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The Guelph Community Foundation distributed close to \$1.4 million to charities in 2025

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The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) is pleased to announce the release of its 2025 Annual Impact Report, *Building Tomorrow Together*. The report highlights another year of generosity, community partnership, and meaningful local impact. The report showcases how donors, fundholders, volunteers, and community organizations came together to strengthen Guelph, Wellington County, and beyond.

In 2025, The Guelph Community Foundation distributed \$1,368,787 through 331 grants to 222 charities. These grants provided support to address a wide range of needs including social services, arts and culture, education, environmental initiatives, and community wellbeing. The report also notes continued growth for the Foundation, with approximately \$19.2 million in assets under management, as of December 31, 2025.

"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" says Sarah Haanstra, GCF's Executive Director, "Something that is bigger than any one of us, something that makes our community stronger".

One example of grant impact highlighted in the report, is The Musagetes Fund's support of 10C's *Summer Solstice Shindig* at the Guelph Farmers' Market. This fund supported the inaugural event that brought together more than 250 attendees, over 30 musicians and artists, 15 community vendors, and eight local food businesses. Funding helped to provide fair payment for artists, accessible ticket pricing, and increased community participation.

The report also highlighted a new partnership with the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington County's *Free to Grow* program. By directing grants from three endowed funds, GCF helped the Children's Foundation send 100 children to summer camp. This partnership supported

families living with low income across Guelph and Wellington County and streamlined access to camp subsidies for charitable camps and families.

Granting in 2025 included:

- **\$769,630** in directed flow-through grants
- **\$353,319** in designated and donor-advised grants
- **\$145,888** in community grants
- **\$79,000** in Musagetes arts grants
- **\$20,950** in scholarships and bursaries

The 2025 Annual Impact Report celebrates the collective efforts of donors, fundholders, volunteers, community partners, and charities who work together to build stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities.

The full Annual Impact Report is available at guelphcf.ca/air-2025/

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About The Guelph Community Foundation

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the people of Guelph and surrounding areas through endowments, stewardship, and granting programs. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. The income from the endowments supports a range of charitable programs and activities. The Guelph Community Foundation is located at 55 Wyndham St. N., Suite 4A, in the Old Quebec Street Shoppes in downtown Guelph. To learn more please visit guelphcf.ca.