



24/25
Impact Report

25 Years of Impact A Future of Possibility



The Guelph Community
FOUNDATION

We are proud members of:



We acknowledge that The Guelph Community Foundation resides on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe peoples of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

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Second row: Celeste Bannon Waterman, Justin Chan, Roger Garriock

Third row: Hilary McCann, Mark Muir Rodenburg, Jaime Power

Fourth row: Dhruv Shah, Ray Stultz

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

The Guelph Community Foundation is a public foundation and a registered charity. You can access audited financial statements at guelphpcf.ca and view our profile on the Canada Revenue Agency website under charities and giving at canada.ca.



We are a Living Wage Employer.

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Charitable Registration Number: 867278350 RR0001

A message from our Board Chair and Executive Director

The Guelph Community Foundation turned 25 this year. It's time to celebrate our history and our future.

In late 1999, fueled by a belief in the possible, 13 caring and committed Guelphites launched the Guelph Community Foundation. Since then,

- 200 funds gave out over 3000 grants to local charities
- \$18.6 million was granted to causes that improve the health and wellbeing of our neighbours
- \$16.5M was invested and grows annually to generate passive income for hardworking local organizations

Donors and fundholders have made it possible for:

- children to eat a healthy breakfast before school and attend summer camp
- art exhibitions and art programs to inspire, engage and comfort in our community
- adult classes and workshops to build skills
- wellness initiatives to flourish in supportive housing
- clean water initiatives to improve our environmental health, and
- mental health support and leadership skill development for our youth

From June 2024 to May 2025, we established 17 new funds and gave \$1.2 million to 178 charities through 281 grants.

While volunteers continue to steward the Community Foundation, we welcomed our new Executive Director, Sarah Haanstra, who joined our small, dedicated team.

The Guelph Community Foundation is an integral part of our community's charitable landscape; we raise, invest, and grant money, so that together we can make Guelph better for everyone.

Community Foundations offer ways for individuals, families and businesses to give today, plan gifts for the future and inspire others.

The Foundation exists to elevate generosity and make it easy for people to make a positive difference in our community. Read this report to learn more about ways to give, how we invest your money and the legacy of giving that is possible, one donation, one fund at a time.

We are deeply grateful for the people who started The Guelph Community Foundation and those who have helped us do so much good over the last two and half decades. It's time to map the future, because we are just getting started.

With gratitude,

Sarah Haanstra and **Carly O'Brien**, on behalf of the Guelph Community Foundation Board of Directors and staff team.

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The Guelph Community Foundation helps make your charitable giving easy, flexible and, most importantly, effective. We have in-depth knowledge of the organizations, needs, and opportunities within our community. Our many charitable funds have been established by people from all walks of life who have one thing in common: the desire to make a difference in their community.



Clockwise from top left: Gu-‘ELF’ Jerseys with GCF Board Chair and Vice-Chair, GCF’s AGM Meeting, Community Grant recipient United for Literacy, Musagetes recipient Art Not Shame, Community Grant recipient YMCA of Three Rivers, Musagetes recipient Ed Video

What is The Guelph Community Foundation and what do we do?

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



The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) is a charity that matches people in our community with the causes they care about in Guelph and surrounding areas.

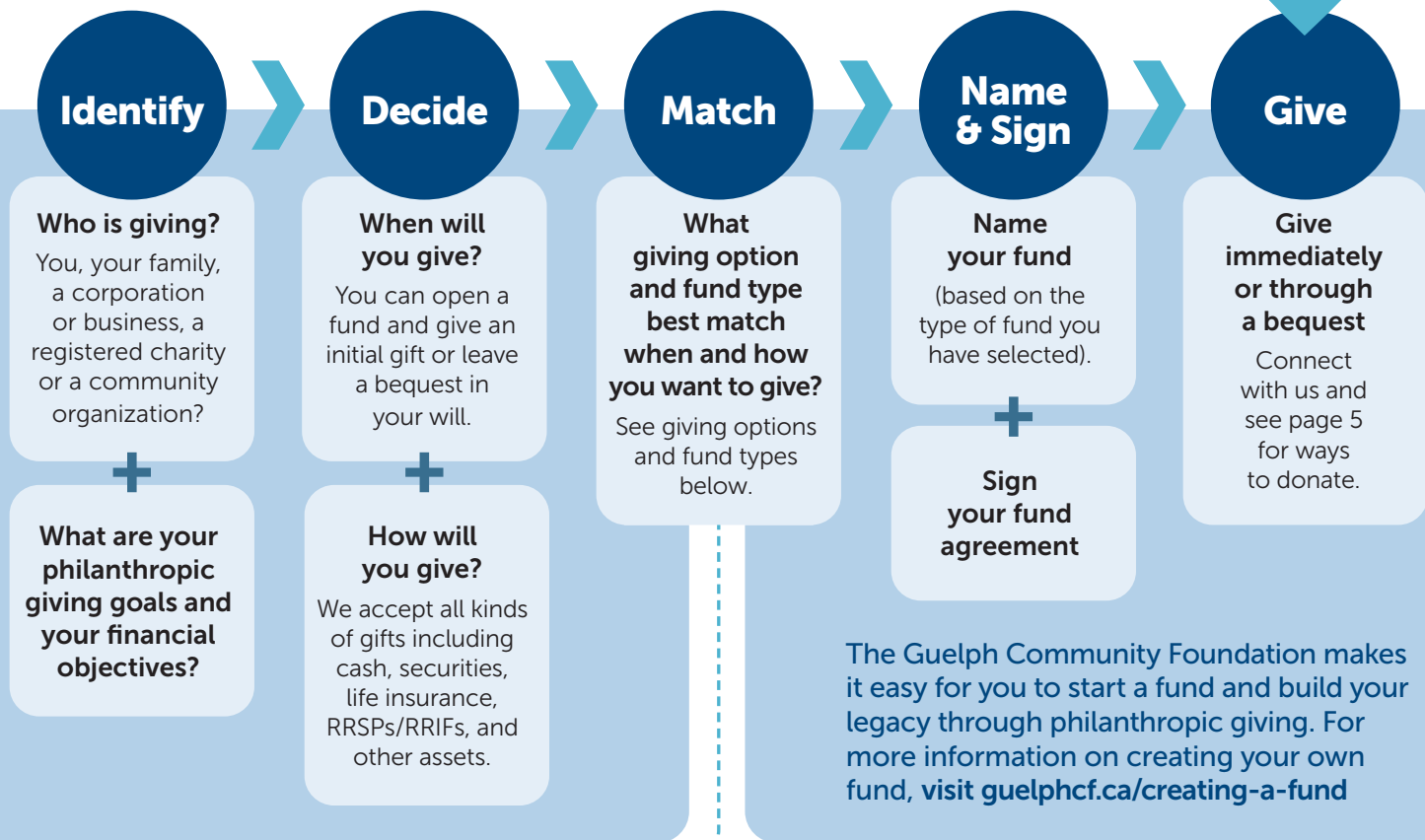
For over 25 years, we have worked with individuals, families, corporations and charities to create endowment funds that are pooled together and invested. The income generated from these pooled investments is used to support local charities that are filling gaps and addressing pressing needs in our community.

The Guelph Community Foundation manages around 200 funds. We have in-depth knowledge about the charities that serve Guelph and Wellington County and our community's needs and opportunities. As of December 31, 2024, we had \$16.9 million in endowed assets. Since GCF was launched in 2000, we have distributed over \$18.6 million through 3,100+ individual grants to local charitable programs.

How to set up your own fund

Want to start your own fund?

Your journey will look something like this:



Giving Options

GCF offers two main giving options:

1. Permanently Endowed:

This is the giving option that built the Community Foundation movement. Your gift will be pooled with other funds and invested. Each year, a portion of your fund's earnings (we call this the "spendable balance") will be granted to a charity(ies) or cause(s) that you care about.

2. Flow-through: This is a good giving option for donors who want to grant their entire gift (or donation) over a set period of time. We will agree on the timeline and your entire donation will be granted to the charities of your choice.

Fund Types

Donors choose one of two main fund types depending on the degree to which you want to have a say in how your fund's spendable balance is granted. Our fund types include:

1. Unrestricted Fund

- **Community Fund:** If you want to do something about our community's most pressing needs, you can grant your fund's earnings or spendable balance to the Community Fund. See page 6 for more information.
- **GCF Operating Fund:** GCF is run by a small but mighty team. You can help support us to do our work by granting to GCF Operations.

2. Donor Advised Fund:

There are several ways donors can have say in how their fund's spendable balance will be granted.

- **Advise:** Each year, you will advise the Guelph Community Foundation on what charity(ies) your fund will support.
- **Guide:** When you set up your fund, you provide guidance for how your fund's spendable balance will be granted year over year. You can do this by either:
 - Naming a specific charity that you want to support. Each year, a portion of your 'designated fund' will be sent to that charity; or
 - Specifying an area of need or 'Field of Interest' (such as vulnerable children or food insecurity). Each year, the Guelph Community Foundation will grant from your fund to charities that address that area of need using our Community Grants process.
- **Support aspiring students:** Your fund will support a scholarship for students who face barriers to access education. In consultation with GCF staff, you can determine the criteria for and the value of the scholarship.

Ways to donate



Giving to a fund at the Guelph Community Foundation is easy, flexible and meaningful. Whether you want to give a little or a lot, now or in the future, there is a donation option that fits your goals.

We're here to help you reach your philanthropic goals and receive maximum tax benefits in a way that reflects your unique values and vision for your community. With a wide range of options and over 25 years of deep local knowledge, we make it simple to turn your generosity into lasting impact!

There are several donation options to choose from, and all donors will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Ways to give NOW

Donate online	Donate by cheque	Donate stocks, bonds, or mutual funds
Send an E-Transfer to: donate@guelphcf.ca. Include your full name, email, and the name of the fund you're supporting. Visit guelphcf.ca/donate to donate by credit card for single or reoccurring donations. Please consider covering Canada Helps' administrative fees to give your full gift to the community.	Mail a cheque to: PO Box, 1311 Guelph, Ontario N1H 6N6 Print off and complete the donor information form from our website found at guelphcf.ca/ways-to-give and include it with the mailed cheque.	Two major benefits of donating securities are: A full value tax receipt and no capital gains tax on the appreciated amount. Donors will receive a tax receipt for the market value of the securities on the date of transfer.

Ways to give LATER

Bequest	Life Insurance	RRSPs or RRIFs
Include us in your will. Your gift can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remaining amount after your loved ones have been provided for. This is a powerful way to create a lasting legacy and support the causes that matter to you forever.	Transfer ownership of a policy or name GCF as a beneficiary of your Life Insurance. Leave a future gift, without taking anything away from your loved ones. Receive a donation receipt for the policy's cash value and for any future premiums you pay.	Choose us as a RRSP or RRIF beneficiary. Leave a meaningful legacy while lowering estate taxes and probate fees.

What is the Guelph Community Fund—and how does it work?

When you donate to the Community Fund it allows us to better respond to a wide range of grant requests from charities across Guelph and Wellington County.



The Guelph Community Foundation helps make your giving easy, effective and research based. Donations to the GCF Community Fund are pooled together and invested. Like all our other endowed funds, the income from these investments is then granted to support local registered charities, while the capital remains untouched. This means your original gift to the fund will have impact in our community today, tomorrow, and forever.

When you donate to the Community Fund, it allows us to better respond to a wide range of grant requests from charities across Guelph and Wellington County.

These pooled funds are 'unrestricted' which means they are sent where the greatest local needs are. Our volunteer Grants Committee is made up of a diverse group of local residents that work with GCF staff to review the charities' applications and collectively recommend how the funds are to be distributed. These recommendations are approved by our Board of Directors before the funds are given out.

Funding decisions are based on our in-depth knowledge of the community of Guelph, its charities, and its areas of greatest

need. With guidance from the Foundation staff, the Committee advises on where the grants would make the most impact. Our Community Grant Impact stories on page 8 highlight how some of these funds have been used in our community.

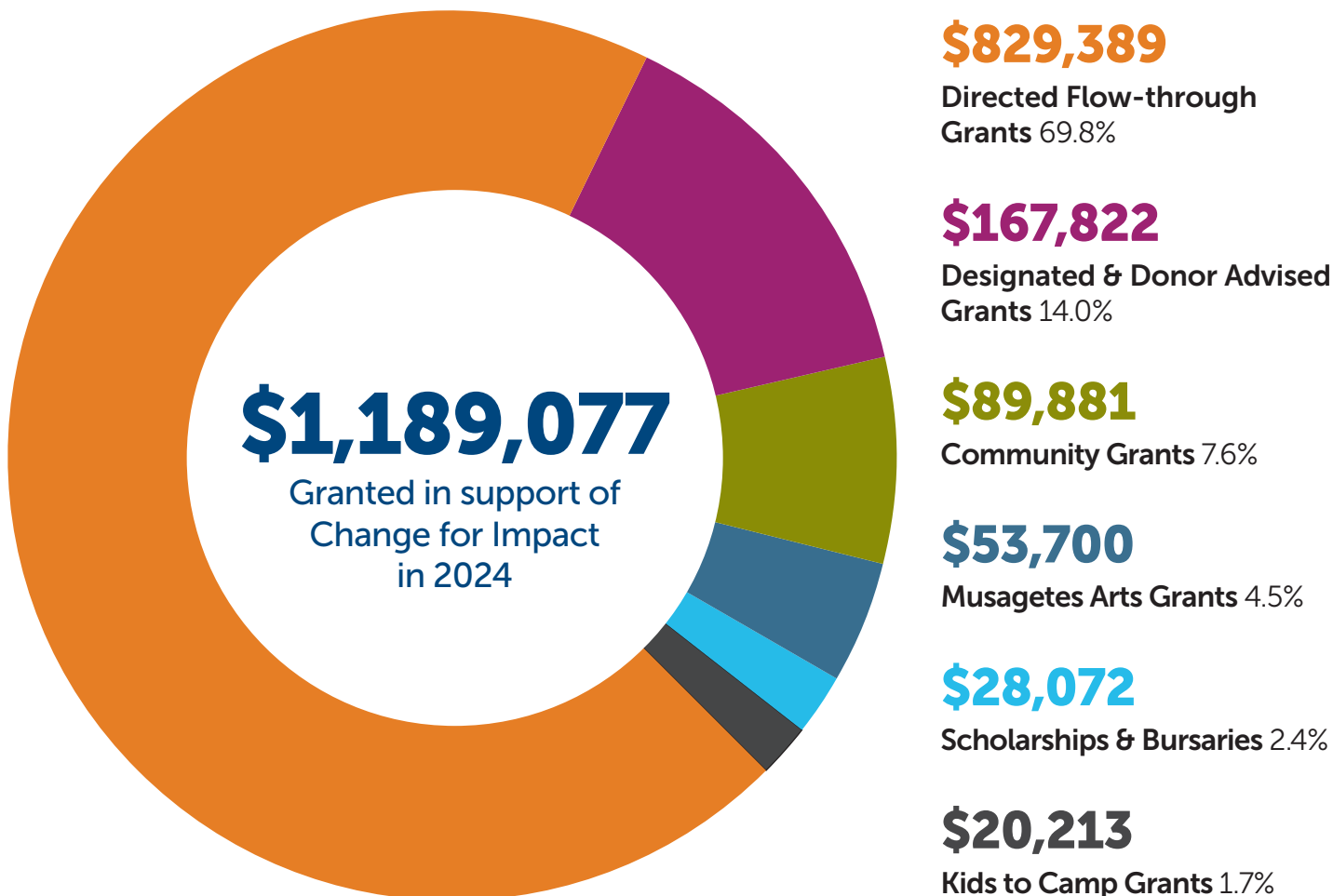
We use a Trust Based Philanthropy lens and look for equitable and inclusive practices in the applications which must also fit within the framework of Toward Common Ground's Wellbeing Concepts and connect to one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Every year far less than half of the applications are funded because the needs outweigh the available funds.

By contributing to the GCF Community Fund, you are helping our community where it will have the greatest impact, now and in the future. As your initial gift continues to generate investment income each year it continually supports the incredible nonprofit work being done in Guelph and Wellington County.

To learn more, visit guelphcf.ca/grants

Grants for impact

In 2024, we granted nearly \$1.2 million through 281 grants to 178 charities.



Top three Vital Signs funded

#1
\$399,851
Economic and Household
Resources

#2
\$305,278
Health

#3
\$163,447
Belonging and
Participation

Grant impact stories

\$5,000
grant

Anishnabeg Outreach

The Guelph Spirit Bundle Program



VITAL SIGN:
ECONOMIC AND HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

Anishnabeg Outreach (AO) received support for their Guelph Spirit Bundle Program. This program offers culturally informed food support, seasonal resources, and community connection for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis (FNIM) families in Guelph. In 2024 AO was able to expand their basket program to bi-weekly food deliveries to FNIM households experiencing low income or food insecurity. Each household receives three bags of groceries: one with frozen items like meat and bread, one with fresh produce, and one with dry goods such as grains, canned food, and snacks. Families can request additional essentials like diapers, cleaning supplies, or medication made from traditional medicines. AO welcomed 77 new local participants (40 adults and 37 children) and gave out an incredible 1,500+ food bags in just six months. This program continues to offer not just food, but compassion in meeting urgent needs while celebrating Indigenous culture and community.



The Nightingale Centre

\$5,000
grant

Through Loss to Compassion Leadership Program



VITAL SIGN:
BELONGING AND PARTICIPATION

The Nightingale Centre for Grieving Children, Youth and Families received funding to enhance their Through Loss to Compassion leadership program. Nightingale helps children, teens, and young adults who have lost someone close to them by teaching about grief, offering peer support, and building leadership skills. This grant supported the expansion and update of Nightingale's peer-led programming. These young leaders connected with the bereaved children and helped plan future programs and community events for the Centre. This expanded project now has a sustainable framework and continues to help foster compassionate community resilience from peers who have been there. Funding also enabled the hiring of a local young adult with lived personal grief experience who ran the Young Adult Group and helped create educational materials and led community activities with partners like the Guelph Public Library and The Grove Hubs.





\$5,000
grant

Elora Centre for the Arts

Community Connections Through Art program



VITAL SIGN:
BELONGING AND PARTICIPATION

Elora Centre for the Arts' (ECFTA) Community Connections Through Art program received funding to support visual arts education to students with disabilities across multiple Wellington County schools. Over the 2024-25 school year, 36 sessions were led by a professional artist engaging a total of 540 participants using supplies provided by ECFTA. The program helped students with disabilities build confidence, feel connected to their community, and express themselves without the pressure of being graded. Educators shared that the students' attitude and behaviour were noticeably improved. This program created a supportive space where students, regardless of their level of ability, could feel seen, valued, and inspired.

Non-profit organizations can only provide their transformative services when their operational costs are covered. We are proud to offer the option of programing or operational funding in both our Musagetes and Community Grant streams.

Ed Video and Silence Guelph

Operational Funding for the Arts



VITAL SIGN:
LEISURE AND CULTURE

\$6,000
total

Two key Guelph arts organizations, Ed Video Media Arts Centre and Silence Guelph, received Musagetes grants for operational funding to help sustain their vital community arts work amid sector-wide financial challenges. Ed Video, Guelph's only artist-run media arts centre for 49 years, offers accessible media equipment, workshops, and exhibition space. They engage over 800 media artists annually. Silence Guelph, a welcoming audio focused space for artistic exploration, serves around 5,000 people yearly through inclusive programming such as youth jazz jams.

In January 2025 Ed Video relocated to Silence's back gallery room, reducing costs and fostering stronger collaboration for both organizations. The Guelph Jazz Festival has since also joined this space, transforming it into a vibrant cultural hub. The Musagetes grant supported Ed Video's relocation, staffing, and programming, while Silence's grant helped staffing, marketing, infrastructure, and community events. By providing operational funding, these organizations were supported where they needed it the most during these times of transition and expansion.



Sleeman Better Water Fund 2025



Sleeman Better Water Fund (SBWF) was established in 2024 to support organizations focused on responsible water use (conservation and preservation) or accessibility of clean water in communities. This funding stream allows registered charities across Canada to apply for up to \$40,000 for better water funding.

Fondation Rivières

For over 20 years the Fondation Rivières has been working to protect access to riverbanks and to protect local water quality. SBWF funded *Rivière du Nord* project focused on river cleaning and collaboration with the mayors of the 28 municipalities bordering the river. It resulted in all mayors signing a public declaration of commitment to protect the Rivière du Nord. The municipalities identified pressure points, systemic and regulatory problems, and opportunities for pooling costly actions. This project reconciled the bureaucracy requirements and the immediate environmental impact needed. The research is being analysed from which an action plan for the entire watershed will be drafted, a first in Quebec.

\$35,000
grant

Living Lakes Canada

A returning SBWF recipient, Living Lakes Canada (LLC), works with communities to understand the impacts of climate change and pollution on their watersheds. Funding supported their National Lake Blitz program, a citizen science initiative that engages people across Canada to monitor local lakes for climate change impacts. By mid-season, the 2025 program had recruited over 500 monitoring volunteers across Canada, collecting water data and documenting biodiversity to create a snapshot of a growing national dataset.

\$5,000
grant

Scholarships

GCF's scholarship funds provide local high school students financial support to continue their education into post-secondary. Each year, we are deeply inspired by the stories of resilience that students share in their scholarship applications. These stories showcase the resiliency that the youth of our community possess, and their ability to overcome adversity of many kinds. These scholarship funds are completely customizable and can target specific criteria that match the fundholder's goals, such as women in STEM, or are often established to honor someone's legacy. We recognize the vital importance of education for young people and are incredibly proud to be able to support this through our scholarship funds! Thinking of starting your own scholarship? Learn more on page 7.

Chalmers Community Services Centre

New Dishwasher



VITAL SIGNS:
BELONGING AND PARTICIPATION

\$5,000
grant

Chalmers received capital funding to purchase a commercial dishwasher to significantly improve their *Café Gatherings* program. The Cafés, which serve over 300 guests weekly, provide nutritious food, social connection, and vital referrals in a safe and inclusive space. Because of the dishwasher,



volunteers spend far less time cleaning and more time supporting guests. The Café is now fully Public Health compliant, and the numbers of guests have increased significantly due to increased capacity.

Fund Spotlight

Bridges-Over-Barriers: The Andrew Bloomfield Legacy Fund



This fund was created by Gerald and Elizabeth Bloomfield in memory of their late son Andrew John Bloomfield.

Andrew had been severely affected throughout his 55 years of life by communication and movement disorders that prevented him from speaking with his voice. He was greatly encouraged and supported in all his efforts by his twin sister, Victoria, who was devoted to his well-being but died tragically in a winter traffic accident. The Bloomfields dedicate this fund to honour both Victoria and Andrew.

In his early twenties Andrew taught himself to read and copy-type. He discovered that with an assistant stabilizing his movement he could express his own thoughts and wishes, however laboriously, on a keyboard. In 2004 he brought together a small group of similarly challenged individuals from other regions of Ontario who each, with great effort, communicated in a similar way. This group, named Bridges-Over-Barriers, met primarily in Andrew's home and was informally supported for twenty years by Guelph Services for the Autistic, a local charitable organization. Andrew asked in his will that the work of Bridges be continued as a legacy project.

Here is an excerpt from a 2014 statement from Andrew:

I am the Author of my story. I need always to have my voice heard. Even though it is a light tap of the keys rather than a loud-sounding voice from my mouth, it is powerful and full of meaning. When we cannot talk in one way or another, we lose our cool and get very angry or frustrated. I need to have my way to communicate or I will explode.

To be seen and heard and believed to be intelligent adults, and not disabled children, makes a difference in how we see ourselves. I pick up on your attitudes and perceptions. If I am with people who convey they do not believe I am able to talk, then I lose my own confidence and prove their disbelief.

You can look at how our lives have changed since we have been given a way to express our thoughts and words. We are people who experts said do not like to be touched and we allow our bodies and typing arms to be supported and stabilized. We are people who experts said have short attention spans to tasks, but I stay in a conversation for two hours. We can listen closely to others and are more able to participate in what life has to offer...

"My hope is to give others hope. I am a man who was behind the cement walls of a prison imposed by a system that could not see people's potential. If I can now talk to others like intelligent people do, then most any dream can come true!"

This fund supports the encouragement of non-speaking adults to express their thoughts and help them make decisions about their own lives. Bridges-Over-Barriers has been supported by volunteer efforts and donations through the non-profit charity Guelph Services for the Autistic (GSA) ever since, mainly for members in southern Ontario.



Community of Hearts Scholarship Fund

Guelphite Joan McVean regularly volunteers with local charity, Community of Hearts, and in honour of her friend, Denise, Joan established this fund.

This fund honours Denise's memory, friendship, and career by helping individuals with developmental disabilities access Community of Hearts programing.

This fund has had a profound impact on it's supported participants with developmental disabilities by removing the financial barriers to programing, making it possible for them to access new opportunities. The programs offered valuable skill development and a sense of inclusion and community, which is something often not experienced by those with developmental disabilities. In 2024, two individuals were able to take part in a baking-focused life skills program.

One participant shared their gratitude, saying, "Thank you for inviting me to join the 'Fall Cooking' session at no cost. Since living on my own, I really have to watch my spending. That's why I live in rent-geared income housing, as I couldn't afford market rent plus food, bills, and everything else..."

The financial assistance provided by this fund is essential for many individuals with developmental disabilities. These programs foster a sense of community, confidence by connecting to peers, learning new skills and helping them navigate the challenges of daily life.



Fund Spotlight Royal City Science Build Fund

Royal City Science is working towards the goal of building a new state-of-the-art science centre for southwestern Ontario.



This proposed facility will welcome potential future scientists and science-enthusiasts to experience interactive exhibitions, discover unique learning opportunities,

and engage with knowledgeable educators dedicated to making science understandable and exciting. This new multi-disciplinary science centre places the UN's 17 goals for sustainable development as the guiding light. The aim is to develop the facility on a former gravel pit close to Highway 401, making the centre a living laboratory of habitat rehabilitation. This will open up opportunities for citizen science and academic research to take place side by side. This new fund's purpose is to help bring this new science centre vision to life.

Financial summary 2024

We are so pleased to share that in 2024 we received \$1.7 million in donations from generous donors like you

In 2024, the markets performed well. Stewarded by our Investment Committee and guided by GCF's values, our Investment Manager implemented prudent investment strategies that led to steady growth in our endowed portfolio, allowing us to strengthen and support our community through philanthropic leadership. The annualized rate of return for the endowed portfolio in 2024 was 17.1%, surpassing the 2023 returns by more than 5% and our balance sheet continues to be in a strong position.

Our Investment Committee has continued its commitment to strong financial governance principles. As part of their on-going due diligence, in 2024 the investment committee put out a call for proposals for investment managers. A task that occurs on a 5-year interval. The process ended with the appointment of Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd as the Foundation's Investment Manager. The transition to Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd. started in the early part of the 2025 fiscal year. A special thank you to Ed Clayson and his team at *Clayson Wealth Management, RBC DS*, for their investment services over the last several years.

\$16.9
million

**Total
endowed assets**

This is a \$2.0 million increase from 2023.

\$1.2
million

**Total
granted**

This is well above the Canada Revenue Agency 5% disbursement quota.

178
charities

**Total number
of charities that
received a
GCF grant**

281 grants went to 178 charities.

\$1.7
million

Donations received

This was a decrease from \$2.3m in 2023, when we received \$512,000 in one-time funds from the Government of Canada.

A reminder that a copy of our audited financial statements can be found on our website at www.guelphcf.ca

With the full support of our Board of Directors and by adhering to strong financial principles, and compliance with our Investment Policy Statement, our Investment Committee continues to allow our Foundation to steward our Endowed and Reserve funds, through ever changing times, with confidence in our ability to provide ongoing positive impact in our community.

Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2024

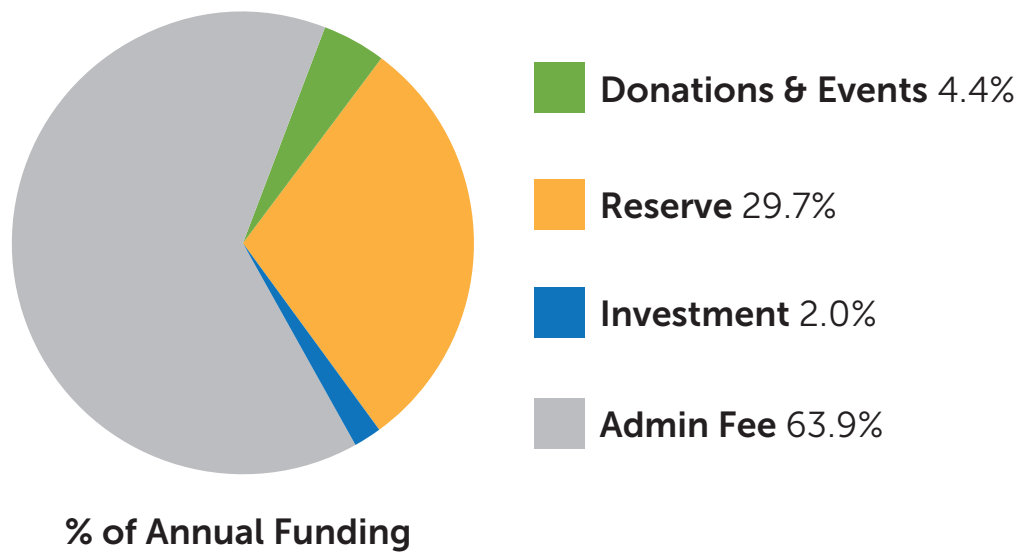
Statement of Operations

The summarized information below represents the highlights of our fiscal year and was taken from our financial statements as audited by Graham Mathew Chartered Professional Accountants.

	2024	2023	2022
Donations	\$1,688,113	\$2,367,098	\$2,626,992
Investment income	\$874,118	\$759,165	\$287,467
Other	\$375	\$70,915	\$2,175
Fundraising	-	\$0	\$24,470
Grants	\$5,013	\$516,739	\$14,065
Revenue	\$2,567,619	\$3,713,917	\$2,955,169
Grants paid out	\$1,189,077	\$2,483,039	\$2,052,274
Net revenue before expenses	\$1,378,542	\$1,230,878	\$902,895
Operating expenses	\$598,947	\$529,121	\$541,466
Revenue in excess of expenditures before the following	\$779,595	\$701,757	\$361,429
Unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of investments	\$1,640,433	\$751,687	-\$1,398,657

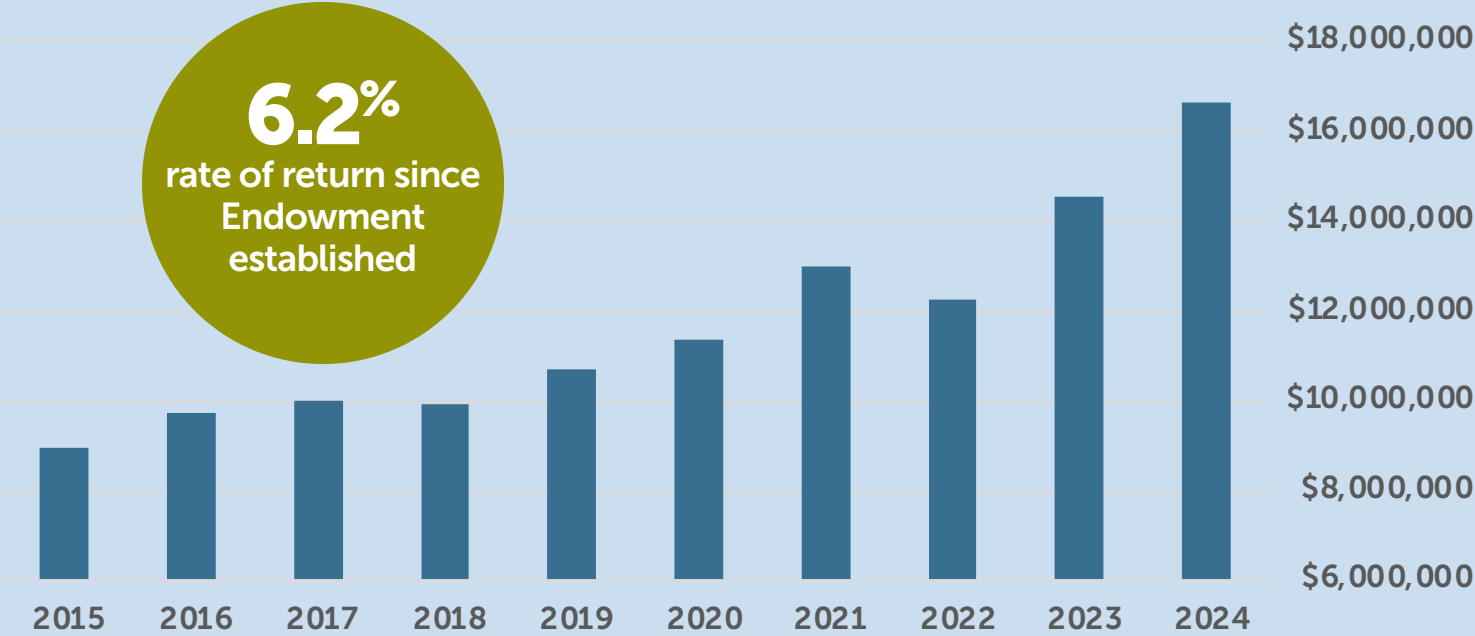
Operations Funding

In 2024, The Guelph Community Foundation spent \$598,947 on operating costs. This included operational, administrative, salary costs and all fees. The pie chart below shows (by proportion) how GCF's operational costs were funded in 2024.



Growth of Endowed Fund

The bar chart below shows the growth of GCF's endowed assets under management from 2015 to 2024.



Endowed Asset growth is reflective of principal and market fluctuations.

GCF and Guelph Storm

Over the past 12 months we've had some great experiences working with Guelph Storm, our local OHL team, and connecting with our community.

On December 1st we joined Storm in kicking off the 2024 holiday season as the featured local charity. The team played in special GCF holiday Gu-'ELF' jerseys that later were auctioned off with proceeds supporting GCF.

On March 7, 2025 we partnered with Storm for our fundholder's Sleeman Breweries' Pick Up The Tab contest. The public was asked to bring in their can tabs to the game to help raise money for wheelchairs, walkers, and assistive devices. This year there were over 2,000 lbs of tabs donated!

A week later we were back as Storm featured the Home for Good Campaign. All evening 50/50 tickets were flying off the shelves in support of the Campaign, an initiative from GCF and United Way GWD. Not only could you win money, but each ticket went to helping individuals that are chronically homeless in our community access permanent supportive housing. We look forward to collaborating with Storm again soon!



I N M E M O R I A M

Patricia McCraw

Volunteer and community champion

Former Guelph Community Foundation Board Member, Patricia McCraw peacefully passed away at her family home on February 13, 2025, at the age of 95. Since moving here in 1948 she became well known throughout Guelph for her unwavering commitment to improving her community, a passion she continued to pursue well into her late eighties. Pat's over 50 years of volunteering often included serving as a key figure in countless charitable organizations.

Pat's dedication was recognized with many honors, including the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in 2013, awarded for her 50 years of volunteer work. She was also awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 in recognition of her contributions to Canada, and the Guelph Mayor's Award in 2000. Though she will be missed, her influence will continue to be felt throughout our community for years to come.

Our donors

Many thanks to our individual & corporate donors

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Curtis, Pauline and Bob	Huckle, Sharon	O'Regan, Tim	Wright, Harvey	The Estate of Linda Florence Batten
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Our funds and fundholders

Charitable Endowment

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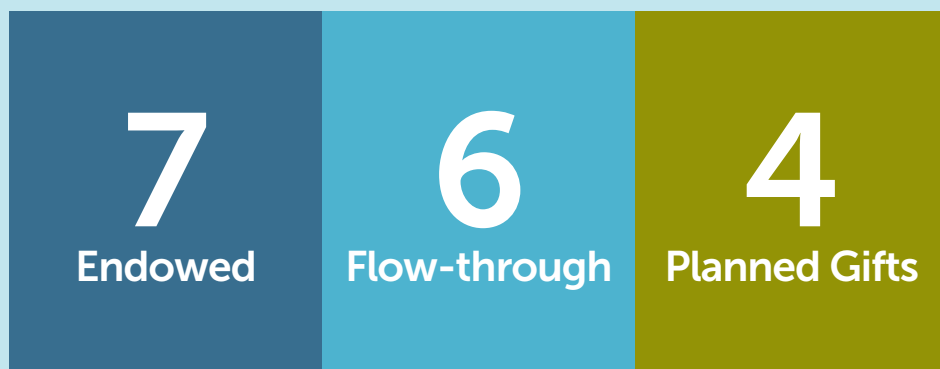
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 Guelph Arts Council Legacy Fund
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 Guelph Community Health Centre Endowment Fund
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 Hillside Festival Endowment Fund
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NEW Royal City Science Centre Charitable Endowment Fund
 Shelldale Family Gateway Endowment Fund
 The Grove Hubs Endowed Fund
 The Suzuki String School of Guelph Fund
 Unitarian Congregation of Guelph Future Fund
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Endowed

175th Anniversary Scholarship Fund
 Ages Foundation Fund
NEW Andrew Bloomfield Legacy Fund
 Bridges Over Barriers Endowed OBC
 Andy Lindsay Memorial Scholarship Fund
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 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
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 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
 Guelph Wellington Volunteer Fund
 Harrison Legacy Fund
 Hood Family Fund
 Hugh and Lorna Guthrie Fund
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 Jack and Nancy Sinclair Fund
 Jamie Vickery Memorial Fund
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 Ken and Eileen Hammill Fund
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 Kiera Schneider Memorial Fund
 Kimberly Thompson Memorial Fund
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 Kurt Fellinghauer Fund
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 Lcol Rod Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Mabel Anne Brouwer Scholarship Fund
 Mactaggart Hryn Family Endowment Fund
 Make your Mark Foundation in Memory of Kayla Chadwick
 Mary Phelan Fund
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 McKeough Taylor Fund
 Meridian Credit Union Fund
 Mildred Christie Fund
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 Moffat-Forsyth Family Fund
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 Peter Szkotnicki Legacy Fund
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 Rothwell Family Fund
 Rudolph (Duke) and Elizabeth (Betty) Sorbara Family Welcoming Fund
 Seven Generations Forward Fund
 Shelldale Family Gateway Bursary Fund
NEW Smith Heritage Education Fund
 SmithValeriot Education Bursary
 Squires Family Recreation and Sports Fund
 Sylvia Plester Silk and Mark Silk Family Fund

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NEW The Goddard-Coates Family Fund
 The Griffith and Violet Morgan Fund
 The Mactaggart Team Fund
NEW The McCormick Delisle Family Fund
 The Tatham Fund
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 Tom Bird and Jay Elinesky Fund
 Valcom Employee Guelph Health Centres Benefit Fund
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 William K. Greenaway & Anne C. Bawden Fund
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Funds for Charitable Distribution

Corinne Beingessner Fund
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Funds Held for Others

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Non-Endowed

10C Change Fund
 10C Harvest Impact Fund
 AlectraCARES Community Support Fund
NEW Arend Nieuwland, Remorse Sculpture Fund
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 Augeo Fund
 Bill Mactaggart Scholarship for OVC

Bishop's Education Fund (Wellington Catholic District School Board)
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NEW Bridges Over Barriers Andrew Bloomfield Flowthrough Legacy Fund
 Charity Enterprise Fund
 Cox Construction 75th Anniversary Fund
 Cutten Club Fund
 Douglas Brown Memorial Fund
 Estate of Janet Mary Pearson
 Fathers Remembered by Daughters Fund
 First Nations, Metis, Mixed Ancestry and Inuit Circle Fund
 Graham and Judy Knowles Charitable Fund
 Grand River Conservation Foundation Fund
 Guelph Community Response Fund
 Guelph Giving Pledge
 Haggis Flow Through Fund
 Indigenous Community Development Fund
 Italian Canadian Club Fund
 Kev Rem Flow Through Fund
 Kimberley Walker Fund
 Lassen Johnson Family FT Fund*
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 Nicholas Lambden Memorial Children's Foundation Fund
NEW Royal City Science Centre Flow Through Fund
 Sleeman Better Water Fund
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 The Grove Hubs Flow Through Fund
 The Home for Good Campaign Fund
 The Nightingale Fund FT*
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Home for Good

The campaign continues to help reduce chronic homelessness

We are proud to co-lead the Home for Good Campaign together with the United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin. Home for Good is a call to action to alleviate experiences of chronic homelessness in our community.

With over 2.6 million dollars already invested in supportive housing projects, local chronic homelessness was reduced by 13% and at least 75% of chronic youth homelessness was reduced by the end of 2024. Recently, Tricar, Triumph Tool Inc., and the Mactaggart Hryn family each pledged \$50,000 to the campaign!

In June 2024, the third supportive housing project funded by Home for Good opened at 10 Shelldale, led by Kindle Communities. 10 Shelldale provides 32 housing and common space units, as well as 24/7 staff support that allows residents to access critical services such as mental health counselling.

There are now 72 permanent supportive housing units in operation, providing homes to 109 residents with added wrap-around services. Along with the stability provided by the housing, it's the sense of community and belonging that has been the most impactful part of these life changing experiences.



Oak Tree 9

Congratulations to Grand Prize Winner Community FEWD

On October 15, 2024, The Oak Tree Project awarded its \$20,000 grand prize to the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition's Community FEWD (Food Equity with Dignity). The winning and innovative program repurposes food otherwise headed to landfill to support those facing food insecurity. GCF proudly supports the charitable administration for the Oak Tree Project.

Our community is facing a food insecurity crisis. Oak Tree 9's purpose was to help educate, support, and raise awareness about the amazing work Guelph/Wellington charities do to help people in our community access the nutritious food they need. Guided by a panel of expert community judges who understand the social, economic and logistical challenges involved, Oak Tree invited local charities to apply for funding. The prize money will be used to expand charitable programming that will get healthy and nutritious food to those who need it.

Oaktree 9's grand finale included pitches from the four finalists, with the winner selected by a combination of guest votes and evaluations from the food insecurity expert panel. A surprise gift of \$5,000 was also donated to the other three runners-up in addition to the \$2,500 runner-up prize.

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The Mactaggart Family

Thank you

We are grateful for the support of over 30 volunteers.

Joanne Backman

Celeste Bannon Waterman

Beth Burrows

Justin Chan

Hilary Coates

Scott Connell

Stephen Conway

Jordan Dowdall

David Durbin

Ian Findlay

Roger Garriock

Catherine Goddard

William Greenaway

Christopher Henry

Andrew Johnson

Eric Johnstone

Cinthuja Leon

Jill Madorsky

Hilary McCann

Michelle Minor

Laurie Nicol

Chelsea Noiles

Carly O'Brien

Dan O'Donnell

Barbara Palace

Jaime Power

Crista Renner

Mark Rodenburg

Dhruv Shah

Andrew Somerville

Raymond Stultz

Krista Walford

Devin Waterman

Beverley Watters



January 2025 New Years Volunteer Social

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

Megan Cameron

Dianne Dance

Mike Gourlay

Mike Greer

Sylvia Plester-Silk

Renata Rusiniak

Karyn Sales

Lynn Vanschaik

Volunteer spotlight

We thank and gratefully acknowledge the service of two Directors who have departed from our Board this year. We thank them for their years of volunteering with us and all the time and energy they've given.



Karyn Sales has been volunteering with the Foundation since early 2020 and has been instrumental in assisting with policy development and governance within the board.



Crista Renner has been volunteering with the Foundation since 2021 and has been very helpful in supporting human resources, grant evaluations and nominations.

There are many ways to get involved with The Guelph Community Foundation



2024 GNSC Youth Leadership Grant



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 Foundation toward a sustainable future.



Stay informed and attend events

In celebration of our 25th anniversary we have a handful of events we will be hosting over the next year. We also regularly highlight events related to community causes and philanthropy. Follow us on social media and subscribe to our quarterly eNewsletter 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 learn more. We'd love to hear from you!

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