community building, generated $29,000 worth of support for permanent supportive housing for community members experiencing homelessness. Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who made this special event possible.



Tree lighting event during Spirit of the Season



Volunteer spotlight Andrew Johnson

Andrew simultaneously served as Board Chair of The Guelph Community Foundation and President of Rotary Club of Guelph. He stewarded both organizations to new heights in their support and structure.

In addition to the many ways he supports his community, he and his wife, Janet, inspire philanthropy within their own family. Informed by their respective professional careers, Andrew as a financial advisor with a designation of Master Financial Planning in Philanthropy and Janet as the Chief Development Officer for the Canadian Red Cross, they, along with other family members, support various organizations through the Johnson-Lassen Family Fund.

Thank you, Andrew for your service to your community.

Thank you

Many thanks to our volunteers

We are grateful for the support of over 50 volunteers.

Alex Di Lello
Andrew Johnson
Beth Burrows
Beverley Watters
Bill Greenaway
Carly O'Brien
Catherine Goddard
Celeste Bannon Waterman
Christopher Henry
Crista Renner
Dan O'Donnell
David Durbin
Dean Coates
Devin Waterman
Dianne Dance
Dhruv Shah
Ed Clayson
Eric Johnstone
Frank Valeriote
Fiona Kennedy
Hilary Coates
Hilary McCann
Jaime Power
Jill Madorsky
Justin Chan
Karyn Sales
Krista Walford
Laurie Nichols
Lynn Vanschaik
Mark Rodenburg
Megan Cameron
Mike Gourlay
Mike Greer
Raymond Stultz
Renata Rusiniak
Roger Garriock
Scott Connell
Steve Conway
Susan Brown
Sylvia Plester-Silk

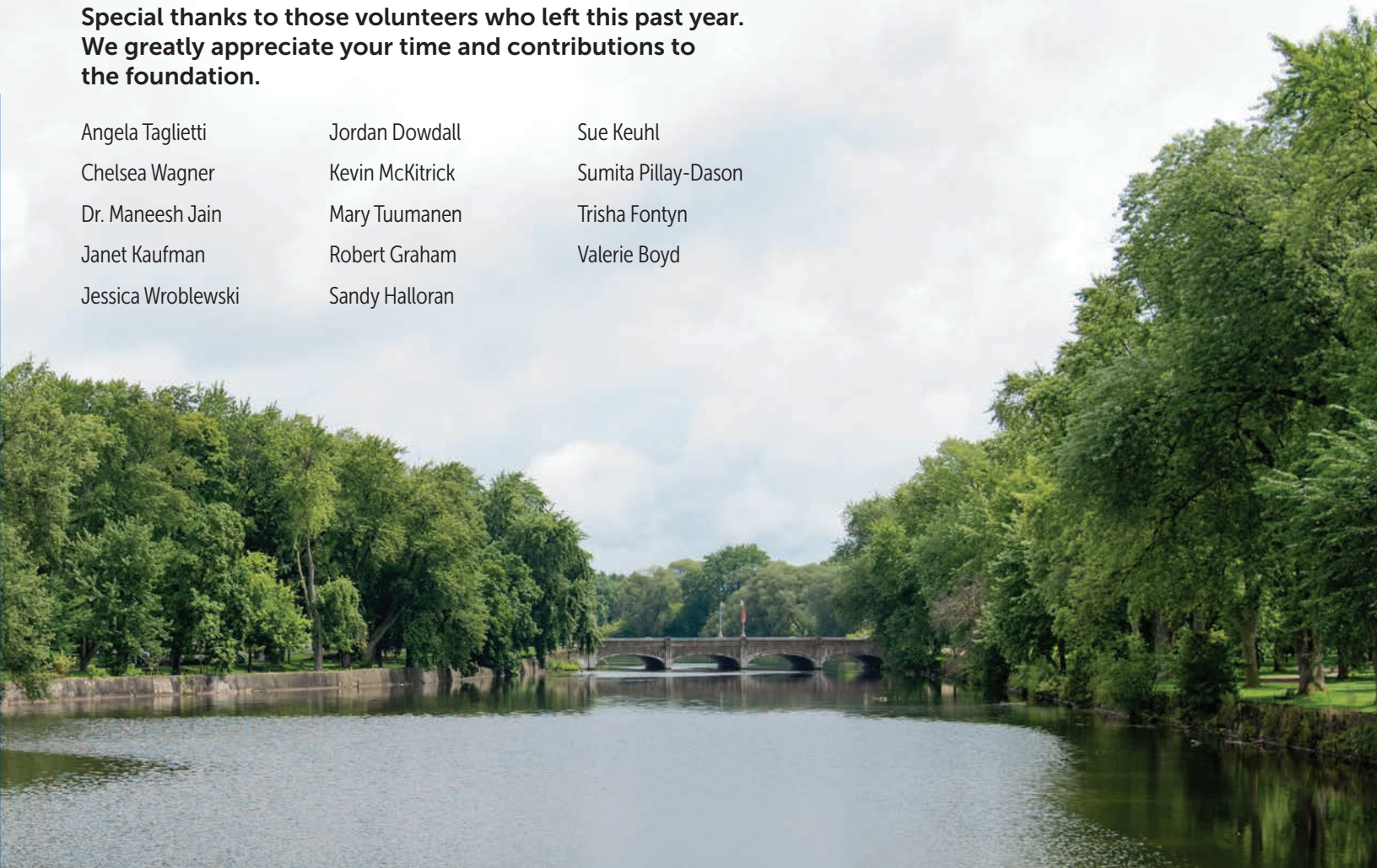
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Toward Common Ground
United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin

Special thanks to those volunteers who left this past year. We greatly appreciate your time and contributions to the foundation.

Angela Taglietti
Chelsea Wagner
Dr. Maneesh Jain
Janet Kaufman
Jessica Wroblewski
Jordan Dowdall
Kevin McKitrick
Mary Tuumanen
Robert Graham
Sandy Halloran
Sue Keuhl
Sumita Pillay-Dason
Trisha Fontyn
Valerie Boyd



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How to contribute

There are many ways to get involved with The Guelph Community Foundation's work to facilitate and support others.



Barkat workshop participants
Photo courtesy of Musagetes 2023 recipient BIPOC Outdoor Gear Library

Donate

By either contributing to an existing fund or starting your own, you are providing valuable resources that will support community needs.

Volunteer

By volunteering with GCF, you can play an active role in serving our community. There are opportunities to volunteer throughout the year in administrative or advisory roles. By joining a committee or the Board of Directors, you help your community by guiding The Guelph Community Foundation toward a sustainable future.

Stay informed and attend events

The Guelph Community Foundation regularly highlights events related to community causes and philanthropy. We would be happy to communicate with you and see you at these events! Subscribe to our newsletter and social channels to stay informed.

Collaborate

Contact The Guelph Community Foundation and tell us about your area of interest or charity of choice. We can verify whether a charitable endowment is available to support it. Amplifying and supporting good work is what we do.

Contact us to find out more. We'd love to hear from you!

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