



Brant Community Foundation

Annual Report 2023

Building Community



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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



Anne Marie Peirce Executive Director and Paula Thomlison Chair

Welcome to the Brant Community Foundation's 2022/2023 Annual Report. This year, the theme is "Building Community". We know that the Brant Community Foundation and our many stakeholders are building community through our critical work - stakeholders like donors and fund holders, grant recipients, volunteers, and the broader community. The impact made by everyone who contributes to the advancement of our community is significant, and we count you all as community builders.

As a granting foundation, our communities of Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation feature prominently in our work. We were fortunate to make an impact across these communities through the Brant Community Foundation granting program.

We are pleased to report that this year, the Foundation granted \$716,000 through its granting program, with 148 important grants to 90 organizations. Building community is central to the mission of the Foundation, as is ensuring grants that reflect a diversity in programs across all sectors. This year the Foundation's reach can be felt in a multitude of organizations that build community through their vital programs. These include arts, heritage, social services, programs for children, youth, older adults, health, the environment, the unhoused, food programs, and the list goes on. Since our granting began in 2001, Brant Community Foundation has granted in excess of \$7.0 million – a staggering amount that has made a huge impact in building community across our region.

This past year saw a significant amount of federal funding made available to our Foundation through the Investment Readiness Program, the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, and the Community Services Recovery Fund. While the latter overlapped two fiscal years, we know the impact of the Recovery Fund will have long reaching impacts on charities rebuilding from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Foundation continues to build community by administering the City of Brantford "City Grants" program. The Foundation adjudicated \$630,000 in City Grants, benefitting both charities and not-for-profit organizations.

We express our gratitude to our Fund Holders, who are at the heart of our ability to fund essential programs for a myriad of organizations. Through their vision and foresight on the type of community they want to help build, Fund Holders have seeded, nurtured and supported a broad range of community initiatives.

We are so pleased to welcome new Fund Holders to our Foundation. Funders can restrict the use of the funds or leave the decision in the hands of the Foundation's granting experts. Whatever the choice, we honour every family, individual, and organization that creates an endowment fund at Brant Community Foundation. They join a special group of fund holders who are committed to making an impact. This year, we welcomed the following new funds: Dr. Stephen Chul Kim Fund, Linda and Chuck Beach Family Fund, Marjorie Lucas Fund, The Querney Family Fund, the Trevor Krus Memorial Award Fund and The Sharp Family Fund. We have also assisted a number of people in creating new funds that will be supported through future contributions.

As we close, we pay tribute to our volunteers. The theme of this year's report is "Building Community", and when we consider the contributions of our volunteers, we know that they embody this. Since the day the Brant Community Foundation was established, volunteers have been so important to the work we do. These incredible, visionary, talented volunteers have provided us with leadership, support, and professional guidance. We especially thank retiring Board Members Lucy Marco, Janice Monture, and Bill Underwood for their service to the Foundation. We offer heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers, whose significant contributions to the Board and Committees have advanced the important work of the Brant Community Foundation and helped us to build community.

The Brant Community Foundation has been a leader in community support, and each year this impact is amplified. The 2022/2023 fiscal year was an extraordinary one for the Brant Community Foundation. The effect of the economic downturn on the endowment fund is reversing, and several major gifts were received that will increase the Foundation's capacity to address the present and future needs of our communities. We look forward to the year to come as we focus on producing our next edition of Vital Signs and a new Strategic Plan.

To everyone who contributes to the success of the Brant Community Foundation, we offer our sincere thanks. Our community of stakeholders, volunteers, and partners are the reason we can make an impact across Brantford, the County of Brant, Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. You uplift us, sustain us, and walk beside us, and we look forward to continuing to build community with your help.


Paula Thomlison
Chair of the Board


Anne Marie Peirce
Executive Director



Our 2023 Impact

\$23,546,941

Total Endowment Funds

\$2,731,560

Total Gifts Received in 2023

90

Organizations Supported in 2022/2023

\$716,000

Total Grants Awarded

148

Number of Grants Awarded

\$86,500

Federal Investment Readiness
Program Grants



Since Inception

\$7,167,963

Grants Awarded

6

New Endowment
Funds

Grants

2022/2023 Grant Recipients

Last year the Brant Community Foundation made 148 grants totaling \$802,500 and this includes the Federal Investment Readiness Program grants. These grants have made an incredible impact across the communities we serve.

The following organizations received grants in 2022/2023:



104 Starfighter Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets

56th Field Artillery Regiment RCA United Fund

Arcady

Army Cadet League of Canada - 2659 Army Cadet Squadron

Arnold Anderson Sport Fund

BCI & VS Alumni Foundation

Belonging Brant

Boys and Girls Club of Brantford

Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation

Brant County Singers

Brant County SPCA

Christ the King School - Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic

District School Board

Brant Historical Society

Brant Taletellers Inc.

Brant United Way

Brant Waterways Foundation

Brant-Brantford Crime Stoppers

Brantford Blessing Centre

Brantford Rotary Sunrise Fund

Brantford Symphony Orchestra Association Inc.

Brantwood Foundation

Brock University

Camp Quality Canada

Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre

Canadian Mental Health Association,
Brant Haldimand Norfolk Branch

Canadian Military Heritage Museum

Chiefswood National Historic Site

Child and Family Services of Grand Erie Foundation

Child Hunger Brantford

Community Living Brant

Community Resource and Employment Service

Conestoga College

County of Brant

Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre

Dalhousie Place - Brantford and District
Supervised Access Centre

Dalhousie University

Diabetes Canada

Earth Rangers

Farringdon Independent Church

Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre

Friendship House of Brant Incorporated

Grants (continued)

Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant
Grand Erie District School Board
Grand River Community Health Centre
Grand River Conservation Authority
Grand River Conservation Foundation
Hamilton Naturalists' Club
Hearts to Homes Feline Rescue & Sanctuary
Help A Child Smile
Hope Pregnancy and Family Support Centre
JA South Western Ontario
Kids Can Fly
Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation
Little String Orchestra
McMaster University
Mohawk College Foundation
Navy League Brantford Branch
Niagara College
Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services
Organized Kaos Life and Trade
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
Sexual Assault Centre of Brant
Six Nations Arts Council - Grand River Employment and Training Inc.
St. Andrew's United Church
St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation
Strong Start Charitable Organization
T.I.C.K. Inc.
Telephone City Musical Society
The Brantford Music Club
The Grand River Chorus Association

The Salvation Army HHB Housing and Support Services
Together We Stand Military Families Foundation
TREC Charitable Foundation
University of British Columbia
University of Guelph
University of Guelph – Ontario Veterinary College
University of Saskatchewan
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
Victim Services of Brant
Why Not City Missions
Wilfrid Laurier University
Willowbridge Community Services
Woodview Mental Health and Autism 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 110. In 2022/2023, the collective power of these funds has meant that \$802,500 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 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.

Arcady



Arcady is Brant County's premiere musical ensemble dedicated to the mentorship of emerging artists through its multi-tiered training program.

Arcady celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a concert featuring the work of their own emerging artist composers alongside the music of established professional Arcady composers. This experience provided the opportunity for emerging artists to showcase their work, while providing the community a unique cultural experience of entirely new Canadian music, which is historically under-represented on the concert stage.

The 25th anniversary concert also incorporated Arcady Youth Singers, providing a unique educational opportunity for local aspiring talent. The audience was invited to learn the final musical piece of the concert and sang alongside the professional ensemble. Brant Community Foundation is thrilled to have supported Arcady in hosting their 25th Anniversary Concert.



Canadian Mental Health Association Brant Haldimand Norfolk

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association contributes to the well-being of the community through education and support services. Mental Health Week is a national awareness campaign highlighting the importance of mental health. The Mental Health Week Planning Committee, led by CMHA Brant Haldimand Norfolk, is made up of more than 20 organizations representing Brantford-Brant, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. It is a collaboration of community agencies coming together to plan activities throughout Mental Health Week.

Mental Health Week programming and activities facilitate important discussions about mental health and increase the knowledge of community members about what vital mental health services are available to them. Brant Community Foundation is a proud supporter of CMHA Brant Haldimand Norfolk's promotion and implementation of 2023 Mental Health Week activities.



Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre



Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre provides five dynamic educational programs to transitioning youth and adults living with varying developmental abilities: Expressive Arts, Digital Innovation, Recreation and Wellness, Basic Culinary, and Community, Culture and Me. These programs foster independence, enhance learning, and nurture friendships.

"A Driven Direction" is a program that aims to increase opportunities for enrolled participants, allowing them to experience their community by offering transportation services to and from community outings, and immersive experiences within each of the five core programs. By expanding the core programs into the community, participants gain transferable life skills that foster independence, build confidence and relationships, and encourage them to engage with their local communities.

Community outings include: shopping at local farmers markets, volunteering at local events, trips to the public library, using the walking track at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre, seeing behind the scenes of a live theatre, as well as interest-based experiences for participants such as golfing, biking, and more.

The Brant Community Foundation is excited to support the expansion of CABLC's programs from the classroom into the community.

Grand River Conservation Authority - Brantford/Brant Children's Water Festival



The Brantford/Brant Children's Water Festival provides approximately 1,400 grade four students from Brant, Brantford, and Six Nations of the Grand River the opportunity to learn about the importance of water and the conservation and protection of this resource.

The three-day festival has approximately 35 educational activity centres within the five themes of: water protection, water conservation, water science, water attitudes, and water technology. The festival brings together the expertise of educators, water quality and quantity specialists, community volunteers, conservation groups, industry, and government.

The festival also provides a unique and meaningful volunteer opportunity to secondary school students, who run the majority of the educational activities. Brant Community Foundation is thrilled to support the Water Festival through funding for volunteer transportation and materials for the interactive activity centres.



Organized Kaos



Organized Kaos provides young people a safe environment to work and learn alongside skilled trades persons through apprenticeship in life and trade. The trades act as a medium to teach life, relational, and emotional skills.

OK Auto Mechanics is one of the programs offered by Organized Kaos. Students and mentors work together to make donated vehicles in need of repair drivable again. Students see the repairs through to completion, which provides a sense of accomplishment.

Organized Kaos also provides training and mentorship through carpentry, bricklaying, electrical, manufacturing, plumbing, woodworking, and welding programs.

Brant Community Foundation is proud to support OK Auto Mechanics through funding for the program's required auto parts and materials.



St. Andrew's United Church Soup for the Soul

The Soup for the Soul program at St. Andrew's United Church provides free, nutritious meals and social support services in a safe, caring environment. For five days a week, Soup for the Soul provides hot, nutritious lunches to anyone who expresses need. The consistent offering of a daily lunch is crucial to alleviating food insecurity and financial pressures for vulnerable members within our community.

In 2022, approximately 50,000 meals were provided by Soup for the Soul. Volunteers ensure meals are prepared fresh each day. Brant Community Foundation is honoured to support Soup for the Soul through funding for groceries and supplies necessary to operate the program and provide vital services to our community.



Scholarships & Bursaries



Brant Community Foundation works with donors to create scholarships, bursaries, and awards. These ensure that students have essential funding as they begin their post-secondary education.

In the 2022/2023 year, Brant Community Foundation is thrilled to have awarded a total of \$37,498 to 19 recipients pursuing post-secondary education in a variety of subject areas.

These are the awards that are made on behalf of our Donors:

- Alto & Walter Hall Family Bursary
- Anne Howell Bursary
- Jeff Wilkin Engineering University Entrance Scholarship
- John Wilkin Business & Commerce University Entrance Scholarship
- Mary Welsh Brant Waterways Environmental Scholarship
- Norah Langton Music Awards
- Pauline Johnson Alumni Award
- Reba Lodge Bursary
- Sharon Elaine Sienko Memorial Awards
- Susan M. Hall Memorial Bursary
- Thomas E. Taylor Memorial Bursary
- Thunderbird Bursary

Thank you for supporting my dreams, and please keep an eye out for papers/articles on my work and accomplishments in about 20 years!

Thank-You Card from a Scholarship Recipient

Our Dedicated Donors

Our Donors

1467574 Ontario Ltd.	Orland Harrison	Nancy Sherritt
Terry Adkins	Dr. J. Jay Hill	Richard and Donna Sienko
Diane Bartle	Thomas and June Hird	Barbara Sisson
Chuck and Linda Beach	T. Richard Hurley	Roy and Shirley Steedman
Suzanne Brydges	James and Carol Kent	Jim Steele
Calbeck Investments Inc.	Dr. Stephen Chul Kim	Telephone City Women's Probus Club
Jim and Jayne Carman	Joanne and Dave Lewis	Paula Thomlison
The Charlie and Lulu Franklin Fund at The Calgary Foundation	Mistie Lewis	Ron and Joan Underwood
Nancy Church	Lucy Marco	Linda Vair
Darin Cleary	Rebecca McLellan	Vivien and Richard Querney
J. Ross Cochrane	Brian and Beverley Osborn	Jane West
Adam Conti	Luisa Pappert	Karen Wiginton
Heather Creath	Kristin Pass	Donald and Jo-Anne Wilkin
Kathryn Crowe	Anne Marie and Tom Peirce	Paul and Margot Williamson
JoAnne and Brian Doyle	Nick and Glayde Rizzo	John and Heather Wyatt
Friends and Family of Trevor Kruis	Nick and Jo-Ann Rizzo	Peter and Joan Wyatt
Dr. and Mrs. Tom & Ann Verth	The Sharp Family	
	Bruce Sherritt	

In Memoriams

Douglas Bodley	Shahina Merani
William Dawkins	Douglas Pantin
Gerald Michael Desjardins	Norman Rattray
David Graham	Marjorie L. Russell
Patrick Green	Dan Sherritt
Beverley Hird	Bryan Taylor
Hilton Hird	John Wilton
Jack Hird	Bernice Wisson
Jay Hitchon	Monty, a cherished pet
Trevor Kruis	

Estates

Estate of Marjorie Lucas

Gifts of Life Insurance

Carol Kent
Barbara Sisson

Tributes

Sharon Brooks' Retirement
In Honour of Patrice Burke
In Honour of Richard and Donna Sienko
Dr. Catherine Swan and Dr. Roy Mesaglio Anniversary and Birthday
Angee Turnbull's Retirement



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 Funds

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

Sharp Family 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

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 the Stedman Community Hospice

Dr. Jacqueline Delong Early Learning Bursary Fund

Friends of Myrtleville House Museum Fund

George Amaolo Environment 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

The Querney Family 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

Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant Fund

Grand River Conservation 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, and 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	Mary Welsh Fund
Ben D. DeRosse Memorial Fund	Dr. Jeff Manning Fund	Mel Osborne Fund
Bill and Anne Hurley Fund	Earl and Marjorie Scarrow Fund	Paul and Cathy Mitchell Fund
Blacker Benevolent Fund	Frank and Hazel Gambacort Fund	Pioneer Petroleums Fund
Bob Glaves Fund	Geronimo Henry Fund	Robert Peever Fund
C. Gordon Cockshutt Fund	In-Memoriam Legacy Fund	Ross and Chris Enslev Fund
Carol Tobicoe Fund	James D. Steele Fund	Steven Williams Fund
Charlie and Gretta Lewis Fund	Justice Edward O. and Margaret Fanjoy Fund	Vyrt and Barbara Sisson Fund
Chet and Yvonne Bewick Fund	Marilyn and Gerald McCulloch Fund	William and Susan Underwood Fund
Community Fund	Marjorie Lucas Fund	William Verity Family Fund
David A. B. Bailey Fund	Mary B. Stedman Fund	H. Zenewych 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	Reba Lodge Bursary Fund
Anne Howell Bursary Fund	Sharon Elaine Sienko Memorial Awards Fund
Jeff Wilkin Engineering University Entrance Scholarship	Susan M. Hall Memorial Bursary Fund
John Wilkin Business/Commerce University Entrance Scholarship	Thomas E. Taylor Memorial Bursary Fund
Mary Welsh Brant Waterways Environmental Scholarship Fund	Thunderbird Bursary Fund
Norah Langton Music Awards Fund	Trevor Kruis Memorial Award
Pauline Johnson Alumni Award	

Emerging Funds

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

Anne Marie and Tom Peirce Fund
Anonymous Fund (1)
Aparecida Conti Fund
Carol and James Kent Fund
Linda and Chuck Beach Family Fund
Dr. Stephen Chul Kim Fund

New Funds

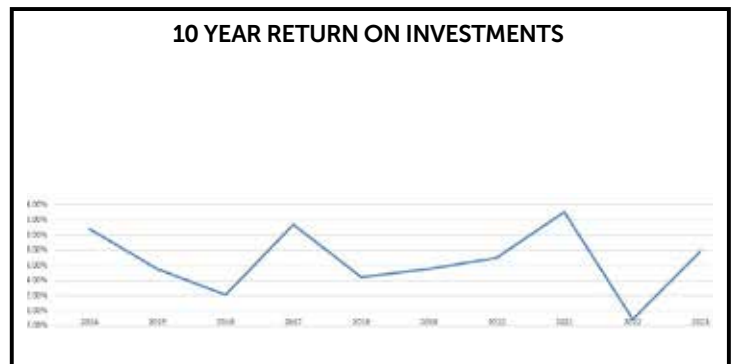
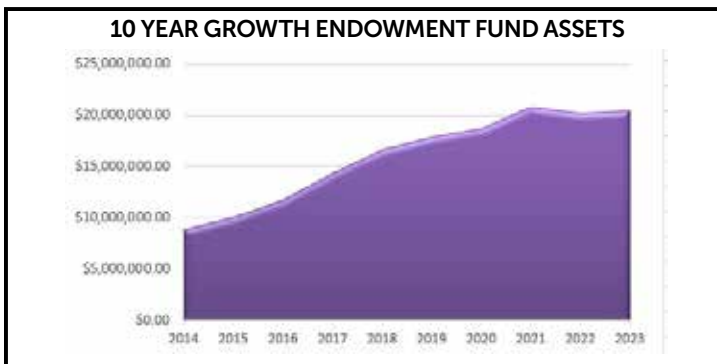
The following funds were created in 2022/2023.

Linda and Chuck Beach Family Fund
Dr. Stephen Chul Kim Fund
Marjorie Lucas Fund
Sharp Family Fund
The Querney Family Fund
Trevor Kruis Memorial Award Fund

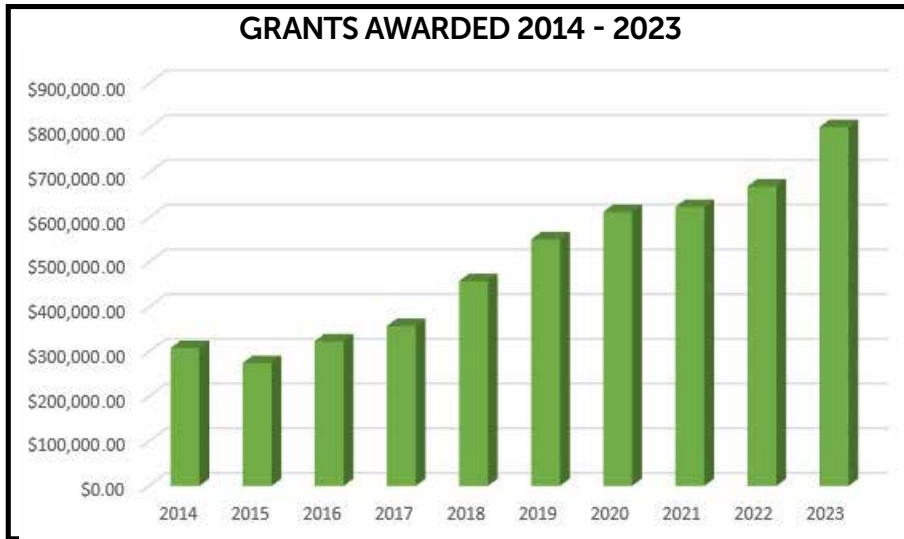
Financial Highlights of the Year

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

	2023	2022
Revenue		
Investment Income	\$1,709,151	(\$52,621)
Contributions	\$2,731,560	\$547,307
SUB TOTALS	\$4,440,711	\$ 494,686
Expenses		
Grants and Leadership Projects	\$711,141	\$669,794
Fund Management	\$314,965	\$329,093
Investment Fees	\$135,889	\$136,389
SUB TOTALS	\$1,166,995	\$1,135,276
Endowment Fund Excess (deficiency) of the revenue over expenses for the year	\$3,278,716	(\$640,590)
Endowment Fund Balances, beginning of year	\$20,263,225	\$20,903,815
Endowment Fund Balances, end of year	\$23,541,941	\$20,263,225



For a copy of the financial statements, please visit our website www.brantcf.ca



Community Involvement

Random Act of Kindness Day 2023

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.



Youth Advisory Committee

The Brant Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a committee made up of young people who want to make a difference in their community. Our YAC members are highly committed, energetic and want to be actively involved in shaping the future of their community.



Volunteers and Staff

Board of Directors



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Jasmine Klunder
Harper North
Bennett Portelli
Cordelia Simmons
Katherine Stempski
Wenqi Sun
Zachary Tensen
Nicole Trinidad
Daniel Waserman
Marleigh

Create Your Legacy

At the Brant Community Foundation

At Brant Community Foundation, we often meet with people who have questions about how they can leave a lasting gift to their community.

What do I want my legacy to be? How can I make a difference in my community? How can I make sure that the charity I care about receives ongoing support? As individuals and families pose these questions, many times there is a shared sentiment – the desire to give back to the community that has given them so much.

There are many pathways that lead to creating a lasting legacy. Perhaps you have thought about how your philanthropy could be more strategic but need guidance. You may have thought about setting up your own charitable foundation to involve your family. Or you may want to leave part of your estate to charity but would like to know how you can structure a gift in perpetuity. When you are ready to talk about your lasting legacy, the Brant Community Foundation is here to help you to achieve your philanthropic goals by creating a named endowment fund.

At the Brant Community Foundation, we have an exceptional team experienced in providing guidance to donors. Through discussions about your vision of what our community can be through your philanthropy, we can help you to create a fund that resonates with you for today, and forever. Whether you would like to create a fund that will deliver immediate benefits in our community, or discuss creating an endowment fund to reference in your estate plans, we have the flexibility to ensure that we create an agreement that honours your wishes.

When you set up a permanent fund at Brant Community Foundation, there are a number of endowment fund types to choose from. Once you have determined which fund best suits you and your family, you have the pleasure of naming the fund. Our team does the rest, expertly guiding you through the steps towards arriving at the final details in a personalized agreement.

You will have confidence in knowing that your philanthropic objectives will be achieved through an endowment fund at Brant Community Foundation. Gifts to Brant Community Foundation make an impact in charities across Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

When you set up a permanently endowed fund at Brant Community Foundation, you join many others who have made the same decision to support their community in perpetuity. Our Foundation is known as a trusted grant-maker, with \$716,000 in grants impacting charities in our communities last year, and an impressive \$7.1 million granted since our inception. Equally as impressive is the Foundation's responsible fiscal management of its endowment fund. The endowment now sits at \$23.5 million, and all funds are granted according to donors' wishes.

The Brant Community Foundation is uniquely positioned to help people to translate the vision they have for their legacy into action. We bring people together who care about making a lasting difference in our community and we are dedicated to making a positive impact on behalf of our donors each and every year, now and in the future.

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 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

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.

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 Brant Community Foundation's grants.

Our Foundation is a member of Community Foundations of Canada and part of a national network of 201 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.

The Brant Community Foundation is proud to have worked with community foundations across Canada to deliver grants for the Canada Healthy Community Initiative, Community Services Recovery Fund and Investment Readiness Program funded by the Government of Canada. We are pleased to support the following programs across Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

CFC Community Services Recovery Fund

Alzheimer Society of Brant, Haldimand Norfolk, Hamilton Halton

Brant County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Brantford & District Supervised Access

Hearts to Homes Feline Rescue & Sanctuary

Hotinohsioni Inc. Brantford Native Housing

Kids Can Fly

Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation

Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services

Paris Presbyterian Church

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Canadian Healthy Community Initiative

Brantford Public Library

Brantford Region Indigenous Support Centre

Corporation of the City of Brantford

County of Brant Public Library

Kids Can Fly

Investment Readiness Program Grants

Moccasin Identifier Project

Organized Kaos Life and Trade



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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