

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2008

GOOD NEWS!

Since our last annual report five new funds have been established:

Joan Stewart Butcher and Terry Stewart Family Fund

Mary B. Stedman Farrington Burial Grounds Fund

Brant Taletellers Guild Fund

Dr. Jacqueline DeLong Early Learning Bursary Fund

Sharon Elaine Sienko Memorial Fund

This brings our total as at January 31, 2008 26 funds totaling \$ 5,624,635.07.

From this magnificent legacy, grants totaling \$190,500 were made last year.

NEW WEBSITE

Please visit our newly updated website at www.brantcommunityfoundation.ca . You will find it easier to use and great to look at. We feel it covers most of the information you may require.

FROM THE OFFICE



We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for enhancement of our office operations. This enabled us to update our equipment and provide new asset management software. Sandra Allen has joined our foundation as a part time executive assistant. Sandra has extensive experience as a legal secretary and in the not for profit charitable scene. Welcome Sandra!

YAC

Our Youth Advisory Committee has 8 new recruits this year and is planning to extend into schools not represented. This committee continues to experience the ins and outs of charitable funding while members gain valuable contacts for their future.

TREES

Celebrating our tenth anniversary, on April 21 we will provide each grade ten student in Brantford and Brant County, a white pine seedling to be planted in the spring. The Brantford Tree Coalition, of which we are a member, will plant two thousand and eight trees and bushes in City land along highway 403 near Sinclair Blvd. on Earth Day, April 22, 2008.

We are presently endeavouring to expand the tree planting to Brant County where excellent work is being done by Gil Henderson, Hank Hedges and Jim Ross.

*“The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago;
the second best time is now.” Ancient Proverb*

TOP TEN REASONS FOR GIVING TO CHARITIES

According to a comprehensive Canadian study in 2002, the top 10 motivators for donors are:

- Vision & Mission of charity
- Helping the needy
- Giving back
- Accountability of the charity
- Making a difference
- Feels good
- Leadership
- Habit
- Connection
- Good year financially

A MESSAGE FROM DIANNE BELLIVEAU, CHAIR OF BRANT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the more than 100 charities in Brantford and Brant which our Community Foundation has given financial support over the past 10 years, I ask you to recognize the generosity of our public spirited donors who we salute for their commitment to our community.

Dianne Belliveau
Chair

