



Brant Community Foundation

*Annual Report 2022*



*Making An Impact*

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## Brant Community Foundation

Building our Community. Investing in the Future.

*Every grant from the Brant Community Foundation creates a ripple that is felt across the community.*

# Report

from the Chair and Executive Director



Darin Cleary *Chair* and Anne Marie Peirce *Executive Director*

Welcome to the Brant Community Foundation's 2021/2022 Annual Report. This year, our theme is "impact". The impact that our Foundation makes in the community; the impact that our Fund holders make with their philanthropy; and the impact that charities make with vital grants from the Brant Community Foundation.

The Brant Community Foundation has made grants across Brantford, Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for twenty-five years. These grants represent Funds where donors have given considerable thought to the impact they want to make. As we reflect on the year that has passed, the Brant Community Foundation can say with confidence that the impact each Fund Holder makes is incredible, and collectively, it is just extraordinary.

This year the Foundation made grants totalling an impressive \$670,000 to programs across our region. This represents 159 grants to 84 organizations. These grants underscore the Foundation's inclusive approach to granting across all sectors. From children and youth, to arts, culture and heritage, to food insecurity, environment and education, we make grants that really matter. We are proud to report that since we began granting, the Foundation has put \$6.3 million into programs that make our communities a great place to live, work and raise a family.



Fund holders are at the heart of the work we do. With thoughtful consideration about the kind of community they would like to see, they set in place an endowment fund that suits their needs, and captures their vision for our community. We wish to thank our Fund Holders for their unwavering support for granting today, and tomorrow.

We also welcome our new Fund holders and look forward to seeing the good that your grants will make across the causes you have chosen. We honour those who created the new Funds: Anne Marie & Tom Peirce Fund, Colonel Donald D. Williamson Fund, June and Tom Hird Fund, Pauline Johnson Alumni Award Fund and the Ron & Joan, John & Kathryn, & Rod Underwood Fund. A number of others have created the framework for new Funds that will be funded in the future.

The Foundation continues to administer the City Grants Program on behalf of the City of Brantford. The City has relied on the Foundation to make decisions on important grants for Not for Profits and Charities across our city. This year more than \$250,000 in essential grants was determined for our community's benefit.

Volunteers are essential to the work of the Brant Community Foundation, helping us to achieve our mission each and every day. They offer countless acts of caring through contributions of time, talent and treasure. We thank the members of the Board and Committees for their leadership in helping to move our organization forward. Our volunteers provide expertise, wisdom and vision and we thank you for the impact that you make. Special thanks go to retiring Board members Jim Steele and France Thibeault for your service to the Foundation.

It has been a busy year at the Brant Community Foundation and we couldn't be more pleased with the level of activity. Anne Marie Peirce joined the Foundation as the new Executive Director, and is already making an impact.

We continue to navigate in a COVID world and focus on supporting our region, and many of the grants this year reflect the issues that persist. Donors are coming to the Foundation to plan for their philanthropy and determine how they can make a lasting difference in our community and help shape its future. This expands our ability to address the changing needs of our communities, today and in the years to come.

We look forward to continuing to serve Brantford, Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and to making an impact!

Darin Cleary  
Chair of the Board

Anne Marie Peirce  
Executive Director



# OUR 2022 IMPACT

## \$669,794

Total  
Grants Awarded

## 159

Number of  
Grants Awarded

## 84

Organizations Supported in 2021/2022

## \$20,263,225

Total Endowment Funds



Since inception

## 253

Charitable Organizations  
Supported

## \$6,365,337

Grants Awarded

## 5

New Endowment Funds  
in 2021/2022



# Grants

## 2021/2022 Grant Recipients

Last year the Brant Community Foundation made 159 grants totalling \$669,794. These grants have made an incredible impact across the communities we serve.

The following organizations received grants in 2021/2022.



104 Starfighter Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

2659 Royal Canadian Army Cadets

56th Field Artillery Regiment (RCA)

Arcady

Arnold Anderson Sport Fund

BCI & VS Alumni Foundation

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Grand Erie

Boys and Girls Club of Brantford

Brant Animal Aid Foundation

Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation

Brant County Singers

Brant County SPCA

Brant Family and Children's Services Foundation

Brant Historical Society for Myrtleville House Museum

Brant Music Festival

Brant Taletellers Inc.

Brant Theatre Workshops - Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre

Brant United Way

Brant Waterways Foundation

Brantford Music Club

Brantford Rotary Sunrise Fund

Brantford School of Instrumental Music

Brantford Symphony Orchestra Association Inc.

Brantford/Brant County Crisis Pregnancy Centre

Brantwood Foundation

Camp Quality Canada

Canadian Diabetes Association

Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre

Canadian Military Heritage Museum

Child Hunger Brantford

Community Living Brant

County of Brant - Cowan Community Health Hub

Crime Stoppers of Brantford

Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre

Farringdon Independent Church

Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre

Friendship House

Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant

Grand River Chorus

Grand River Community Health Centre

Grand River Conservation Foundation

Grand Valley Educational Society

Grandview Public School - Grand Erie District School Board

Hamilton Naturalists' Club

# Grants (continued)

Hearts to Home Feline Rescue & Sanctuary

Her Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawks (St. Paul's)

Holy Family School - Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District  
School Board

Junior Achievement of Waterloo Region

Kids Can Fly

Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation

Little String Orchestra

McMaster University

Mohawk College Foundation

Navy League Brantford Branch

Ontario Genealogical Society - Brant County Branch

Organized Kaos Life and Trade

Paris Museum and Historical Society

Paris Port Dover Pipe Band

Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise - Paris Presbyterian Church

Rotary Club of Brantford

Salvation Army Brantford Community & Family Services

Sanderson Centre Foundation

Scientists in School

Sensity Deafblind and Sensory Support Network of Canada

Shining Through Centre for Children with Autism

Six Nations Arts Council - Grand River Employment & Training Inc.

Slavic Full Gospel Church

St. Andrew's United Church

St. Andrew's United Church for Margot's Place

St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation

Stedman Community Hospice - St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation

Strong Start Charitable Organization

T.I.C.K. Inc.

Together We Stand Military Families Foundation

TREC Charitable Foundation

Trent University

University of Guelph

University of Waterloo

University of Western Ontario

Victim Services of Brant

Why Not City Missions

Wilfrid Laurier University

Willowbridge Community Services

YMCA of Hamilton, Burlington and Brantford



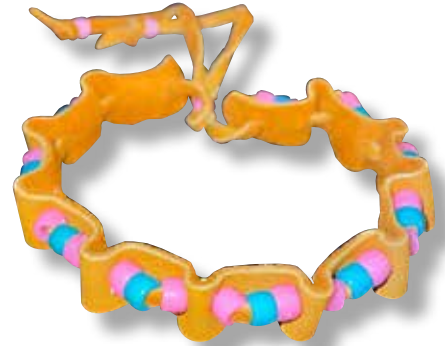
# Grants in Action

Thanks to our donors, volunteers and friends, the number of active endowment Funds has reached 100. In 2021/2022, the collective power of these Funds has meant that \$670,000 has been granted to organizations and programs across Brantford, Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

As a 360-degree grant maker, the Brant Community Foundation takes a wide view on philanthropy and a long view of our communities. Grants reach vital, hopeful, essential and creative programs consistent with our mandate. Programs that build community, sustain, teach, promote health, settle newcomers, and inspire creativity. Our grant monies are put into action by worthy charities that contribute to making our communities a good place to live, work and raise a family.

The organizations featured over the next few pages are a few of the impactful grants that reached charities in the past year.

## *Six Nations Arts Council - The Red Barn*



The Red Barn is a Children's Creative Workshop offered by the Six Nations Arts Council to youth ages 9-15. The Red Barn offers youth the opportunity to learn about and create traditional crafts. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the knowledge and teachings were shared through the creation of the "Virtual Red Barn," in which 103 youth from Six Nations participated.

With funding from the Brant Community Foundation, craft supplies were provided at no charge to youth. Through the Red Barn, Six Nations youth were given the opportunity to learn new skills, continue traditions, and learn about their culture and heritage through the creation of ten traditional crafts. The Brant Community Foundation is delighted to be a supporter of the Red Barn and the impact they continue to make.





## Grand River Community Health Centre

The Grand River Community Health Centre's mission is to provide services in primary health care, health promotion and community development. The GRCHC, in partnership with the City of Brantford, implemented an Outreach Station located at its Health Centre. The Outreach Station provides essential services and resources to community members who face barriers to achieving health and wellbeing. The Brant Community Foundation assisted with this project, granting monies to support the Outreach Station in providing essential items to the community.



The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the availability of resources and supports in the community for those in need of food and other essential services. The Outreach Station directly addressed these needs and was developed with input from community members with lived experiences.

The services adapted to seasonal needs of community members with items such as water, sunscreen, hats for the warm weather, and hot beverages and soup in the colder weather. In addition to being a safe space for community members to spend time, the Station offered personal items such as clothing, harm reduction supplies, and system navigation supports.

The Outreach Station provided access to health and social services while reducing barriers to food security. At the same time, it contributed to the achievement of overall wellbeing to the members of the community experiencing homelessness and vulnerability. The Brant Community Foundation is honoured to have supported this vital resource for the community.

## Kids Lunch Club Child Hunger Brantford



The Kids Lunch Club is an essential program offered by Child Hunger Brantford, which provides elementary school children who are facing food insecurity with nutritious food and nutritional education every day.

COVID-19 directly impacted access to the Kids Lunch Club Program, while also increasing the need for the program due to job and income loss. To respond to this challenge, Child Hunger Brantford created the Lockdown Lunch Box, an innovative program which continued access to nutritious meals and snacks by delivering them directly to the homes of children. This program will continue during school holidays and during summer vacation. Funding from the Foundation ensured these vital programs could continue to provide healthy food and nutritional education to school-aged children in local schools.





## Willowbridge Community Services

A sense of belonging to a community and positive interpersonal relationships are vital components to a sense of well-being. Willowbridge Community Services provides counselling, developmental services, and education to support individuals in connecting to one another. Willowbridge Community Services became creative in the ways it supported the communities they serve through the COVID-19 pandemic. With support from the Brant Community Foundation, they expanded virtual groups to reach more community members, while providing individuals with the technology necessary to participate in the groups.

Over the past year, Willowbridge provided 22 virtual and hybrid groups with opportunities for individuals to connect socially while also learning new skills in a safe manner. The funding also supported technology for participants with limited or no access to the equipment required to participate in the virtual group. This increased accessibility and reduced social isolation for participants.

Willowbridge has received stories of new friendships and support networks directly resulting from the groups, both amongst participants and caregivers. The Brant Community Foundation celebrates with Willowbridge in the successes of their virtual and hybrid groups.



## The Raw Carrot



The Raw Carrot partners with churches and non-profits, including the Paris Presbyterian Church, with a mission to reduce poverty in communities in a way that is sustainable.

The Raw Carrot, along with their church and non-profit partners, hire individuals who face barriers to obtaining employment and livelihood security. They cook and package handcrafted, gourmet soup that is sold in farmers markets and other retail establishments within the community. Funding from the Foundation supported Raw Carrot Soup in the development and making of a new product with the ultimate goal of increasing employment opportunities for individuals in our community.

Employees of the Raw Carrot have expressed that their employment has provided them a sense of purpose while creating social inclusion resulting in meaningful income and friendships. The Brant Community Foundation is thrilled to be a partner in supporting this unique and impactful program.

## Wilfrid Laurier University Brantford Campus

The Centre for Research on Security Practices (CRSP) at the Wilfrid Laurier University Brantford Campus aims to provide key knowledge to those who can create impact through policy and social change within our community, such as policymakers, practitioners, non-profit leaders, and advocates. The podcast hosted by CRSP, "CRSP Talk," is one of the main avenues for sharing this information. Funding from the Brant Community Foundation supported the production of CRSP Talk Season Two, which features episodes on the following impactful topics: 1) The intentional destruction of civilian homes during war; 2) The impact of Canada's anti-human trafficking framework on migrant workers, sex workers, and racialized communities; 3) The challenges and barriers to the inclusion of women in policing; 4) Minority representation in the youth justice system; and 5) Fostering inclusive community responses to homelessness.

The impact of the podcast is already being seen, with the episode focusing on Canada's anti-human trafficking framework being cited in a forthcoming book – *The Domestication of Human Trafficking: Law, Policing and Prosecution in Canada* by Dr. Katrin Roots. The Brant Community Foundation is proud to be a supporter of CRSP Talk, which disseminates important knowledge and research to community members, policymakers and social leaders locally, nationally, and internationally in the field of human security.

Listen to CRSP Talk at <https://crsp-talk.simplecast.com>



The Centre for  
Research on Security  
Practices (CRSP)  
Podcast: CRSP Talk

## Brant County Singers



The Brant County Singers strive to share a love of music while also giving back to their community. Along with performing three traditional concerts per year, the chorus also provides entertainment during community events and at long-term care residences. Once a year, the Brant County Singers holds a concert with other local musicians, and dedicates the proceeds of this event to a local charity.

The COVID-19 pandemic presented many opportunities for creativity in the process of planning and hosting safe and enjoyable concerts. The Brant Community Foundation supported the Brant County Singers in hosting an outdoor concert at the Bell Homestead while following COVID-19 safety protocols. During the performance, a free will offering was collected resulting in a donation to support Ukraine Relief. The Brant Community Foundation is pleased to have supported the Brant County Singers in this event celebrating a love of music and a love of helping others.



# Our Dedicated Donors

## Our Donors

Anonymous (2)	Dr. J. Jay Hill	Nancy Sherritt
Rodger and Dawn Archer	Thomas and June Hird	Richard and Donna Sienko
Chuck Beach	Pamela Honeyman	Barbara Sisson
Suzanne Brydges	James Humble	Roy and Shirley Steedman
Stephanie Burke	T. Richard Hurley	Jim Steele
Calgary Foundation	Linda Jones	Linda Vair
Jim and Jayne Carman	Dave and Joanne Lewis	Jane West
Darin A. Cleary	Lucy Marco	Donald and Jo-Anne Wilkin
Heather Creath	Steve McGaghran	Donald Jeffrey Wilkin
Donna Devereux-Sherratt	Douglas McNicol	Paul and Margot Williamson
Michael Farrell	Lowell and Bonnie Misener	John Wood
Ian and Beth Forrest	Iris Murtha	The Reverend Peter Wyatt and The Reverend Joan Wyatt
Stephen Franklin	Brian and Beverley Osborn	
Bob Glaves	Anne Marie and Tom Peirce	
Orland E. Harrison	Nick and Glayde Rizzo	
Sherrill Heys	Nick and Jo-Ann Rizzo	

## Gifts of Life Insurance

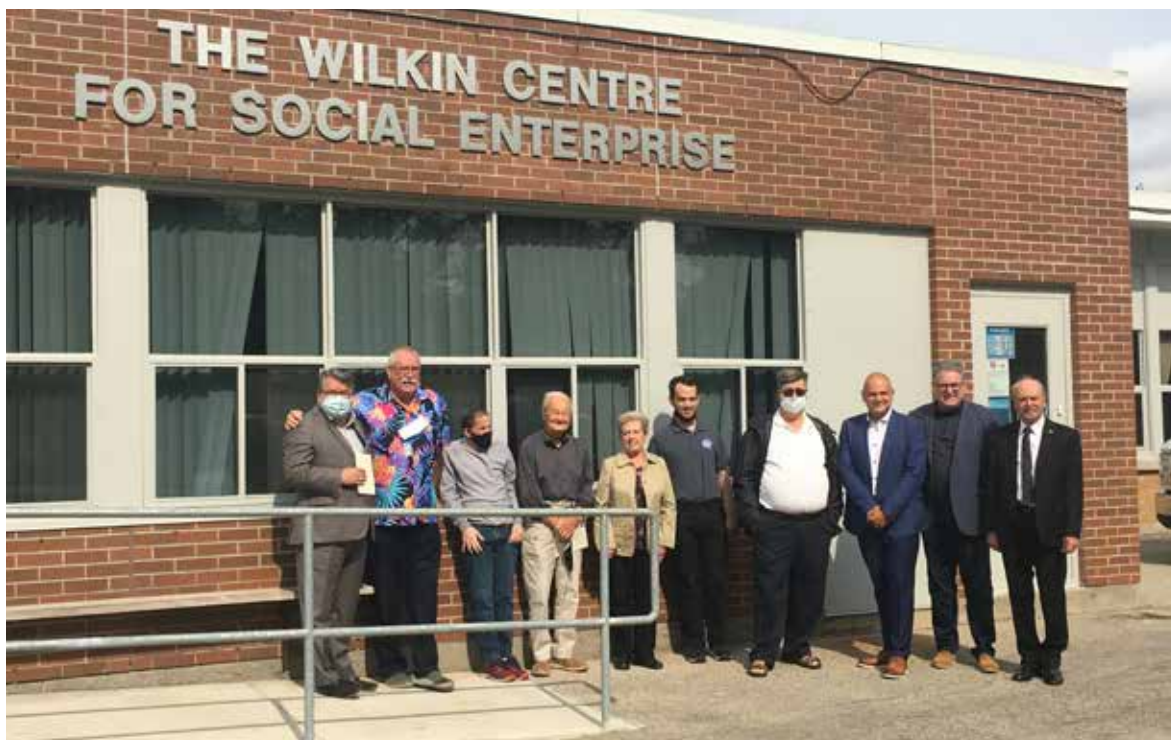
Carol and James Kent  
Barbara Lee Sisson

## Tributes

Margot and Paul Williamson's 53rd Wedding Anniversary  
Tribute to Brant Community Foundation Staff

## In Memoriams

Candace Carriere	May Hillier
Velda Cochrane	Rick Schofield
Allen Darby	Rod Stephen
Terry Harley	



# Endowment Funds For Good, Forever

Creating an endowment fund to benefit the community is the ultimate act of philanthropy. Anyone can create or contribute to an existing fund, where your gift will live on in perpetuity. This lasting legacy will be carefully managed and support the causes you care about.

Our Foundation has a wide range of funds to choose from that suit your interest. We have flexible fund

options that allow donors to name a Fund at a certain minimum level. Many consider establishing a fund in their own name, as a family, or to honour someone they care about.

The following is a list of Funds that the Brant Community Foundation holds, created by community-minded citizens and organizations.

## Donor Advised Funds

*Donor Advised Funds provide donors with the opportunity to be involved in recommending the annual grants from their Funds. Donors can count on Foundation staff for support in these decisions.*

Anonymous Fund

Barbara L. Lee Sisson Fund

Bill and Dorothy Campbell Fund

Calbeck Family Memorial Fund

City of Brantford Mayor's Gala Fund

Donald and Jo-Anne Wilkin Fund

John and Leah Huigenbos Fund

Nick and Glayde Rizzo Family Fund

Ron and Joan, John and Kathryn, and Rod Underwood Fund

Roy and Shirley Steedman Fund

Terry Stewart and Joan Stewart Butcher Family Fund

## Donor Designated Funds

*With a Donor Designated Fund, donors may specify a charity as the beneficiary of their grants each year in perpetuity.*

56th Field Artillery Regiment RCA United Fund

Anne Howell Bursary Fund

Brant Taletellers Guild Fund

Colonel Donald D. Williamson Fund

Dale and Gertrude Franklin Fund

David and Joyce Moss Endowment Fund

Douglas and Jayne Bowman Brant United Way Fund

Dr. J. Jay Hill Farringdon Burial Grounds Fund

Dr. J. Jay Hill Fund for St. Andrew's United Church

Dr. J. Jay Hill Fund for Stedman Hospice

Dr. Jacqueline Delong Early Learning Bursary Fund

Friends of Myrteville House Museum Fund

George Amaolo Environment Fund

Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant Fund

Hooton Family Fund

James N. Forbes Crime Stoppers Fund

Jay Hitchon and Patrice Burke Fund

John G. Wilson Family Fund

June and Tom Hird Fund

Margot Williamson Fund

Mary B. Stedman Farringdon Burial Grounds Fund

Mary B. Stedman Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant Fund

Mary B. Stedman Symphony Fund

Mildred S. Barrie Fund

Orland and Patricia Harrison Fund

Rolland Family Fund

Sharon Brooks Fund

## Charity Endowed Funds

*We hold endowment funds for Charities so that they can create a long-term, steady source of income for the organization.*

Brantford Symphony Orchestra Fund

Canadian Military Heritage Museum Fund

Grand River Conservation Foundation Fund

Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation Fund

T.I.C.K. Inc. Fund



## Field of Interest Funds

*Field of Interest Funds are dedicated to a particular sector that supports the donor's interests, such as children and youth, arts and culture and more. Applications are received for these grants, which are determined by the Foundation's Grants Committee.*

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund  
Rotary Sunrise Youth Fund  
Wescast Youth Fund

### ARTS AND CULTURE

City of Brantford Cultural Endowment Fund  
Mary B. Stedman Arts and Cultural Fund  
Steven Boudreau Fund

### HEALTH

Dr. Robert Farley Fund  
Guy and Carolyn Polillo Fund

### ENVIRONMENT

Apotex Pharmachem Fund  
Community Environment Fund

### OLDER ADULTS

Kiwanis Lifeline Seniors Fund  
Sheridan Place Fund

### OTHER

Peace and Diversity Fund  
T. Richard Hurley, Richard Budd and Pat Duern Animal Welfare Fund

## Community Funds

*Community Funds are Unrestricted Funds of any size. These grants address the most pressing current needs of our community as they arise. These allow the Foundation the flexibility to respond to grant applications across all sectors, and make impactful grants across all sectors, including health, social services, arts, environment, etc.*

Alan R. Cook Fund	Director's Fund	Mel Osborne Fund
Ben D. DeRosse Memorial Fund	Dr. Jeff Manning Fund	Paul and Cathy Mitchell Fund
Bill and Anne Hurley Fund	Earl and Marjorie Scarrow Fund	Pioneer Petroleums Fund
Blacker Benevolent Fund	Frank and Hazel Gambacort Fund	Robert Peever Fund
Bob Graves Fund	Geronimo Henry Fund	Ross and Chris Enslev Fund
C. Gordon Cockshutt Fund	In-Memoriam Legacy Fund	Steven Williams Fund
Carol Tobicoe Fund	James D. Steele Fund	Vyrt and Barbara Sisson Fund
Charlie and Gretta Lewis Fund	Justice Edward O. and Margaret Fanjoy Fund	William and Susan Underwood Fund
Chet and Yvonne Bewick Fund	Marilyn and Gerald McCulloch Fund	William Verity Family Fund
Community Fund	Mary B. Stedman Fund	H. Zenewych Fund
David A. B. Bailey Fund	Mary Welsh Fund	

## Emerging Funds

*Donors have the opportunity to create any named fund with a pledge commitment to meet the fund minimum within five years.*

Anonymous Fund	Carol and James Kent Family Fund
Aparecida Conti Fund	Anne Marie and Tom Peirce Fund

## Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

*Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards created by donors ensure that students have important funding to assist with their post-secondary education.*

Alto and Walter Hall Family Bursary Fund  
Mary Welsh Brant Waterways Environmental Scholarship Fund  
Norah Langton Music Awards Fund  
Pauline Johnson Alumni Award Fund  
Reba Lodge Bursary Fund  
Sharon Elaine Sienko Memorial Awards Fund  
Susan M. Hall Memorial Bursary Fund  
Thomas E. Taylor Memorial Bursary Fund  
Thunderbird Bursary Fund

## New Funds

*The following funds were created in 2021/2022.*

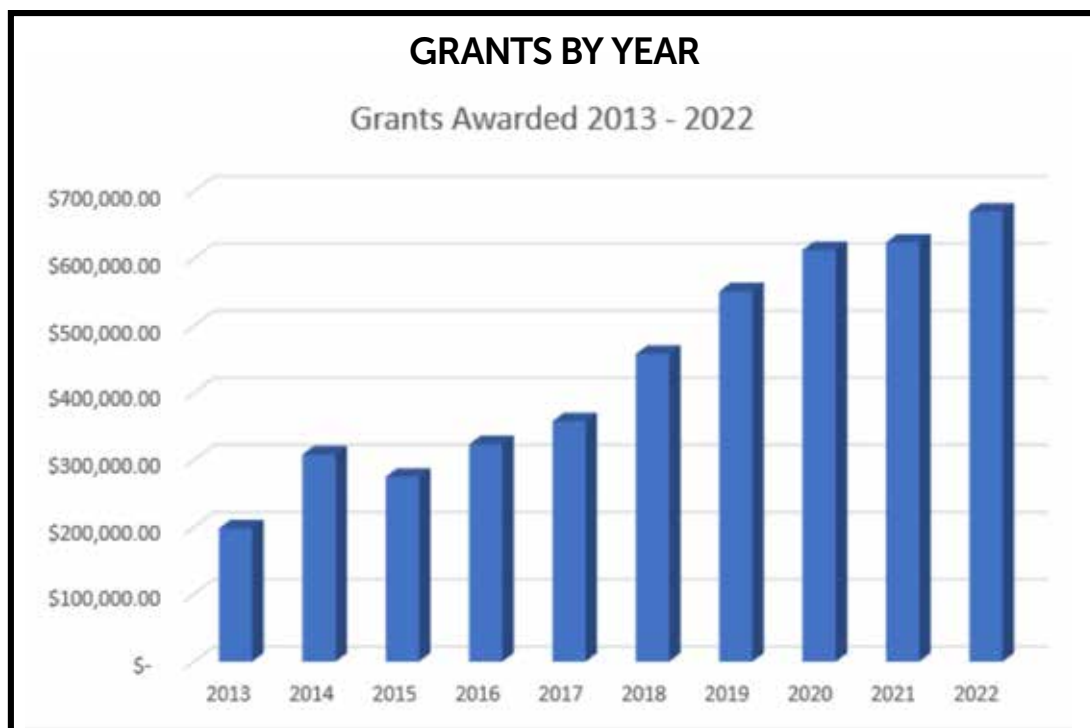
Anne Marie and Tom Peirce Fund  
Colonel Donald D. Williamson Fund  
June and Tom Hird Fund  
Pauline Johnson Alumni Award Fund  
Ron and Joan, John and Kathryn, and Rod Underwood Fund

# Financial Highlights of the Year

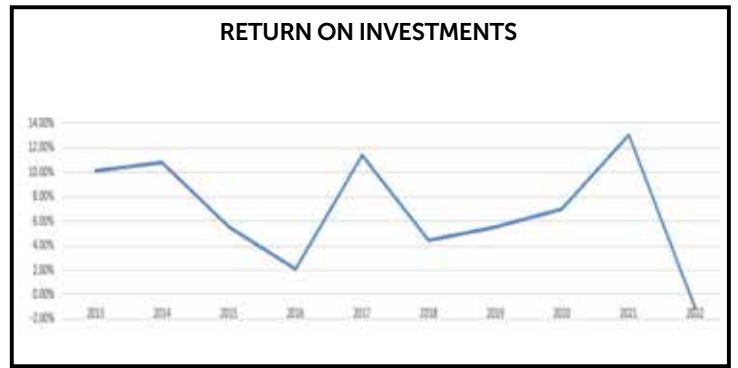
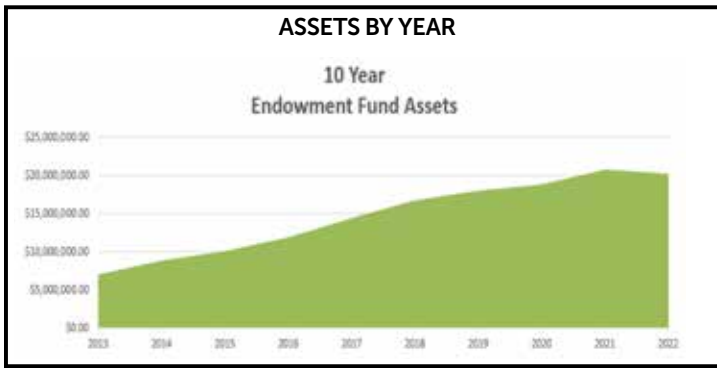
Extract from Audited Financial Statements. Expenses and Changes in Endowment Fund Balances

	2022	2021
<b>Revenue</b>		
Investment income	(\$52,621)	\$2,554,087
Contributions	\$547,307	\$382,020
<b>SUB TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 494,686</b>	<b>\$ 2,936,107</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Grants and Leadership Projects	\$669,794	\$624,135
Fund management	\$329,093	\$218,833
Investment Fees	\$136,389	\$122,449
<b>SUB TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,135,276</b>	<b>\$965,417</b>
Endowment Fund Excess (deficiency) of the revenue over expenses for the year	(\$640,590)	\$1,970,690
Endowment Fund Balances, beginning of year	\$20,903,815	\$18,933,125
Endowment Fund Balances, end of year	\$20,263,225	\$20,903,815

For a copy of the financial statements, please visit our website [www.brantcf.ca](http://www.brantcf.ca).







## Random Act of Kindness Day 2022

The Foundation has been leading Random Act of Kindness Day since 2010 encouraging kindness and humanity throughout the region we serve. Our communities embraced this special day by “paying forward” simple random acts of kindness to others and helping to ensure that everyone in the community had an opportunity to be involved.



# Volunteers and Staff

## Board of Directors



Darin Cleary,  
Chair



Paula Thomlison,  
Vice Chair



Steve McGaghran,  
Treasurer



Bill Underwood,  
Past Chair



Chuck Beach,  
Director



Jayne Carman,  
Director



Larry Davis,  
Director



Lucy Marco,  
Director



Janis Monture,  
Director



Jim Steele,  
Director



Tanya Stephens,  
Director\*



France Thibeault,  
Director\*

## Staff

Anne Marie Peirce, Executive Director  
Nancy Sherritt, Finance & Executive Assistant  
Amy Sterkenburg, Grants & Communications Coordinator

## Finance Committee

Steve McGaghran, Chair  
Darin Cleary  
Jim Steele  
Bill Underwood

## Grants Committee

Paula Thomlison, Chair  
Chuck Beach  
Sharon Binning  
Jayne Carman  
Pat Davies  
Doug DeLaronde  
Julia Jacobson  
Lucy Marco  
Ana Olson  
Jim Steele

## Nominating Committee

Gethin Edward, Ontario Court of Justice - Chair  
Paul Bisanti, President Brantford/Brant Chamber of Commerce  
Joy O'Donnell, President Rotary Club of Brantford  
Randy MacKenzie, President Kiwanis Club of Brantford

## Past Presidents Committee

Dianne Belliveau  
Wayne Branchaud  
Dean Braund  
Anne Buchanan  
Nick Rizzo  
Jim Steele  
Bill Underwood

## Random Act of Kindness Day Committee

Rob Nagy, Chair  
Patti Berardi  
Nicole Callander  
Dave Carrol  
Bill Harding  
Doug Hunt  
Joanne Murray  
France Thibeault

## Youth Advisory Committee

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Aislin Carrol, Vice Chair  
Kara Sickle, Secretary  
Esabel Hassoun, Vice Secretary  
Harper North  
Cordelia Simmons  
Fletcher Simmons  
Katie Stempski  
Alexandra Tensen  
Nicole Trinidad

\* Completed term or resigned in 2022.



# The Power of Giving

## Today and Tomorrow

Through the Brant Community Foundation, you have an opportunity to make a lasting difference in your community and to help shape its future. The donation you make, whether it is a bequest in your will or a gift during your lifetime, will be invested as permanently endowed funds to generate income for charitable purposes in the community, year after year.

When you set up a permanent fund with the Brant Community Foundation, you may select from the several different types of funds and choose an appropriate name by which the fund will be known. We are key to unlocking the potential of your giving across Brantford, Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

We have an exceptional team that has provided guidance to our donors for many years so that you can make a meaningful gift on behalf of you and your family. Our goal is to help you to achieve your dreams for what our community can be through your philanthropy, and we are ready to help.

The Brant Community Foundation has been making an incredible impact across our region since it was established in 1997. As a trusted grant-maker, we are now granting more than \$700,000 each year. Since our first grants were made in 2001, we have granted a remarkable \$6.3 million to charities across our region.

Our inclusive approach means that we grant across all sectors, including health, older adults, children and youth, to arts, culture and heritage, and food and housing insecurity and more. And we make grants that really matter. We work to ensure that all sectors in our communities can address pressing needs and help our communities to thrive.

Donors are the key to these community investments. With an impressive endowment of \$21 million, we invest these funds responsibly and grant according to our donors wishes. We will work with you to create a fund that meets your needs and benefits the community so that it is great place to live, work and raise a family.

Creating an endowment fund through your estate allows you to leave funds to causes you care about in ways you never thought possible. A designated gift will provide your chosen charity or cause with a long term, steady source of income to improve the lives of those they serve. With an unrestricted gift, you provide the Foundation with the flexibility to make granting decisions that address the changing needs in our communities,

## Our Foundation will:

### **Provide excellent service in setting up your Fund.**

An experienced team assists you to set up a fund that meets your needs. Whether a specific charity, a field of interest or an unrestricted gift to address changing community needs, we are here to help create a Fund that is meaningful to you.

### **Provide strong leadership in managing the endowment.**

We work with an Investment Advisor to ensure responsible investing practices so that our funds can grow their impact over time.

### **Make grants according to your wishes.**

Our expertise helps to create a framework for a fund that ensures that grants will be made in respecting your wishes today with flexibility that allows us to respond to future challenges.

### **Think about the legacy you would like to leave and call us if we can help.**

# About the Brant Community Foundation

The Brant Community Foundation is a registered charitable public foundation. We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

We serve the communities of the City of Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We ensure important support for programs across a broad range of sectors so that everyone can benefit from the Community Foundation's grants.

Our Foundation is a member of Community Foundations of Canada and part of a national network of 192 community foundations. As a member of the Community Foundations of Canada, we adhere to a rigorous set of standards and build community vitality by sharing these three roles with our peers across the country:

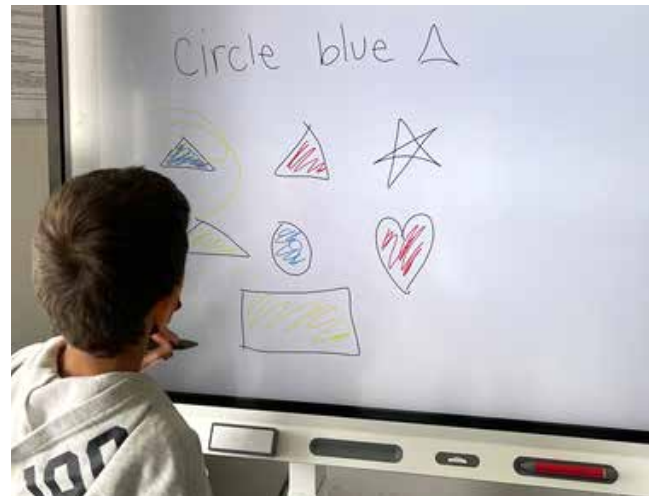
- We bring **donors** to the table as community builders and help them formulate and realize their philanthropic goals, matching their interests and concerns with community needs and organizations and finding innovative and responsible ways to give their investments lasting impact.
- We take the broadest view of what a community is and what it needs to succeed. That is why our **grants** support a wide range of needs from shelter, sustenance, and care for those most in need, to recreation, the arts and the environment.
- As a community **convenor**, we bring people together from all parts of the communities to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen philanthropy. We cross many sectors and take an independent view of community issues, while being able to champion the interests of the community at large.

## *Vision Statement*

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

## *Mission Statement*

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



# 10 Principles

These 10 principles describe the ideals we strive for in all we do and all we say, all for our community:

1. We build community vitality
2. We understand our communities
3. We create opportunities for dialogue and inclusion
4. We embrace partnerships
5. We tackle pressing issues
6. We embrace diversity and foster renewal
7. We grant for breadth and impact
8. We build community assets and champion philanthropy
9. We share what we know
10. We are responsive and accountable



## The Community Foundation difference

### Our special strengths

- **A long-term view:** Because community foundations focus on building permanent endowments, they are able to tackle long-term community challenges as well as immediate needs.

- **Permanence:** Gifts to a community foundation endowment meet community needs in perpetuity.

- **Community-based, personalized donor service:** community foundations are uniquely equipped to help individual donors meet their particular philanthropic goals by providing in-depth knowledge of community opportunities along with expertise in a wide range of flexible charitable giving options.

- **A broad perspective:** Community foundations make effective grants and develop networks in a wide range of sectors.

- **Commitment to community service:** Community foundations are broad-based, volunteer-driven local organizations.

- **Accountability:** As responsible members of the voluntary sector, community foundations strive for flexible, transparent governance and leadership practices that welcome volunteer involvement, encourage dialogue among diverse voices in the community, and inspire commitment to philanthropy.

Through the Brant Community Foundation, you have an opportunity to make a lasting difference in your community and to help shape its future. The donation you make, whether received during your lifetime, or afterward through a bequest in your will or a life insurance policy, will be invested as permanently endowed funds to generate income for charitable purposes in the community, year after year. When you set up a permanent fund with the Foundation, you may select from the several different types of funds, and choose an appropriate name by which the fund will be known.





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