

Brant Community Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Looking Forward



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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.

2023/2024 Annual Report from the Chair and Executive Director



Anne Marie Peirce Executive Director and Paula Thomlison Chair

Welcome to the Brant Community Foundation's 2023/2024 Annual Report. The theme of this year's report is "Looking Forward." We chose this for a number of reasons, one of which is that this year the Foundation launched its new forward-looking strategic plan. This provides the roadmap for the next three years as we grow and expand our ability to provide critical grants to charities across our service area. We truly are looking forward!

As part of the strategic planning process, we revised our mission and vision. Our revised mission now proudly contains the names of the communities we work hard to serve - Brantford, the County of Brant, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Check out the full revised statements later in this report.

As a grant-making foundation, we see first-hand how essential grants can be. Providing important funding to charities across all sectors makes for a balanced community. And the Foundation's impact continues to grow. This year, the Foundation's grants reached \$931,233. This includes grants across all fund types: donor advised, donor designated, unrestricted, scholarships & bursaries, and charity funds. This impressive sum translated into 162 grants benefiting 93 organizations across our communities. Additionally, the Community Services Recovery Fund was a Federal program helping charities to recover from the pandemic, and the Foundation's impact is felt by the \$442,000 in grants that it made for this program. This brings the impact of last year's granting to a staggering \$1.36 million, all for the good of our community.

Since our Foundation began making grants 25 years ago, the grant monies have increased each year. We are happy to report that over our history, \$8.5 million has benefited important programs serving our community.

This remarkable milestone is only made possible by our fund holders. These caring individuals, families and organizations have determined how they want to impact our community, and it is clear that they have in a real and tangible way. Each year grants are made according to their wishes. And as you see in the list of grants in this edition, and the Grants in Action that we feature, our caring community of fund holders support a broad array of needs throughout our communities. We remain ever grateful for your role in building our community.

We continue to work to build new endowment funds with donors who consider what is important to them, and create a fund that suits their philanthropic goals. This year, we welcome the following funds to our family of fund holders: Nancy Sherritt Fund, Pat and Gabe Petrella Family Fund and the SC Johnson Fund.

While the Foundation awards a growing amount of funding each year, we would be remiss if we did not mention the role that we play in additional community granting programs. The City of Brantford relies on the Foundation to administer its \$630,000 Community Grants Program each year. And now, the Foundation determines grants totalling \$300,000 for the County of Brant Community Grants Program. Through our grantmaking experts, the Foundation is ensuring that agencies across our communities can count on vital support when they need it the most.

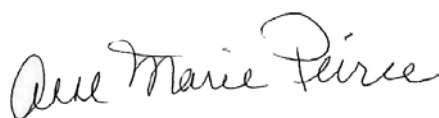
We pay tribute to two individuals who meant so much to the Brant Community Foundation. Nick Rizzo Sr. was a tireless advocate and volunteer leader for the not-for-profit sector. Nick was one of the founding Board members whose vision and foresight created the Brant Community Foundation. Twenty-six years later our Foundation remains a vital resource for donors and has provided millions of dollars in grants to essential programs at important organizations. We also honour the memory of Nancy Sherritt, a longtime staff member at the BCF. Her contributions to our organization as Administrative and Financial Coordinator were significant, providing guidance, support and wisdom in a myriad of ways.

Volunteers are essential to the work of the Brant Community Foundation, and we take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them. Each year, the many contributions made by the members of our Board and Committees gives us pause to reflect on what this means. It means that we have talented volunteers who have provided us with leadership, support, and professional guidance. It also means that as a major grantmaking foundation, the committees make sound decisions for the benefit of the communities we serve. Our thanks go out to our volunteers for their vision as to how we can shape the community, and for their role in moving the Brant Community Foundation forward.

As we look forward to another year of service to Brantford, the County of Brant, Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, we know that it takes community to make community. Our fundholders, donors, Board members, volunteers and community partners have helped to build this Foundation, and we are firmly focused on looking forward, and working together for a bright future where our communities are a great place to live, work and raise a family.



Paula Thomlison
Chair of the Board



Anne Marie Peirce
Executive Director



Our 2024 Impact

\$27,283,671

Total Endowment Funds

\$451,709

Total Gifts
Received in
2023/2024

91

Organizations Supported in 2023/2024

\$931,233

Total Grants Awarded

162

Number of Grants Awarded

\$428,822

Federal Grants:
Community Services Recovery Fund
and Investment Readiness Fund

Since Inception

\$8,528,018

Grants Awarded

3

New Funds



Grants

2023/2024 Grant Recipients

Last year the Brant Community Foundation made 162 grants totalling \$1,360,055.49 and this includes the Community Services Recovery Fund grants funded by the Government of Canada. These grants have made an incredible impact across the communities we serve.

The following organizations received grants in 2023/2024:



104 Starfighter Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets	Brantford Rotary Sunrise Fund
56th Field Artillery Regiment RCA United Fund	Brantford Symphony Orchestra
Alzheimer Society of Brant Haldimand Norfolk, Hamilton Halton	Brantwood Foundation
Arcady	Camp Quality Canada
Army Cadet League of Canada-2659 Army Cadet Squadron	Canadian Mental Health Association, Brant Haldimand Norfolk Branch
Arnold Anderson Sport Fund	Canadian Military Heritage Museum
Autism Dog Services Inc.	Canadian National Institute for the Blind
BCI & VS Alumni Foundation	Child Hunger Brantford
Boys and Girls Club of Brantford	City of Brantford - TB Costain SC Johnson Community Centre
Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation	Community Living Brant
Brant County SPCA	Community Resource and Employment Service
Brant Family and Children's Services Foundation	Conestoga College
Brant Food for Thought	County of Brant - Wilkin Family Community Centre
Brant Historical Society	Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre (CABLC)
Brant Land Trust	Farrington Independent Church
Brant Music Festival	Federated Women's Institutes of Canada
Brant Taletellers Inc.	Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant
Brant United Way	Grand Erie District School Board
Brant Waterways Foundation	Grand River Community Health Centre
Brant-Brantford CrimeStoppers	Grand River Conservation Foundation
Brantford & District Supervised Access	Grand River Council on Aging
Brantford Music Club	

Grants (continued)

Hamilton Naturalists' Club
 Hearts to Homes Feline Rescue & Sanctuary
 Hope Pregnancy & Family Support Centre
 Hotinohsioni Inc. / Brantford Native Housing
 JA South Western Ontario
 Jaycees Brantford Non-Profit Homes Corp
 JDRF
 Kids Can Fly
 Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation
 Little String Orchestra
 McMaster University
 Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
 Mohawk College Foundation (Hamilton)
 Navy League of Canada - Brantford Branch
 Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services
 Oakland Scotland Public School
 Organized Kaos
 Paris Museum and Archives
 Paris Port Dover Pipe Band
 Paris Presbyterian Church - The Raw Carrot
 Queen's University
 Rotary Club of Brantford
 RPLACES
 Salvation Army Brantford Community & Family Services
 Sanderson Centre Foundation
 Scientists in School.ca
 Scouts Canada - Camp Impeesa
 Sexual Assault Centre of Brant
 Sheridan College - Hazel McCallion Campus
 Six Nations Arts Council - Donee Grand River Employment and Training Inc
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 St. Andrew's United Church
 St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation
 STEM Camp Foundation

Strong Start Charitable Organization
 T.I.C.K. Inc.
 Telephone City Musical Society
 The Grand River Chorus Association
 University of Guelph
 University of Ottawa
 University of Western Ontario
 Victim Services of Brant
 Vision 2024 STEM Conference BHNCD SB
 Why Not City Missions
 Wilfrid Laurier University
 Willowbridge Community Services
 Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services
 YMCA Hamilton| Burlington| Brantford



Grants in Action

With the addition of the Nancy Sherritt Fund, Pat and Gabe Petrella Fund, and SC Johnson Fund in the past year, the Brant Community Foundation now holds an incredible 113 active funds. In 2023-2024, these funds together provided \$931,233 in grants to organizations and programs throughout 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 Foundation embraces a comprehensive approach to philanthropy, focusing on both immediate needs and the long-term wellbeing of our communities. Grants are distributed to dedicated charities and support essential, hopeful, and creative programs and initiatives that help to improve quality of life locally. These initiatives include food security, sports and recreation, arts and culture, environmental initiatives, health, education and skills development, community building, and more.

The organizations highlighted in the following pages represent just a few of the impactful grants awarded to charities over the past year.

Brant Food For Thought



Brant Food For Thought is one of the leading charitable organizations contributing to a child's ability to learn. They support and facilitate student nutrition programs in elementary and secondary schools in the City of Brantford and the County of Brant. Brant Food for Thought believes that all children and youth should have equitable access to the most nutritious foods possible during the school day.

The funding provided through this grant supports school-based breakfast, lunch and healthy snack programs. The Universal Student Nutrition Program ensures that all students have at least one healthy meal or nutritious snack during the school day to maximize their learning success when they come into the classroom. The Brant Community Foundation is thrilled to be a partner in supporting this vital service to the children and youth in our community.



Brant Waterways Foundation

Brant Waterways Foundation supports and advocates for projects that protect and enhance the Grand River and adjacent lands in Brant County, Brantford and Six Nations of the Grand River. Their Brant Tree Coalition Committee pursues natural restoration projects through community tree planting events.

The Brant Tree Coalition held its 11th Annual Brantford Community Tree Plant on April 27th, and thanks to this grant, were able to plant 1,000 native trees and shrubs at Brier Park. Orchestrated by student volunteers from a local high school, the event welcomed individuals, families and organizations from across the region. It was an enjoyable day where the trees and shrubs were successfully planted thanks to the dozens of volunteers.

The Brant Tree Coalition has now planted in total over 126,800 native trees and shrubs in the City and County. The Brant Community Foundation is delighted to be a supporter of Brant Waterways Foundation's Brant Tree Coalition and this 11th annual tree planting.



Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant



The Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant is a public arts centre for all citizens of Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations. Its role is to encourage appreciation, enjoyment and education in the arts.

Glenhyrst Gallery presents six annual exhibits which offer a snapshot of our local creative talent as well as contemporary and historical regional and national artists. This year's exhibitions scheduled included: Brantford native James Gardner, Arnold Jacobs of Six Nations of the Grand River, a permanent collection exhibit, Brantford-based Jeanette Obbink, group exhibit Destination Moon, and Vibrant Palette Student Exhibit.

The Gallery maintains that "Art is a catalyst for discussing our world in a creative and inviting way."

Through this grant, the Brant Community Foundation is pleased to support 2024 exhibits from these creative talents at the Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant.

Grand River Council on Aging (GRCOA)



The Grand River Council on Aging encourages the development of an age-friendly Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

This is carried out by "Promoting the Voices of Lived Experience" in civic participation, employment, communications, community support and health services, housing, outdoor spaces and buildings, respect and social inclusion, social participation, and transportation. The GRCOA offers ongoing education and awareness activities for the benefit of older adults, their families and caregivers, and the entire community, to enhance the quality of life as people age.

This grant from the Brant Community Foundation provides funding that assists in a variety of initiatives, including age-friendly community planning, engagement and connections for older adults such as the INFO HUB and Seniors Discount Directory, and information sharing through workshops, newsletters, social media and an age-friendly calendar.



Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services



Nova Vita works to end interpersonal violence and abuse by supporting individuals and families who have experienced domestic, intimate partner or gender-based violence through intervention, counselling, public education and systemic advocacy.

The Brant Community Foundation is proud to have supported funding for additional hours that enables a volunteer Coordinator to actively recruit, train, coordinate, engage, and retain volunteers for the critical roles that volunteers play at Nova Vita.

As well, the Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee awarded a grant to Camp Nova this year. This is a daily summer program for children staying at the emergency shelter that provides play-based therapy and activities guided by Children's Program Counsellors. The Brant Community Foundation is honoured to have supported both Camp Nova and Volunteer Services at Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services.

St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation

St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation raises vital funds for Stedman Community Hospice services and programming for community members in Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River, Haldimand, Norfolk County and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

The hospice's Legacy Creation Program provides time and space for patients, families and loved ones to facilitate discussions and activities to help them create something that will make a memory – a hand-made memento that the patient may leave with their loved ones as a legacy gift.

Legacy creation can include activities such as letter-writing, card creation, a handmade hug blanket, molds of interlocking hands and other one-of-a-kind creations that will mean so much to the loved one receiving the gift.

The Brant Community Foundation is proud to have supported The Legacy Creation Program.



Why Not City Missions



Why Not City Missions has served the community of Brantford since 2002 by providing a safe and inclusive environment for social development, personal growth and empowerment of homeless and at-risk youth.

Many of the youth accessing their services have experienced trauma and these life experiences leave many facing anxiety, depression and other mental health challenges.

The Youth Mental Health Support program for ages 13 – 19, provides access to counselling services weekly within the youth centre. Having a counsellor on site gives youth opportunities for seeking help by providing one on one counselling sessions in a safe place they are comfortable coming to. The Brant Community Foundation is proud to have contributed towards Why Not City Missions' Youth Mental Health Support Project.



Our Dedicated Donors

Our Donors

Anonymous	Dr. J. Jay Hill	Jon Shrubsole
Chuck Beach	Thomas and June Hird	Barbara Sisson
Suzanne Brydges	T. Richard Hurley	Roy and Shirley Steedman
Richard Budd	Dr. Stephen Chul Kim	Jim Steele
Calbeck Investments Inc.	Melissa McNeish	Paula Thomlison
Jim and Jayne Carman	Maura Neumeister	Peter Tudisco
Charlie and Lulu Franklin Fund at Calgary Foundation	Rick Nickmann	Linda Vair
Nancy Church	Anne Marie and Tom Peirce	Dr. & Mrs. Tom & Ann Verth
Darin A. Cleary	Pat Petrella	Jane West
Pat Duern	Steve Portelli	Donald and Jo-Anne Wilkin
Bob Graves	Nick and Glayde Rizzo	Donald Jeffrey Wilkin
Rita-Marie Hadley	Nick and Jo-Ann Rizzo	John and Heather Wyatt
Orland E Harrison	SC Johnson Ltd	

In Memoriams

Jack Blake	Trevor Kruis
Herbert Butcher	Nancy Sherritt
Russ Casler	Isabel Tollar
Joe Kennedy	Linda Wilson

Tributes

In honor of Richard and Donna Sienko

Gifts of Life Insurance

James and Carol Kent
Barbara Sisson



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 & Dorothy Campbell Fund

Calbeck Family Memorial Fund

City of Brantford Mayor's Gala Fund

Donald & Jo-Anne Wilkin Fund

John & Leah Huigenbos Fund

Nick and Glayde Rizzo Family Fund

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

Roy and Shirley Steedman Fund

SC Johnson Fund

Sharp Family Fund

Terry Stewart & 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 & Gertrude Franklin Fund

David & Joyce Moss Endowment Fund

Douglas & 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 & 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 & 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 & Youth in Recreation Fund
Rotary Sunrise Youth Fund
Wescast Youth Fund

ENVIRONMENT

Apotex Pharmachem Fund
Community Environment Fund

HEALTH

Dr. Robert Farley Fund
Guy and Carolyn Polillo Fund

ARTS AND CULTURE

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

OLDER ADULTS

Kiwanis Lifeline Seniors Fund
Sheridan Place Fund

OTHER

Peace and Diversity Fund
T. Richard Hurley, Richard Budd & 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	Dr. Jeff Manning Fund	Mel Osborne Fund
Ben D. DeRosse Memorial Fund	Earl & Marjorie Scarrow Fund	Pat and Gabe Petrella Family Fund
Bill & Anne Hurley Fund	Frank & Hazel Gambacort Fund	Paul and Cathy Mitchell Fund
Blacker Benevolent Fund	Geronimo Henry Fund	Pioneer Petroleum Fund
Bob Glaves Fund	H. Zenewych Fund	Robert Peever Fund
C. Gordon Cockshutt Fund	In-Memoriam Legacy Fund	Ross & 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 & Gerald McCulloch Fund	William & Susan Underwood Fund
Community Fund	Marjorie Lucas Fund	William Verity Family Fund
David A. B. Bailey Fund	Mary B. Stedman Fund	
Director's Fund	Mary Welsh 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 & Walter Hall Family Bursary Fund
Anne Howell Bursary Fund
Jeff Wilkin Engineering University Entrance Scholarship
John Wilkin Business/Commerce University Entrance Scholarship
Mary Welsh Brant Waterways Environmental Scholarship Fund
Norah Langton Music Awards Fund
Pauline Johnson Alumni Award
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
Trevor Kruis Memorial Award

New Funds

The following funds were created in 2023/2024.

Nancy Sherritt Fund
Pat and Gabe Petrella Family Fund
SC Johnson Fund

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 & Tom Peirce Fund
Anonymous Fund
Aparecida Conti Fund
Carol & James Kent Family Fund
Dr. Stephen Chul Kim Fund
Linda and Chuck Beach Family Fund
Nancy Sherritt Fund

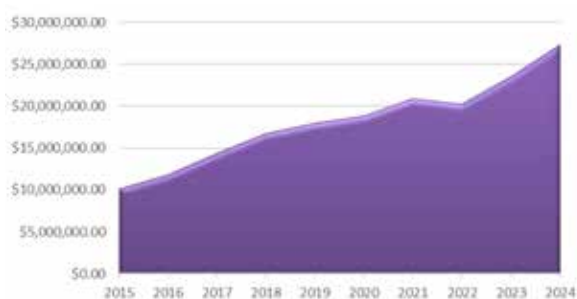
Financial Highlights of the Year

Extract from Audited Financial Statements for the year ending May 31, 2024.

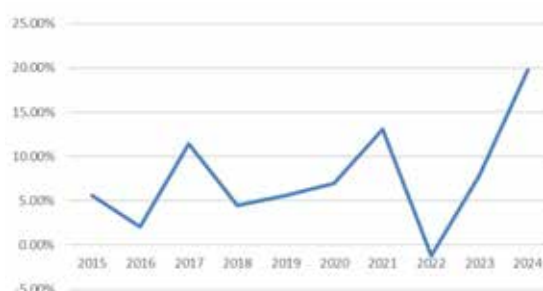
Expenses and Changes in Endowment Fund Balances

	2023	2022
Revenue		
Investment Income	\$4,732,759	\$1,709,151
Contributions	\$451,709	\$2,731,560
SUB TOTALS	\$5,184,468	\$4,440,711
Expenses		
Grants and Leadership Projects	\$931,233	\$711,141
Fund Management	\$445,598	\$314,965
Investment Fees	\$166,371	\$135,889
SUB TOTALS	\$1,543,202	\$1,161,995
Endowment Fund Excess (deficiency) of the revenue over expenses for the year	\$3,641,266	\$3,278,715
Endowment Fund Balances, beginning of year	\$23,541,940	\$20,263,225
Endowment Fund Balances, end of year	\$27,183,206	\$23,541,940

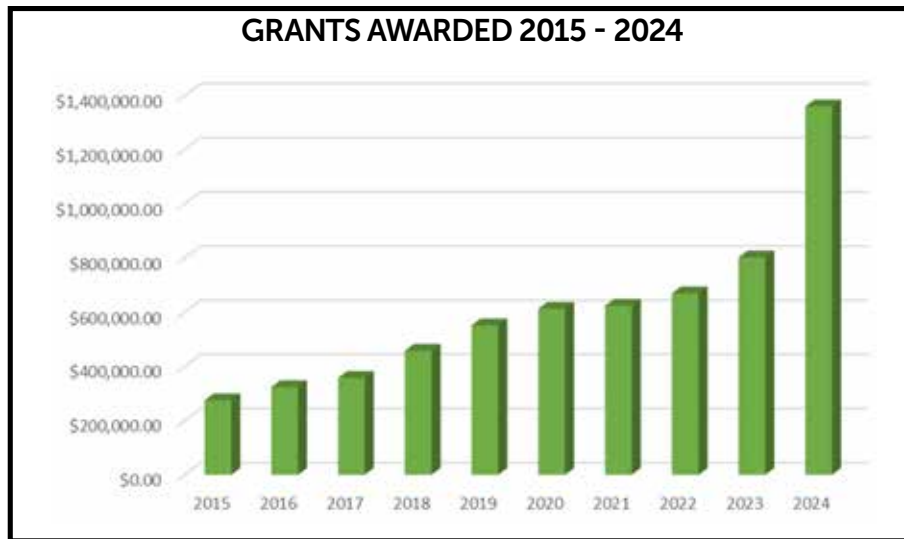
10 YEAR GROWTH ENDOWMENT FUND ASSETS



10 YEAR RETURN ON INVESTMENTS



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



Community Involvement

Youth Advisory Committee

The Brant Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a committee made up of high school students 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.

One of the key roles the Committee plays is to receive and select grants for the Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund. Last year the YAC thoughtfully considered applications to the fund, granting over \$4,700 to four organizations serving children and youth. They are:

- Arnold Anderson Sport Fund – Sponsor a Child
- Navy Leage – Fun and Games
- Nova Vita – Camp Nova
- STEM Camp

The Youth Advisory Committee, along with other Foundation Board and Committee volunteers took part in the 11th Annual Community Tree Planting sponsored by the Brant Tree Coalition. There were 1,000 trees planted that day, which added significant trees and shrubs to Brier Park in Brantford.



Volunteers and Staff

Board of Directors



Paula Thomlison, *Chair*



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Steve Portelli



Bill Underwood*

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Steve Portelli
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Chris McCurdy
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James Popham
Amy Sterkenburg
Rebecca Launchbury

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Omolara Bioye
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Kyle Correggia
Simran Ghotra
Caroline Goveas
Isaac Halsey
Hyuna Kim
Harper North
Bennett Portelli
Cordelia Simmons
Snaha Snaha
Wenqi Sun
Zachary Tensen
Nicole Trinidad
Evelyn Iturriaga Waldron
Daniel Wasserman
Chuck Beach, Program Mentor
Anne Marie Peirce, Program Mentor

We Remember

Nick Rizzo Sr. – former board member
Crawford Reid – former board member
Nancy Sherritt – staff member

Create Your Legacy

Supporting Your Philanthropy

Fund holders are at the heart of the work that the Brant Community Foundation does. These visionary donors make a profound impact across the communities we serve. The stories of how people have come to the Foundation to talk about their legacy are as different as the number of endowment funds we hold.

Thankfully, the Foundation has many different types of funds that are bound to suit your needs. We have many fund holders who have set up their fund and have the satisfaction of seeing grants make a difference today. Others would like to leave a gift in their will to establish their fund. Talking to us helps to outline how the gift will be used in the future.

We have the pleasure of speaking with many community members who want to do good things with their philanthropy - people like June and Tom Hird. Mr. and Mrs. Hird had been thinking about creating a fund for many years. As they considered the future, June and Tom knew they wanted to create a legacy in their name that could go on forever. The perpetual nature of the fund was what drew them to the Brant Community Foundation. They followed the Foundation, watched it grow in impact over time, and read about its successes.

When the Hirds came to discuss their philanthropic goals, they had pretty much determined what their fund would look like. This is thanks to the information the Community Foundation has provided in the media and on its website. The June and Tom Hird Fund is a "donor designated" fund, where the annual grants are made to their chosen charity. The Hirds had given their fund a lot of thought, and determined that the Stedman Community Hospice would be the beneficiary. It is a charity they have been supporting for years, and knowing this important organization would receive grants each year in their name was gratifying to them.

Stephen Kim is also someone who wants to impact our community. A local dentist, Dr. Kim is passionate about giving to those in need, and it is part of the ethos of his practice: great dental care with great community support. Dr. Kim has already been a big supporter of healthcare, supporting local hospitals. He liked the idea that he could create an endowment that makes a positive impact on the needs of our community.

You might say that Dr. Kim became aware of the Brant Community Foundation by word of mouth. Several of his patients took the opportunity to talk about their own philanthropy during visits, and he became intrigued.

The Dr. Stephen Chul Kim Fund is a "donor advised" fund. This means that each year, Dr. Kim chooses the charities that will receive the grants. Many fund holders make different granting choices each year, often informed by community needs, or special gifts they would like to make. Dr. Kim is passionate about giving to those in need, and the flexibility of naming different beneficiaries each year is attractive to him.

We are thankful that we were able to assist Tom and June Hird, and Stephen Kim as they created their funds at the Brant Community Foundation.

The Brant Community Foundation is uniquely positioned to help translate vision into action. We can help you make a positive impact in our community 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

Our Vision

A strong and vital community that has the resources to enrich the quality of life locally.

Our Mission

To award meaningful and impactful grants to ensure community vitality across Brantford, the County of Brant, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, by attracting donations and ensuring the responsible stewardship of our permanent endowment.

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.



Our Guiding Principles

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

- We build community vitality.
- We listen to our communities.
- We build community assets and champion philanthropy.
- We create opportunities for dialogue, inclusion, diversity, and reconciliation.
- We grant for breadth and impact.
- We share what we know.
- We are responsive and accountable.
- We tackle pressing issues and foster renewal.
- We embrace partnerships.

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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