



2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Building Tomorrow Together

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We are proud members of the Community Foundations of Canada.



We humbly acknowledge that the Guelph Community Foundation is situated on the ancestral and treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the Anishnawbek Peoples.

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Some 2025 Highlights



Photo courtesy of Guelph Film Festival, a Musagetes Fund 2025 recipient.



Home for Good accepting Hammond Power Solutions' donation for Welcome to Waterloo.



Funders Form (collaboration of local funders) hosting the Funding Abundance Symposium.



GCF Volunteers at the Summer Volunteer Appreciation Social at Cox Creek.

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Special Thanks to
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A Message from our Board Chair and Executive Director

The Guelph Community Foundation has had another great year and we are keen to share this report that presents some of the highlights.

Our name, The Guelph Community Foundation, says it all. First and foremost, we are about community, a term that means different things to different people. To us, community is about people, places and spaces, connecting and caring, commonality and diversity, and a shared belief that together we can make our community better.

We are a public foundation that connects people who live in Guelph and the surrounding areas, with causes they care about.

Our grants respond to the needs of our community, and build stronger, healthier and more resilient communities across Guelph, Wellington and beyond. As a grantmaker, we serve as a bridge between donors and the charitable sector, ensuring gifts reach the charitable causes and projects where they will do the most good. When you give through the Guelph Community Foundation, you create an enduring legacy and impact that lasts. Our staff and volunteers are approachable professionals who bring in-depth local knowledge and the expertise to match donor gifts with pressing local needs. We know that philanthropy is not “one size fits all.” The Guelph Community Foundation provides a flexible giving model where individuals, families, organizations and corporations can choose how, when, and what they give.

When you donate to or through the Guelph Community Foundation, or you become a fundholder, leave a planned gift, or volunteer with us, you become a part of something. Something that is bigger than any one of us, something that makes our community stronger (we distributed close to \$1.4 million to charities in 2025 alone!). To all of those who have been a part of our journey so far, we thank you for your generosity and commitment to community. For those who are curious about us, we welcome you to reach out to learn more.

With gratitude,

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

What is the Foundation and What Do We Do?

The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) is a registered charity that raises money, invests money and distributes grants that make our community better for everyone.

There are multiple ways you can give and there are multiple ways a charity might receive a grant from GCF, detailed on page 12 of this report.

The community foundation movement was built to give donors a legacy giving option that allows you to give today and continue to give in the future, and for your donation to positively impact our community, in perpetuity (forever!).

So what does this look like?

- An individual, family, organization or corporation sets up an endowed fund at the Guelph Community Foundation.
- All donations to that fund are pooled with all our endowed funds and invested in the financial markets.
- Each year, we grant to charities from the earnings of those investments.
- Year over year, grants go to charities, while the original donation remains untouched.
- Over time, the fund will grant as much as was first donated, with that original donation still invested, continuing to earn income, and continuing to support charities for years after the fund was set up.

Endowed funds are not your only option for giving. Donors may also choose to set up a flow-through fund, give to an existing fund, donate directly to GCF, or join one of our giving groups.

GCF is run by a small team dedicated to big impact. Administration fees and donations to operations allow us to continue to serve our community.

GCF Values



Community Driven:

We serve and represent the needs of our community.

Respect:

We treat everyone with kindness.

Integrity:

We build trust through honesty.

Impact Focused:

We invest resources where they create meaningful, lasting change.

Four Options to Give

In general, there are four ways to give to or through the Guelph Community Foundation.



1. Open a fund

Create a charitable fund in your name or your family's name. We'll help you support the causes you care about now and in the future.



2. Give to an existing fund

Explore over 150 funds and find a fund that matches your values and the causes you care about.



3. Donate directly to GCF

Donations to the **Community Grants Program** increase the amount we are able to distribute through our Community grants application process.

Donations to **GCF Operations** helps cover the costs of running our organization.



4. Join a giving group

Support a cause that matters to you by joining a giving group, including Home for Good, The Guelph Giving Pledge and The Oak Tree Project.



Photo: Rukhsar Jaffer

1. Open a Fund:

How to set up your own fund

The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) makes it easy for you to start a fund and build your legacy through philanthropic giving. Want to start your own fund?

Your journey will look something like this:

Identify:

Who is giving? You, your family, a corporation or business, a registered charity or a community organization?

What are your philanthropic giving goals and your financial objectives?

Decide:

When will you give? You can open a fund and give an initial gift today or you can open a fund and leave a bequest in your will, or both.

How will you give? We accept many kinds of gifts including cash, securities, bequests, life insurance, RRSPs/RRIFs, and other assets.

Match:

What **fund option** and **ways to give** best match when and how you want to give?

1. **Fund Options:** GCF offers two main fund options:

- **Permanently Endowed:** This is the giving option that creates impact in perpetuity (forever). Your gift will be pooled with other funds and invested. The capital (or the money you donate) is invested, rather than spent, providing a sustainable source of income. 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.
- **Flow-through:** This is a giving option for donors who want to grant their entire gift (or donation) over a set period of time (usually within 24 months of making the donation) but not all at once.

2. **Ways to Give:** Donors choose one of four main ways to give depending on the degree to which you want to have a say in how your fund's spendable balance is granted. Our fund options include:

- **Unrestricted Fund:** You can direct your spendable balance to one of two types of unrestricted funds. See page 10 for more information.
- **Donor Advised Fund (DAF):** Each year you decide where the spendable amount from your fund will go. If you no longer wish to or are unable to decide, we will continue to grant to organizations that are consistent with your past giving decisions or distribute your fund's grants through our community grants process.
- **Designated Fund:** You select a specific charity or charities that you want to support. Each year, the spendable amount from your fund will be sent to the charity(ies) you chose.
- **Scholarship or Bursary:** Each year, your fund's spendable amount will provide financial support for people who face barriers to accessing education. As the fundholder, you choose what the scholarship or bursary will support.

The spendable balance is the amount available to grant from each fund, every year.



Name: Name your fund!

Sign: Review and sign the fund agreement.

Give: If you wish to give immediately or through a bequest, please contact us to process this or to provide guidance on language to make your future giving wishes clear.

2. Give to an existing Fund

Choose from more than 150 endowed or flow-through funds.

3. Donate directly to GCF

This option allows you to support Guelph Community Foundation and help address local pressing needs.

a) Donate to the Community Fund

- Donations are combined and invested.
- Income from investments is granted to support local registered charities.
- Local charities apply.
- Volunteer Grants Committee works with GCF staff to review the charities’ applications and collectively recommend how the funds are to be distributed to address the greatest local needs.
- When you donate to the Community Fund it allows us to respond to a wider range of grant requests from charities across Guelph and Wellington County.

b) Donate to GCF’s Operations to help cover the cost of our work

4. Join one of our Giving Groups



Guelph Giving Pledge

Pledge to donate 1/10th of 1% of your net wealth on an annual basis to reduce the impact of poverty.

guelphgivingpledge.ca



The Oak Tree Project

Donate to maximize the Oak Tree Project’s impact. Celebrate the great work of local charities at the Oak Tree Grand Finale.

oaktreeguelph.ca



The Home for Good Campaign

Donate to build homes for people experiencing chronic homelessness.

homeforgoodgw.ca

Ways to Donate

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

Ways To Give NOW

Donate Online

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 through our CanadaHelps page for single or recurring donations.

Donate By Cheque

Mail us a cheque to P.O. Box 1311, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6N6. Print off and complete the donor information form from our website found at guelph.ca/donate and include it with the mailed cheque.

Donate Stocks, Bonds, or Mutual Funds (Gifts of Securities)

This unique and valuable type of donation comes with two major benefits: 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. **Reach out to us directly for next steps and to review your options.**

Ways To Give LATER

Bequest

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: today and in the future.

Life Insurance

Transfer ownership of a policy or name GCF as a beneficiary for your Life Insurance. This way you can leave a future gift without taking anything away from your loved ones. Donation receipts will be issued for the policy's cash value and any future premiums.

RRSPs or RRIFs

Choose us as a RRSP or RRIF beneficiary and leave a meaningful legacy while lowering estate taxes and probate fees.

How Does The Guelph Community Foundation Grant?

Unrestricted Funds & Community Grants

GCF's unrestricted funds and Community Grants provide funding to address pressing local needs in Guelph and Wellington County by supporting a wide range of charitable programs, operational needs and capital projects. All grant applications are evaluated by a volunteer Grant Committee and must align with Toward Common Ground well-being concepts and connect to a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal(s). These grants create meaningful, timely impact while strengthening the overall well-being of the community.

Donor Advised Funds

A donor advised fund is a flexible, personalized way to support the causes that matter most to the fundholders. Each year fundholders recommend the charities or issues they want to support, and GCF manages the distributions, issuing grants in the fund's name, and providing one tax receipt for the donations made to that fund in the calendar year. Families can use their fund to build a long-term charitable legacy and involve younger generations in thoughtful giving, or corporations can use their fund to support strategic community initiatives and engage employees in philanthropy.

Field of Interest Fund

This broader approach allows fundholders to direct their gifts to an area of need (for example: health, social services, arts & culture, the environment, etc.) rather than specific charities. GCF then ensures that the grants are directed to the local charities that best match the areas of interest.

Designated Funds

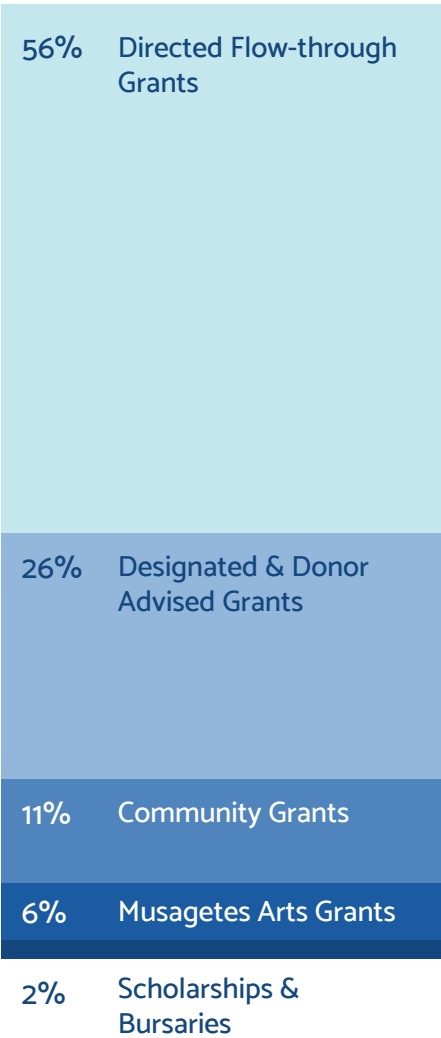
A designated fund is a charitable endowment that allows a donor to support one or more specific organizations in a lasting, meaningful way. By naming the charity or charities that matter most to them, donors offer organizations ongoing financial support through annual grants. GCF manages the invested funds and distributes the earnings each year, creating a steady, reliable source of funding. This type of fund is often used to sustain the charities' programming or operations, offering a personal way to give back while helping charities plan for the future.

Example: Scholarships

A scholarship fund can be established to support continuing education or training of students who may have financial or life barriers. The donor names the fund, sets the scholarship amount, and selects the secondary school(s) whose students they wish to support.

Grants for Impact

In 2025, we granted nearly \$1.4 million through 331 grants to 222 charities.



\$769,630

Directed Flow-through grants
56%

\$145,888

Community grants
11%

\$20,950

Scholarships & bursaries
2%

\$353,319

Designated & donor-advised grants
26%

\$79,000

Musagetes arts grants
6%

\$1,368,787

Granted for Impact in 2025

Grant Impact Stories

Strengthening Relationships and Connections

In the Fall of 2025, two Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) gave grants to increase access to the Tall Tree Indigenous Peace Building Circles, a dispute resolution program for families involved with the local Children's Aid Society (Family & Children's Service of Guelph and Wellington). Both of these Guelph Community Foundation DAFs were created with the purpose to support the First Nations, Métis, Mixed Ancestry and Inuit (FNMI) communities in Guelph. One fund was a Donor Advised Endowed Fund, meaning that the fund capital is invested in the financial markets, in perpetuity (forever) and a portion of the fund's earnings are granted each year. The other was a DAF Flow-Through Fund which means that the fund advisor can grant a portion of or the entire fund balance at any time.

With much thoughtfulness and with the goal to grant in alignment with the funds' purpose statement, the fundholder decided to provide two grants to Family & Children's Service of Guelph and Wellington (F&CS) so more families could take part in Tall Tree Indigenous Peace Building Circles.

National and local data indicate that Indigenous children, youth and families are disproportionately involved with children's welfare organizations. This funding means that more First Nations, Métis and Inuit children, youth and families living in Guelph and Wellington will benefit from culturally appropriate dispute resolution services, focused on resolving conflict and building relationships between Indigenous families and the local Children's Aid Society (F&CS).

To date, these grants supported:

- 1 Guelph Wellington Indigenous Community Feast, attended by approximately 65 people
- 15 Peace Building Circles, benefiting 8 to 10 families per circle.

The Feast helped to restore old relationships and foster new ones. As a result of the Feast and Peace Building Circles, more FNMI homes are being identified in the Guelph/Wellington area. This greatly increases the likelihood that FNMI children, in the care of Family & Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County, can continue to live in their home area, helping to keep relationships together.



Musagetes Fund

10C's Summer Solstice Shindig

VITAL SIGN: LEISURE AND CULTURE

GCF's Musagetes Fund supported 10C's Summer Solstice Shindig at the Guelph Farmers' Market, one of several community arts-focused initiatives to receive a grant this year. The event brought the community together to celebrate local arts, culture, food, and music, with funding ensuring fair payment for artists, accessible sliding-scale tickets, and essential planning and outreach. More than 250 guests attended, alongside over 30 musicians and artists, 15 community vendors, and eight local food businesses. Participants shared that the Shindig helped them grow their work and connect with the community. The summer event was such a success that 10C plans to host it again in 2026!



Photo courtesy of 10C and Guelph Farmers' Market, a Community Grants 2025 recipient.



Free to Grow Program

GCF and CFGW Partner for Accessible Camp Funding

VITAL SIGN: LEISURE AND CULTURE

In 2025 GCF changed the way that its *Kids to Camp* funding was processed by transferring available funding to Children's Foundation Guelph and Wellington County (CFGW) to distribute as a part of its Free to Grow program. CFGW's program is focused on reducing Adverse Childhood Experiences by distributing directly to families living with low income to be able to attend camp. GCF directed the grants from three endowed funds to CFGW and was able to support 100 children in 2025. This streamlined process removes administrative burden for applying charities, increases efficiency for camps, and expands choice for families across Guelph and Wellington County.



Photo courtesy of Camp Quality Canada.

Fundholder Spotlights



Smith Heritage Fund

The Smith Heritage Education Fund is a newly created fund which celebrates generations of the Smith family, extended family, and friends who have made a positive difference through their lifetime achievements in their respective fields. This endowed fund was founded by Brian Smith, who as a retired principal has been a lifelong champion for education and the students of Guelph and beyond. The ambitious mission of the fund is to leverage the power of extraordinary people in fields that will improve the world, with priority given to advancing medical science and healthcare, food sustainability, agriculture, preserving the natural environment, and educating children and youth. Support preference will be given to candidates who have demonstrated admirable character, potential to achieve, and an interest in giving to others. Through this fund a proud legacy is honoured through lasting impact for a better future.

“We can help grow a more resilient community, a healthier country, and a better world through our investment in the education of amazing young people who aspire to help others. Donations to this permanently endowed fund mean your gift will generate proceeds that will impact the community today, tomorrow, and forever.”

—Brian Smith



Photo of Peter courtesy of the family.

The Peter Szkotnicki Legacy Fund

The Peter Szkotnicki Legacy Fund was established in 2011 by Jean and William (Bill) Szkotnicki in memory of their son Peter—a bright and engaging young man who tragically took his own life at the age 23, after struggling with mental illness. In the months following this devastating loss, Jean and Bill channelled their grief into purpose by establishing The Peter Szkotnicki Legacy Fund to honour their son and support mental health programs in our community. This is a permanently endowed fund, meaning the fund’s capital is invested in the financial markets and every year (in perpetuity) a grant is made from the fund’s earnings to support local charities.

Jean and Bill created their fund to transform personal loss into collective care, helping young people struggling with mental illness, just as their son did. Bill passed away in 2019, and Jean passed away in 2023. They were both deeply rooted in Guelph as parents, neighbours, colleagues and leaders. They are fondly remembered for their enduring devotion to their family and friends, as well as their philanthropic generosity. Though their lives were cut short far too soon, the legacy of Peter, Jean, and Bill lives on through this fund and the young people it continues to support.

A message from the Guelph Community Foundation:

It is with deep gratitude that we share these fundholder, grant impact and in memoriam spotlights. Each story is an inspiring example of what it means to care about and give back to the Guelph and Wellington County community. We thank all of our donors for their incredible generosity, and we thank the Szkotnicki and MacKinnon extended families for being willing to share these moving stories about their loved ones.

To help support these funds, you can donate to these funds directly by selected them in the drop-down list found at guelphcf.ca/donate.

2025 Financial Summary

We are so grateful for our generous donors. In 2025, we granted \$1,368,787 through 331 grants to 222 charities.

2025 marked continued growth at GCF, with new team members and the transition to a new Investment Manager*. At the same time, our Investment Committee continued to guide our team and portfolio management, with their forward-thinking, thoughtful stewardship, and strategic oversight.

Our annualized rate of return for 2025 was 7.7%. This was above the target we set and helped put our balance sheet in a strong position, going into 2026.

We thank the team at Leith Wheeler for their prudent stewardship of our investment portfolio, helping to sustain our community impact.

We also thank Ed Clayson at Clayson Wealth Management, RBC DS, for their investment services over the last several years.

\$18.1 million

Total endowed assets

Including non-endowed funds, GCF has \$19.2 million in Assets under Management.

\$1.37 million

Total granted

This is an increase of \$150,000 from \$1.2 million granted in 2024.

222 charities

Total number of charities that received a GCF grant

331 grants went to 222 charities.

Just under \$2 million

Donations in 2025

This includes donations to endowment funds, flow-through donations, donations to operations, and realized planned gifts.

*Every five years GCF is required to put out a call for proposals for investment managers, as part of our due diligence. Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd was the successful proponent. We thank Ed Clayson and his team at Clayson Wealth Management, RBC DS, for their investment services in the years prior and their commitment to a smooth portfolio transition.

Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2025

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.

Revenue	2025	2024	2023
Donations	\$1,967,930	\$1,688,113	\$2,367,098
Investment income	\$2,092,234	\$874,118	\$759,165
Other (e.g. fundraising, sponsorship, grants)	\$9,712	\$5,388	\$587,654
Revenue Total	\$4,069,876	\$2,567,619	\$3,713,917
Expenditures			
Grants paid out	\$1,368,787	\$1,189,077	\$2,483,039
Operating expenses	\$467,014	\$598,947	\$529,121
Variance (difference between revenue and expenditures)*	\$2,234,075	\$779,595	\$701,757
Unrealized (depreciation)/ appreciation of investment			
	-\$731,694	\$1,640,433	\$751,687

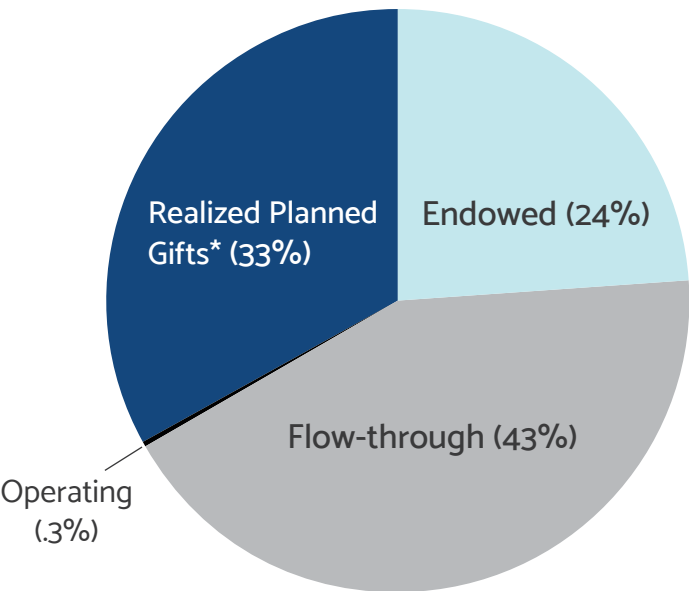
*The variance is larger in 2025 due to the portfolio transition to Leith Wheeler.

For more detailed information, you can find a copy of our audited financial statements on our website www.guelphcf.ca.

Donation Summary

Philanthropy is not “one size fits all.” The Guelph Community Foundation provides a flexible giving model where individuals, families, and corporations can choose how, when, what, and where they give.

In 2025, Donors chose to make a difference in our community by giving in the following ways. In total, GCF received \$1,967,930 in donations. Donations were received proportionally, as follows:



*Planned gifts are donations that a donor plans to give at a later date. The most common planned gift is a donation that is given after a donor passes away. Donors plan ahead and include instructions about their donation in their will and through a signed fund agreement with GCF.

The Guelph Community Foundation has over 150 funds

40+ Corporate or Charity Funds

60 Donor Advised or Designated Funds

23 Field of Interest or Unrestricted funds

40+ Flow-through Funds

In Memoriam

Evan MacKinnon

The Guelph Giving Pledge (GGP) is a local movement that started back in 2019 with a simple idea—if 1/10 of 1% of Guelphites commit to donate 1/10 of 1% of their net worth to causes that support people who are more vulnerable, then together this group could significantly improve people's lives and futures. Evan MacKinnon was one of the GGP's first donors and members, soon after becoming part of GGP's Board.

Evan's philanthropic values, corporate expertise and incredible passion were integral to the GGP's early success. In addition, Evan's insight into how to start an organization from scratch, combined with his genuine curiosity and engagement informed the launch and expansion of GGP.

Other GGP members remember Evan as a modest human being and a "serial philanthropist". Evan very quietly supported his community with his actions, ideas and money. He never shied away from helping others.



Photo of Evan courtesy of the family.

He introduced members and donors to the GGP, The Guelph General Hospital and his faith community. He spoke with intelligence, passion and a calm but intentional nature. Even while battling cancer, Evan continued to support the GGP with his expertise and his donations.

Evan's support of the GGP is missed in many ways, but his voice continues to guide the board and his vision for helping to make Guelph a better place continues to inspire all those who crossed his path.

Our Donors

Angerilli, Kellie
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Morgante, Liz	Selcage, Don	Valeriote, Marti	Canada Life	Leaks Contracting Ltd.
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Nagy, Michelle	Shoveller, Anna	Van Holst, Amy	Canoe Financial	Orchard Design Studio Inc.
Nardi, Laura	Silveri, Luisa	VanEngen, Marty & Geri	Centennial Principals Account	Polar Asset Management Partners
Noble, Debbie	Sinasac, John	Verdone, Jennifer	Charitable Gift Funds Canada Foundation	Rankar & Rikago
Ollerhead, Maureen & Robin	Singh, Dr. Ranjit	Vogan, Kristina	CI Global Asset Management	RLB LLP
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Pandolfi, Cesare	Smith, Kelly	Wagner, Chelsea	Complementary Real Estate Services	St. James Catholic High School
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Pollard, Lorraine	Stephens, Robert	Williams, Chuck	Fathers Remembered by Daughters Fund	Vantage Asset Management Inc.
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Riley, Stephanie	The Estate of Jean Szkotnicki	Additional Anonymous Donations		
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Guelph Public Library Fund
Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis Fund
Hillside Festival Endowment Fund
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NEW! Gerry and Suzanne Meinzer Fund
Girls in Sports Fund
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 Cynthia Macleod Flow Through Fund
 Douglas Brown Memorial Fund
 Eric Goegan Scholarship Fund- FT
 Estate of Janet Mary Pearson

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 Graham and Judy Knowles Charitable
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 Grand River Conservation Foundation
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 Fund
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 The Home for Good Campaign Fund
 The Nightingale Fund FT
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Thank You to Our Volunteers

We are grateful for the support of nearly 40 volunteers.

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| Andrew Johnson | Jill Madorsky |
| Andrew Somerville | Joanne Backman |
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| Hilary Coates | |
| Hilary McCann | |
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Special thanks to those volunteers who left this past year.

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| Beth Burrows | Justin Chan |
| Catherine Goddard | Nishtha Rathod |
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GCF Volunteers at the Summer Volunteer Appreciation Social.

We thank and gratefully acknowledge the service of two Directors who departed from our Board at the end of 2025. We thank them for their years of volunteering with us and all the time and energy they've given. Both Ray and Justin started volunteering with the Foundation in 2022 and have made many positive contributions to our grants evaluations and in supporting the board of directors.



Justin Chan
Director



Ray Stultz
Director

Volunteer spotlight: Carly O'Brien



Carly O'Brien and Mayor Cam Guthrie at the State of the City accepting the Mayor's Award.

The Guelph Community Foundation Board Chair, Carly O'Brien, was selected as a recipient of a 2025 Mayor's Award. The award recognizes individuals who make the City of Guelph a better place through volunteer service.

As a longtime volunteer, Carly has supported Guelph-based charities for more than 15 years. In her role as chair, Carly supports Foundation staff and maintains relationships with fundholders and donors. For close to a year, she met weekly with staff, connected with donors and fundholders, and shared the work of the Foundation across the community.

Through this work, Carly helped build momentum around connecting donors with causes they care about and increasing funding available to Guelph charities. Her selection as a 2025 Mayor's Award recipient reflects the sustained impact of her volunteer leadership and service to the city.



Get involved today.



Donate

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



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!



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

We regularly highlight events related to community causes and philanthropy, as well as hosting our own. Follow us on social media and subscribe to our quarterly eNewsletter to stay informed.

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