

# **Brant Community Foundation**

Building our Community. Investing in the Future.



# We're all in this together

Our Neighbours, Our Community



### Our Vision

The Brant Community Foundation is a trusted agent and a catalyst for philanthropy, benefiting our community - today and forever.

### Our Mission

To attract and manage permanent funds from donors of all means, and provide grants to charitable organizations in Brantford and Brant County.

# What is the Brant Community Foundation? A Gift that will last forever

Community Foundations are dedicated to enhancing and enriching the quality of life in their specific geographic area. Community Foundations do not have their own programs but rather through their grants, support the initiatives that help shape the vitality of a community.

**Community Foundation Difference:** Community Foundations pool charitable gifts of many donors and grow permanently endowed legacy funds which support local priorities.

**Your Community Foundation:** The Brant Community Foundation offers a way for people of all means to make a lasting difference in their local community through building endowment funds that last forever.

Through their generosity, donors are able to leave a legacy of caring to support their interests while enhancing the quality of life in their community. Donors have a number of options that enable them to achieve their philanthropic visions.

Currently our assets are over \$18.8 million and since the Foundation was established in 1997, more than \$5 million in grants has been returned to local charities for their programs. This year alone, over \$600,000 was granted locally helping us work toward our vision of being a trusted agent and a catalyst for philanthropy.



For more information or an appointment to discuss what you can do call us at: 519.756.2499 or email us at: info.brantcf.ca

# A Message from the Foundation

As a community foundation, our goal is to ensure our grants have the greatest impact in support of charities in Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This year, a total of \$612,751 was given out to 81 local organizations enhancing arts and culture, healthcare, social and human services, environment, youth and seniors' programs.

The Foundation's mission is to create Legacy Funds and through this year's donations of \$350,122 and healthy investment earnings, the Endowment Fund total has now reached \$18.8 million.

Early in the year, Paul Williamson was the keynote speaker at the 11th annual Community Leaders Breakfast. Over 300 people attended the breakfast and were challenged to take a leadership role in their community.

COVID-19 was an unexpected twist that occurred early in 2020. Following Provincial and National guidelines the office closed in March. Fortunately, there was a smooth transition with staff working remotely and board and committee meetings held through Zoom and it was 'business as unusual'!

The Brant Community Foundation is proud to have partnered with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada for two funding programs, the Investment Readiness Program (IRP) and the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF).

Two local organizations received funding from IRP to start or grow their social enterprises: Sensity Deafblind and Sensory Support Network of Canada and The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise.

ECSF launched in May 2020 and was designed to help Canada's most vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 crisis. The Foundation has an allocation of \$75,000 to disburse to local charities and will review grants in the next fiscal year.

Since 2001, the Foundation has been entrusted to administer the City of Brantford Community Grant program. The City's Legacy Grant Program has been an integral part of helping to shape the vitality and sense of belonging that we enjoy in our community. With the temporary closing of Elements Casino, the City was forced to pause the program and we await information about its reinstatement.

We want to acknowledge our board, volunteers, staff and donors who contributed to our success and send a big thank-you to all of them.

Bill Underwood Chair, Board of Directors Joanne Lewis
Executive Director

# Achievements and Challenges

The Foundation's 3-year goals identified in the spring of 2018 are: building endowed legacy funds, educating the public about philanthropy, and building the impact of our grants.

### **ENDOWMENT BUILDING**

- Received donations for the 2020 fiscal year totaling \$350,122
- Worked with donors to help create family legacy funds

Challenge: COVID-19 uncertainty and the need to remain flexible in anticipation of philanthropic priorities

### EDUCATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT PHILANTHROPY

- Distributed Vital Signs® report widely resulting in activities that improved recognition of community needs
- Hosted events during the year to highlight philanthropy, Community Leader's Breakfast, Random Act of Kindness Day and grant presentation events

**Challenge:** Continuing to grow awareness of the Foundation throughout Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

### **BUILDING GRANT IMPACT**

- Held community forum to look at key areas identified as priorities in our community in the Vital Signs® report
- As a partner with the Federal Government and Community Foundations of Canada, worked to build the platform for grants for the Investment Readiness Fund program, and the implementation of the Emergency Community Support Fund to respond to COVID-19 financial and social needs in our community

Challenge: To continue to support organizations working with the most vulnerable people in our community

# Your Community Foundation

The Foundation is grateful to the many community volunteers who make a special contribution by assisting the board and staff. Our volunteers share our vision for a vital community for everyone and we are grateful for their generous contributions of time, expertise, and financial resources to make our community even better.

### **Board of Directors**



Chuck Beach



Tanya Stephens



Lucy Marco



Janis Monture



Steve McGaghran, Treasurer



Bill Underwood, Chair



Larry Davis



Jayne Carman



Paula Thomlison



France Thibeault



Jim Steele, Past Chair



Darin Cleary, Vice Chair

### Our Committees at Work

### **GOVERNANCE**

Jim Steele Tanya Stephens Bill Underwood (Chair)

#### **GRANTS COMMITTEE**

Chuck Beach Sharon Binning Pat Davies Doug DeLaronde

Julia Jacobson

Tanya Daniels, City of Brantford Liaison

Lucy Marco Ana Olson Jim Steele

Paula Thomlison (Chair)

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gethin Edward, Ontario Court of Justice (Chair) Nelson McClinchey,

Kiwanis Člub of Brantford Paul McCaig,

Brantford/Brant Chamber of Commerce Mike Mears, Rotary Club of Brantford

### PAST PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE

David Bailey Dianne Belliveau Wayne Branchaud Dean Braund Anne Buchanan Nick Rizzo Jim Steele

#### **RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY** COMMITTEE

Patti Berardi Dave Carroll Bill Harding Doug Hunt Candace Lickers Joanne Murray Rob Nagy (Chair) France Thibeault (Board Liaison)

#### VITAL SIGNS® COMMITTEE

Nicole Clarkson Janis Monture (Co-Chair) James Popham Paula Thomlison (Co-Chair)

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Jordon Norry Magnus Olson David Pugh Kara Sickle

Nicholas Skater

Sharon-Mae Taylor (Vice-Chair)

Alexandra Tensen Morgan Thibeault (Chair) Tabrina McPherson

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Patricia Duern Joanne Lewis Nancy Sherritt

### **AUDITOR**

**BDO Canada LLP** 

#### INVESTMENT COUNSEL

RBC Wealth Management Dominion Securities



FOUNDATIONS Thank you for your commitment to our community. OF CANADA

# **Donor Story**

### Making a difference in the lives of others...

## **Anne Howell Memorial Bursary Fund**

For many of us, life without pets seems almost unimaginable. Our entertaining, loving friends settle in our hearts and become members of our family. The simple joy and unconditional love they give us makes any day brighter.

Animals are very important to us and so is their care. The Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph University provides the training for veterinarians, veterinary technologists, other medical professionals and scientists. Veterinary college faculty members conduct research, teach and provide care for animals in a veterinary teaching hospital.

The Anne Howell Memorial Bursary Fund provides financial support for students from Brantford and Brant County attending the Ontario Veterinary College and this year four undergraduate Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students received bursaries.

#### Here are some of their comments:

"As a student, there is no better feeling than being supported by community members who believe in you and your potential. I am extremely grateful for your generosity and I look forward to giving back to the community."

"I want to express my sincere thanks to the Brant Community Foundation for their gift of the Anne Howell Memorial Bursary." This has been a huge help for me this past semester, as it relieved some financial worries and allowed me to concentrate on my studies, which have been very intense this year."

### Our Donors

We thank our donors who made a gift to the Foundation this year. Contact the office at 519-756-2499 for a confidential discussion about starting a named Fund.

Anonymous Chuck Beach Calgary Foundation Barb Campbell David Campbell Don & Irene Carefoot

David & Joyce Chapman Darin Cleary Pat Duern Kathy Evans Stephen Franklin Dr. Jay J. Hill John Huigenbos T. Richard Hurley

Jelinek Cork Group Geoff Kempster James & Carol Kent Lorie & Ted Kyle Dave & Joanne Lewis Joanne & Larry Lewis

Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding

Volunteerism Lucy Marco Mike & Sybil Moss Rosemary O'Neill Robert Peever **Evelyn Picketts** 

Reciprocal Opportunities Inc.

Nick & Jo-Ann Rizzo Sharon & Jim Sabzali **Bruce Sherritt** 

Nancy Sherritt Jonathan Shrubsole Richard & Donna Sienko

Barbara Sisson

Roy & Shirley Steedman

Jim Steele

Bill & Susan Underwood

William Verity

Donald & Jo-Anne Wilkin Paul & Margot Williamson

### Estate of:

Dorothy Campbell

### Planned Gifts of Insurance:

James & Carol Kent Barbara Sisson

### Event / Program Sponsors:

Corporation of the City of Brantford

Cowan Insurance Culligan Water **Empire Communities Enterprise Brant** 

Lefebvre & Lefebvre LLP Lawyers

Millards Chartered Professional Accountants RBC Wealth Management Dominion Securities- Margot Williamson

Nick Rizzo Wealth Management Team

Stepright Capital Planning Inc.

TD Bank, Greg Neven

Waterous Holden Amy Hitchon LLP Lawyers

Wilfrid Laurier University

### IN-MEMORIAM were received in memory of:

Harold Baker Dr. Gordon Bird Laura Elizabeth Bond

Ronald East

Vasil William Evanov

Fraser Fell Jack Holden Robert Hood Mary Huzul Leigh Kelk

Kathleen "Kay" Lilliman

Betty Long Ted McCreary Rev. Lovell McGuire Dr. Walter Rolland Cleo Sisson Selma Springall John Stuart Catherine Venter Murray Wivell

### GIFTS were received in honour of:

Richard Sienko

# Our Funds as of May 31, 2020

#### **COMMUNITY FUNDS**

Community Funds address the most pressing current needs as they arise - from any sector in the community such as arts, environment, health, social services, etc.

David A.B. Bailey Fund Geronimo Henry Fund Earl & Marjorie Scarrow Fund Blacker Benevolent Fund Bill & Anne Hurley Fund Vyrt & Barbara Sisson Fund Chet & Yvonne Bewick Fund In Memoriam Legacy Fund Mary B. Stedman Fund C. Gordon Cockshutt Fund Charlie & Gretta Lewis Family Fund Roy & Shirley Steedman Fund

Community Fund Marilyn & Gerald McCulloch Fund James D. Steele Fund Alan R. Cook Fund Dr. Jeff & Susan Manning Family Fund Carol Tobicoe Fund

Ben D. DeRosse Memorial Fund Paul & Cathy Mitchell Fund William & Susan Underwood Fund

Ross & Chris Enslev Fund Mel Osborne Fund William Verity Family Fund

Justice Edward O. Fanjoy Fund Mary Welsh Fund Peace & Diversity Fund Frank & Hazel Gambacort Fund Robert Peever Fund Steven Williams Fund Pioneer Petroleums Fund Bob Glaves Fund H. Zenewych Fund

### FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Field of Interest Funds are dedicated to a particular sector that supports the donor's specific area of interest and address issues in the chosen sector. Field of Interest Funds have been created for Arts and Culture, Animal Welfare, Children and Youth, Children's

Cancer, Environment, Health and Music, and Seniors. Apotex Pharmachem Environment Fund Dr. Robert Farley Fund Rotary Sunrise Youth Fund

Steven Boudreau Fund for Arts & Culture T. Richard Hurley, Richard Budd and Pat Duern Animal Welfare Fund Sheridan Place Fund

City of Brantford Cultural Endowment Fund Mary B. Stedman Fund for Arts & Culture Kiwanis Lifeline Seniors Fund Community Environment Fund Wescast Youth Fund

Guy & Carolyn Polillo Fund Community Youth in Recreation Fund

### DONOR DESIGNATED / AGENCY FUNDS

Donors can choose a specific charity to receive the annual grant from their Fund.

56th Field Regiment Artillery Regiment Fund Dale & Gertrude Franklin Fund Lansdowne Children's Centre Fund Friends of Myrtleville House Museum Fund David & Joyce Moss Endowment Fund George Amaolo Environment Fund

Mildred S. Barrie Laurier Brantford Fund Grand River Conservation Fund Rolland Family Fund

Dr. J. Jay Hill Farringdon Burial Grounds Fund Margot Williamson Fund for Margot's Place

Douglas & Jayne Bowman Brant United Way Fund Dr. J. Jay Hill St. Andrew's United Church Fund Mary B. Stedman Brantford Symphony

Brant Taletellers Guild Fund Orchestra Fund Dr. J. Jay Hill Stedman Hospice Fund Brantford Symphony Orchestra Fund Mary B. Stedman Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant Fund

Jay Hitchon & Patrice Burke Fund Sharon Brooks Kids Can Fly Fund Hooton Family Fund

Stedman Family Farringdon Burial Canadian Military Heritage Museum of Brant County Fund Grounds Fund Anne Howell Bursary Fund

T.I.C.K. (Teaching Intelligent Choices to Kids) Fund John G. Wilson Family Fund for the Sanderson Centre Foundation James N. Forbes Crime Stoppers Fund

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donors annually recommend grants to the charities of their choice.

Orland & Patricia Harrison Fund Barbara L. Lee Sisson Fund Anonymous Fund

Terry Stewart & Joan Stewart Butcher Family Fund City of Brantford Mayor's Gala Fund John & Leah Huigenbos Fund

Calbeck Family Memorial Fund Nick & Glayde Rizzo Family Fund

Donald & Jo-Anne Wilkin Fund Bill & Dorothy Campbell Fund

**FUNDS IN PROGRESS** 

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Alto & Walter Hall Family Bursary Fund

Dr. Jacqueline Delong Early Learning Bursary Fund Director's Fund Thunderbird Bursary Fund

Carol & James Kent Family Fund Anonymous Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES & AWARDS Norah Langton Music Awards Fund

Reba Lodge Bursary

Thomas E. Taylor Memorial Bursary Fund

Mary Welsh Brant Waterways Environmental Scholarship Fund Susan M. Hall Bursary Fund Sharon Elaine Sienko Memorial Awards Fund

# Foundation Grants Making a Splash!

Thanks to the Eagle Place Community Association, the City of Brantford, and many generous local donors who share a vision for the Eagle Place community, children and families are enjoying the newly constructed Splash Pad at Tutela Park. Many fund holders at the Brant Community Foundation joined in supporting the project, including the Youth Advisory Committee through a grant from the Foundation's Ontario Endowment Fund for Children and Youth in Recreation.

The Splash Pad incorporates many water features with a design inspired by the winding Grand River flowing through Eagle Place. Tutela Park is a jewel in the neighbourhood, a place that connects families to one another.

The Splash Pad has become a magnet for local children and proves that by working together, we can make amazing things happen!



# Our Grants totalling \$612,751 for the year ended May 31, 2020

The following grants are from Non-Designated Funds, Field of Interest Funds for Animal Welfare, Arts & Culture, Environment, Health & Music, Senior's and City of Brantford Mayor's Gala Fund

### Non-Designated Funds / Field of Interest Funds

Total \$239,151

Alzheimer Society of Brant Haldimand Norfolk, Hamilton Halton

Arnold Anderson Sport Access for Needy Youth

Boys and Girls Club of Brantford

Brant Animal Aid Foundation

Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation

Brant County S.P.C.A.

Brant County Safety Patrol Program

Brant County Policing

Brant Music Festival

Brant United Way

Brantford Music Club

Brantford Safety Patrol Program

Brantford Police Service

Brantford Symphony Orchestra Association Inc.

Brantford Youth Pride Committee

Sexual Assault Centre of Brant

Brantwood Foundation

Camp Quality

Canadian Diabetes Society

Child Hunger Brant

Community Christmas Toy & Hamper Program

Community Resource & Employment Service

Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre

Earth Week

Grand River Conservation Foundation

Farringdon Independent Church

Food4Kids Brant Haldimand

Freedom House International Church

Friendship House

Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant

Grand River Chorus

Grand Valley Educational Society

Kids Can Fly

Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation

Little String Orchestra

Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services

Ontario Geneaological Society, Brant County Branch

Organized Kaos Life and Trade

Paris Central Elementary School

Grand Erie District School Board

Paris Port Dover Pipe Band

Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise

Paris Presbyterian Church

Participation Support Services

Ronald McDonald House

Rplaces Addiction Peer Support Society

St. Andrew's United Church

St. Gabriel School Greening Committee

Brant Haldimand-Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Sanderson Centre Foundation

Scientists in School

Sensity Deafblind and Sensory Support Network of Canada

Sexual Assault Centre of Brant

Skilled Trades Alliance

Grand Valley Educational Society

Grand Valley Educational Society

Six Nations Art Council

Strong Start Charitable Organization

Thank A Vet Luncheon

Victim Services of Brant

Vision of the Future STEM 2050

James Hillier Foundation

Woodman Public School

Grand Erie District School Board

### **Donor Advised Funds Grant**

Total \$274,940

### Nick & Glayde Rizzo Family Fund Grant

Total \$6,400

### **Anonymous Fund Grant**

Total \$2,400

Arnold Anderson Sport Access for Needy Youth

### **Terry Stewart & Joan Stewart Butcher Family Fund Grant**

Total \$3,500

Brant Animal Aid Foundation Brant Community Healthcare Foundation Brant County S.P.C.A. Brantford Music Club Brantford School of Instrumental Music Brantford Symphony Orchestra Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre Grand River Chorus Association

### **Calbeck Family Memorial Fund Grant**

**Total \$2,400** 

Total \$18,000

Rotary Club of Brantford Charitable Foundation

### **Bill & Dorothy Campbell Fund Grant**

Kids Can Fly

### John & Leah Huigenbos Fund Grant

Total \$2,000

Brantford/Brant County Crisis Pregnancy Centre Organized Kaos Life and Trade Precept Ministries Why Not City Missions Brantford

### Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford

Brantford Rotary Sunrise Fund

### **Barbara L. Lee Sisson Fund Grant**

Total \$1,800

Brant Family and Children's Services Foundation Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation

#### **Donald & Jo-Anne Wilkin Fund Grant** Total \$238,440

56th Field Artillery Regiment Association

Army Cadet League of Canada-104 Air Cadet Squadron

Army Cadet League of Can-2659 Royal Can. Army Cadet

BCI Alumni Association

Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation

Brant United Way

Canadian Military Heritage Museum

Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre

Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre Foundation

Grand River Conservation Foundation

Jeffrey Wilkin Engineering Scholarship

John Wilkin Business/Commerce Scholarship

Navy League-Brantford Branch

Paris Port Dover Pipe Band

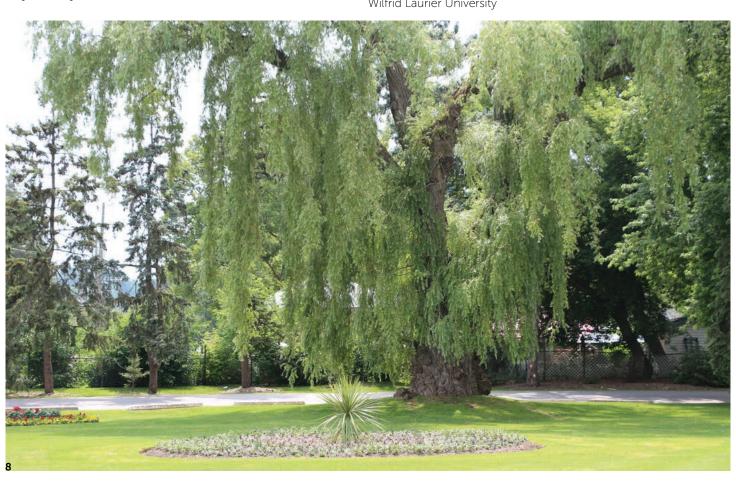
Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise

Paris Presbyterian Church

Salvation Army Brantford Community & Family Services

Strong Start Charitable Organization

Wilfrid Laurier University



### Donor Designated/Agency Funds Grant Total \$89,760

56th Field Artillery Regiment Association

56th Field Artillery Regiment Association Fund

Brant County SPCA

Rolland Family Fund

Brant Taletellers Inc.

• Brant Taletellers Guild Fund

Brant United Way

- Douglas & Jayne Bowman Brant United Way Fund Brantford Symphony Orchestra
- Mary B. Stedman Brantford Symphony Orchestra Fund Brantwood Foundation
  - David & Joyce Moss Endowment Fund

Canadian Military Heritage Museum of Brant County

Canadian Military Heritage Museum Fund

Crime Stoppers

• James N. Forbes Crime Stoppers Fund

Farringdon Independent Church

- Stedman Family Farringdon Burial Grounds Fund
- Dr. J. Jay Hill Farringdon Burial Grounds Fund

Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant

Mary B. Stedman Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant Fund

Grand River Conservation Foundation

• Grand River Conservation Fund

Hamilton Naturalists' Club

George Amaolo Environment Fund

Kids Can Fly

Sharon Brooks Kids Can Fly Fund

Lansdowne Children's Centre

- Jay Hitchon & Patrice Burke Fund
- Hooton Family Fund
- Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation Fund

Brant Historical Society

• Friends of Myrtleville House Museum Fund

Sanderson Centre Foundation

• John G. Wilson Family Fund

St. Andrew's United Church

- Dr. J. Jay Hill St. Andrew's United Church Fund Stedman Hospice
  - Dr. J. Jay Hill Stedman Hospice Fund

T.I.C.K. Inc. (Teaching Intelligent Choices to Kids)

• T.I.C.K. Fund

University of Guelph -Ontario Veterinary College

• Anne Howell Bursary Fund

Wilfrid Laurier University

• Mildred S. Barrie Laurier Brantford Fund

YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brant

• Jay Hitchon & Patrice Burke Fund

## Youth Funds Total \$4,500

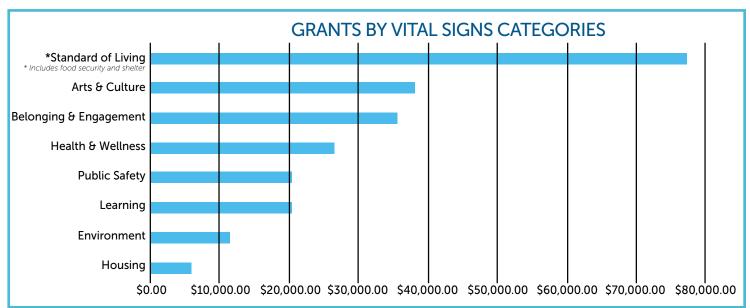
Boys & Girls Club of Brantford Circle Square Ranch Navy League Brantford Branch Paris Port Dover Pipe Band

### Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards

**Total \$4,400** 

Alto & Walter Hall Family Bursary
Mary Welsh Brant Waterways Environmental Scholarship
Norah Langton Music Awards
Sharon Elaine Sienko Memorial Awards
Susan M. Hall Memorial Bursary
Thomas E. Taylor Memorial Bursary

## **Our Grants**













# Financial Highlights of the Year

Extract from Audited Financial Statements – Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Endowment Fund Balances Year ended May 31, 2020

	2020	2019
ENDOWMENT FUND REVENUE		
Investment income (loss)	\$1,364,649	\$1,064,815
Contributions	\$350,122	\$979,122
SUBTOTALS	\$1,714,771	\$2,043,937
ENDOWMENT FUND EXPENSES		
Grants and leadership projects	\$612,751	\$551,517
Fund management	\$211,820	\$196,708
Investment fees	\$115,272	\$107,090
Insurance	\$11,964	\$12,323
SUBTOTALS	\$951,807	\$867,638
Endowment Fund Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$762,964	\$1,176,299
Endowment Fund Balances, beginning of year	\$17,974,800	\$16,716,516
Interfund transfer	\$65,775	\$81,985
Endowment Fund Balances, End of year	\$18,803,539	\$17,974,800

For a complete copy of the annual financial statements, please contact the Foundation office at 519-756-2499.

\$18,803,539
Total Endowment
Fund Assets

\$612,751

Grants Awarded

\$350,122

Total Gifts Received

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New & Emerging Funds

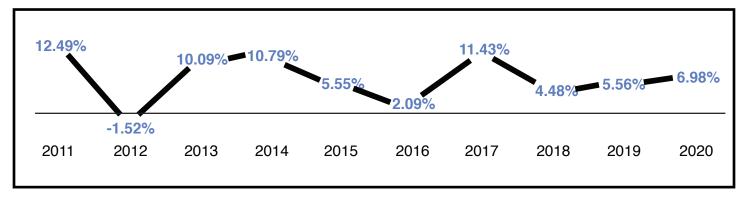
6.98%

Investment Performance Net

81

Organizations Supported

## Returns on Investments



### Year in Review



### **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

- Community Leaders Breakfast with keynote speaker Paul Williamson
- Grant Presentation at Friendship House
- Random Act of Kindness Day Celebrations





2019 Kindness Award Presentation to the Freedom House Kindness Project





### SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND AWARDS

- Alto & Walter Hall Family Bursary
- Mary Welsh Brant Waterways Environmental Scholarship
- Norah Langton Music Awards
- Reba Lodge Bursary
- Sharon Elaine Sienko Memorial Awards
- Susan M. Hall Memorial Bursary
- Jeffrey Wilkin Engineering Scholarship
- John Wilkin Business/Commerce Scholarship
- Thomas E. Taylor Memorial Bursary

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY



YAC Grant presentation for the Ontario Endowment Fund for Children & Youth in Recreation



Don't leave your legacy to chance











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