

GCF Volunteer Committees: Description and Expectations

Are you an enthusiastic changemaker looking to give back and to support the charities in your community? Do you know a community-minded individual who enjoys collaborative work and would be interested in joining a local volunteer group?

If so, we'd love to hear from you!

The [Guelph Community Foundation](#) (GCF) is a volunteer-driven charitable foundation that aims to strengthen and support our community through philanthropic leadership. For 25 years we've inspired philanthropy as a trusted connection between people and causes and offer a unique way to empower community services through evidence-based granting. We are excited to invite individuals who enjoy making a difference and being part of a team to join us in serving Guelph and Wellington County!

We are looking for volunteers to join the following committees:

Events Committee:

Plans and will be hosting multiple diverse events local in 2025. Events which will build community and help to raise both awareness of GCF and funds during our 25th anniversary year. Meets bi-weekly.

Grants Committee:

Reviews grant and scholarship applications and makes funding recommendations. Knowledgeable about community needs, Trust Based Philanthropy principals, and evaluation methods. Meets quarterly.

Investment Committee:

Monitors the investment portfolio and ensures that the investment advisor is adhering to their guidelines. Responsible for electing the advisor managing the GCF's investments. Meets quarterly.

Nominations Committee:

Responsible for the Board recruitment process and are knowledgeable about the people in our community. Suggests, searches for, and meets with volunteer prospects. Meets 5 times a year.

Policy Committee:

Reviews and makes informed changes to GCF's governing policies. Uses legal and governance knowledge to ensure that the best practices and documentation are implemented. Meets every other month.

Professional Advisors:

Industry leaders providing counsel to GCF's Executive Director to help provide guidance on a variety of topics, including legal, financial, governance, and business. Meets quarterly, or at the call of the ED.

Strategy Committee:

Assists the Foundation in following the Strategic Plan, ensuring that KPIs and benchmarks are met. Researches other Foundations and provides industry context and insight. Meets every other month.

Stewardship Committee:

Connects with fundholders and donors to GCF to ensure that they are kept up to date with Foundation news, community impact and other important information. Meets quarterly.

The GCF Board of Directors and committees include many community leaders who share your interests in supporting the charitable needs of our community. Each Board Director sits on one or more of the committees identified above. Visit guelphcf.ca/our-people/ for more information about our Board.

GFC is an equal opportunity organization committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment. We welcome all people from our community, including Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and persons of any gender identity. We believe that everyone can add value and we appreciate input from a diverse range of experiences and backgrounds. Please email volunteer@guelphcf.ca if you encounter barriers at any time in the application process. We are happy to accommodate and learn.

Group members are expected to attend scheduled meetings which may be held in person or through Zoom. Volunteer committee descriptions and expectations are subject to change. Participation is voluntary and no remuneration for service is provided.

Apply to join us by emailing volunteer@guelphcf.ca with your area of interest and a bit about yourself, including your resume and phone number.

We are looking forward to connecting with you!



The GCF Board, Staff, and Volunteers celebrating at a volunteer appreciation event in January 2025.

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 philanthropic programs and activities. The office is in the Old Quebec Street Shoppes in downtown Guelph.