



Brant Community Foundation

Building our Community. Investing in the Future.



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Rooted in Community.

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

Annual Report from the Chair and Executive Director

Welcome to our 2024/2025 Annual Report, where we embrace the theme: “Rooted in Community – Growing Stronger, Giving Together.”

Brant Community Foundation’s roots run deep, grounded in the generosity and vision of donors who, over the decades, have helped nurture stronger, more vibrant communities throughout our region. Their commitment continues to inspire growth, resilience, and collective impact across Brantford, the County of Brant, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

One of the Foundation’s primary roles is making effective grants. These are only made possible through the generosity of our fundholders and donors. It is a privilege to work with our friends to take their vision and turn it into a fund that benefits our community forever. Each year, the available funding for grants is supported by the income generated from the Foundation’s endowment. It is heartening to see the breadth of causes supported through our grants.

This year the Brant Community Foundation’s granting reached new heights. Grants totalling \$1.2 million were made to charities across our communities, \$280,000 more than the previous year’s grants. This means vital programs can expand and local organizations can continue making a meaningful difference.



These grants are vital to the sustainability of community charities and the essential services they provide. Since the Foundation began granting, a total of \$9.7 million has been awarded across the communities we serve. We know that the impact of these grants is simply outstanding.

The Foundation is well known for its granting expertise. We partner with our two municipalities to review and recommend grants for their community granting programs. This year grants were selected for the City of Brantford City Grants program, allocating \$630,000 in community grants. We adjudicated applications for the County of Brant Community Grants Program, which saw \$350,000 in grants awarded. We are proud of our role in ensuring that the grants have the greatest possible impact across these communities.

Each year we attract the attention of community members who are interested in creating an endowed fund, and this year two new funds were created. The William and Christina Jerome Memorial Fund honours the donor's parents and created the William Jerome Music Award. The John Hill Award Fund is a scholarship that honours a long-time environmental conservationist.

Thanks to donations and positive market performance, the endowment rose to \$29.9 million this year. This follows a tricky period in the investment world. Thanks to careful management, the portfolio's investments yielded a 14.89% return.

One of the major projects we undertook during this year was our 2024 Vital Signs publication. Vital Signs is a community checkup portrayed through a statistical analysis of our community in 10 key areas that help shape the vitality of our community. Later in this report you will find more information about this publication.

Volunteers are the driving force behind our success, offering their time, wisdom, and compassion to guide our work and strengthen our impact. We extend our sincere thanks to the Board of Directors and committee members for their visionary leadership, thoughtful guidance, and steadfast commitment to our mission. Their governance, strategic insight, and dedication have enhanced our Foundation's ability to attract new funds to our endowment, serve the community, and ensure that every grant makes a meaningful difference. We are equally grateful to our talented staff, whose professionalism and creativity bring our shared goals to life. Together, this partnership of volunteer and staff leadership continues to advance our mission and create lasting, positive change across the communities we serve.

As we close this year's report, we celebrate our theme: Rooted in Community — Growing Stronger, Giving Together. This year has shown how deeply our roots run and how much stronger we become when we work side by side. The Brant Community Foundation continues to grow in both reputation and impact as a trusted grantmaking foundation — one that donors, philanthropists, and the organizations we serve turn to for wisdom, guidance, and partnership. Together, we are building strong, resilient communities — places where people can live, work, and thrive. Through generosity, partnership, and vision, we are building a brighter, more connected future for all who call this region home.

Jayne Carman
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Anne Marie Peirce
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our 2025 Impact

\$29,928,851

Total Endowment Funds

2

New Funds

Since Inception

\$9,740,768

In Grants Awarded

\$409,703

Total Gifts Received

\$1,212,749

Total Grants Awarded

186

Unique Grants

95

Organizations Supported

2024/2025 Grant Recipients

Last year the Brant Community Foundation made **186 grants** totalling **\$1,212,749**. These grants have made an incredible impact across the communities we serve.



The following organizations received grants in 2024/2025:

104 Starfighter Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets
56th Field Artillery Regiment RCA United Fund
Alexandra Presbyterian Church
Arcady
Army Cadet League of Canada-2659 Army Cadet Squadron
Arnold Anderson Sport Fund
Autism Dog Services Inc.
BCI & VS Alumni Foundation
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grand Erie, Halton and Hamilton
BGC Brantford
Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation
Brant County Singers
Brant County SPCA
Brant Food for Thought
Brant Historical Society
Brant Land Trust
Brant Music Festival
Brant Taletellers Inc.
Brant United Way
Brant Waterways Foundation
Brant-Brantford Crime Stoppers
Brantford Blessing Centre

Brantford Music Club
Brantford Rotary Sunrise Fund
Brantford Seniors Resource Centre
Brantford Symphony Orchestra
Brantwood Foundation
Camp Quality Canada
Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre
Canadian Mental Health Association,
Brant Haldimand Norfolk Branch
Canadian Military Heritage Museum
Canadian National Institute for the Blind
Child and Family Services of Grand Erie Foundation
Child Hunger Brantford
Circle Square Ranch
Community Living Brant
Community Resource and Employment Service
Conestoga College
County of Brant
Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre (CABLC)
Fanshawe College
Farrington Independent Church
Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

2024/2025 Grant Recipients

Five Oaks Centre
Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant
Grand Erie District School Board
Grand River Chorus
Grand River Conservation Foundation
Grand River Council on Aging
Grand River Employment & Training Inc.
Grandview Theatre Company
Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation
Hamilton Naturalists' Club
Hearts to Homes Feline Rescue & Sanctuary
Help A Child Smile (Ontario)
Hope Pregnancy & Family Support Centre
Hotinohsioni Inc./Brantford Native Housing
JA South Western Ontario
Jaycees Brantford Non-Profit Homes Corp
Kids Can Fly
Lakeland College
Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation
Liberty For Youth
McMaster University
Mohawk College
Navy League of Canada - Brantford Branch
Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services
Organized Kaos Life and Trade
Paris Agricultural Society
Paris Museum and Historical Society
Paris Port Dover Pipe Band
Queen's University
The Raw Carrot
Rotary Club of Brantford

S.E.E.D.S. — Supporting Every Eve's Daughter
Salvation Army Brantford Community & Family Services
Sanderson Centre Foundation
Scientists in School
Sensity Deafblind and Sensory Support Network of Canada
Special Olympics Ontario Inc.
St. Andrew's United Church
St. George Children's Center
St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation
St. Mark's Church
STEM Camp Foundation
Strong Start Charitable Organization
T.I.C.K. Inc.
Trent University
University of Guelph
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Victim Services of Brant
Why Not City Missions
Wilfrid Laurier University
YMCA Hamilton | Burlington | Brantford



Grants in Action

The Brant Community Foundation continues to hold an incredible **112 active funds**.

In 2024-2025, these funds collectively provided **\$1,212,749 in grants** to organizations across Brantford, the County of Brant, the Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

As a 360-degree grantmaker, the Foundation embraces a comprehensive approach to giving, supporting both immediate needs and long-term community wellbeing. Grants are awarded to dedicated charities that lead essential, hopeful, and innovative programs aimed at improving quality of life within our local communities.

These initiatives span a wide range of impact areas, including food security, sports and recreation, arts and culture, environmental sustainability, health, education and skills development, community building, and more.

The organizations showcased in the following pages represent just a glimpse of the positive change made possible by the Foundation's meaningful grants awarded to charities over the past year.



Autism Dog Services

Brant Community Foundation supported Autism Dog Services (ADS) in their vital work of improving the lives of individuals with autism through the placement of specially trained service dogs.

ADS service dogs are trained to meet the unique needs of each individual. Once placed, they become trusted companions and integral members of the family, helping to strengthen family relationships and support healthy youth development.

These partnerships provide more than just companionship — they ensure safety, encourage independence, and enable individuals to participate more fully in school, family life, and the broader community.

“Words can’t fully express the gratitude we feel for these remarkable people and the extraordinary dog they’ve given us. Our service dog Reva is not just a companion; she’s a lifeline, a source of strength, and a reason for our child to embrace each new day with hope.” This family testimonial shows the impact of Autism Dog Services.

Brantford Blessing Centre

At the heart of Brantford Blessing Centre's mission is a simple yet powerful belief: hope begins with a hot meal.

Every day, the Centre provides nourishing meals in a safe and welcoming environment to anyone in need, offering comfort, dignity, and support.

By serving daily meals and distributing groceries, the Brantford Blessing Centre plays a critical role in addressing food insecurity across the community. To build on this impact, the Blessing Centre launched its Sustainability Initiative – a comprehensive program aimed at reducing food waste, diversifying meals, expanding food rescue efforts, partnering with local suppliers, and cutting energy costs.

Through funding from the Brant Community Foundation, the Centre was able to purchase additional freezers, significantly expanding its food storage capacity. This investment enabled more efficient storage of rescued and donated food, reduced waste, and allowed for greater variety in the meals served to community members.



Grandview Theatre Company

The Voice of the River was a collaborative production presented by Grandview Theatre Company, the Canadian Centre for Rural Creativity, Shadowland Theatre, and the Hamilton Aerial Group, in partnership with various heritage organizations along the Grand River.

With support from Brant Community Foundation to Grandview Theatre, the production travelled the 310 km length of the Grand River over 18 nights in August 2025. At each stop, local artists presented their work before the production continued to the next community.

Told through poetry, visual art, theatre, circus, and puppetry, the production told the intertwined stories of people, water and its ecology. Audience members received a unique hands-on experience through the interactive events such as a nature walk, musical interactions and a promenade. At its core, The Voice of the River aimed to foster connection. A river connects people and sustains communities. Indigenous and settler voices were featured side by side, illuminating shared connections to land, history, and the ongoing process of reconciliation.



Hotinohsioni Inc.

Hotinohsioni Inc., also known as Brantford Native Housing (BNH), is committed to improving the quality of life for Indigenous peoples through safe, affordable housing.

BNH also fosters cultural identity and builds community by providing regular and equitable access to cultural resources in a safe and supportive environment.

With support from the Brant Community Foundation, BNH delivered weekly cultural programming that reached over 500 Indigenous community members. These sessions featured traditional practices such as beadwork, mini-drum making, storytelling, crafting, drumming, and birch bark canoe teachings.

What began as a series of weekly activities evolved into something much deeper—a space for intergenerational connection. Families came together, youth received mentorship from Elders, and cultural knowledge was shared and preserved, ensuring the continuation of traditional Indigenous practices for generations to come. The impact reached beyond the participants themselves, helping to reduce social isolation by fostering friendships and strengthening community bonds across the broader Indigenous population.



Kids Can Fly

Kids Can Fly believes: “If we want to invest in early literacy, children need books to read.”

Through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, Kids Can Fly provides high-quality books to children during the critical early years. By fostering a love of reading before participants enter school, the program gives children a valuable head start on their educational journey.

Supported by the Brant Community Foundation, the program has provided books in the mail, free of charge. Nearly 2,000 children in the City of Brantford and the County of Brant have benefited from this extraordinary program.

More than half of these books are written and/or illustrated by Canadian and Indigenous authors, ensuring culturally relevant and diverse stories.





Brantford Symphony Orchestra

The Refuge Project was a powerful reflection of the Brantford Symphony Orchestra’s mission to share symphonic music and promote musical appreciation and education across all ages.

Supported by the Brant Community Foundation, this collaborative event brought together the Brantford Symphony Orchestra (BSO), the Sultans of String, and talented musicians who have immigrated to Canada.

The Refuge Project inspired audiences and gave newcomers a chance to feel connected and welcomed in our community. The live concert that followed featured a diverse lineup of artists, showcasing a rich blend of cultures.

A post-concert reception gave patrons the chance to meet the musicians, extending the sense of community and connection. The Refuge Project created opportunities for cultural exchange, increased awareness, and meaningful connections — helping everyone in our community feel inspired, included, and valued.

Jaycees Brantford Non-Profit Homes

Brant Community Foundation is proud to support Jaycees Brantford Non-Profit Homes in the development of a groundbreaking affordable housing project dedicated to women-led families.

Located at 32 Bridge Street, this apartment complex represents a significant step forward in addressing the urgent need for accessible, affordable housing in Brantford.

32 Bridge Street will be a four-storey complex, offering 24 affordable apartment units. Beyond housing, the project includes vital shared spaces such as a community kitchen and computer stations — creating an environment that fosters connection, empowerment, and growth.

The Bridge to Home Campaign is supported through the Donald & Jo-Anne Wilkin Fund and the Ron & Joan, John & Kathryn, & Rod Underwood Fund at the Brant Community Foundation. Alongside fundraising efforts, the campaign raises awareness about the critical affordable housing challenges facing Brantford today.

Construction is underway, with the project expected to be completed by Spring 2026 — paving the way for a brighter, more inclusive future for women and their families in the community.



Our Dedicated Donors

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William Verity
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Donald Jeffrey Wilkin
Paul Williamson
WorQshop — Building Safer Spaces
John and Heather Wyatt
Peter and Joan Wyattv

In Memoriams

John Hill
Tom Hird
William Jerome
Trevor Kruis
Nick Rizzo Sr.
Nancy Sherritt

Tributes

In honour 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	Donald & Jo-Anne Wilkin Fund	Roy and Shirley Steedman Fund
Barbara L. Lee Sisson Fund	Dr. Stephen Chul Kim Fund	Terry Stewart & Joan Stewart Butcher Family Fund
Bill & Dorothy Campbell Fund	John & Leah Huigenbos Fund	The Sharp Family Fund
Calbeck Family Memorial Fund	Nick and Glayde Rizzo Family Fund	William and Christina Jerome Memorial Fund
City of Brantford Mayor's Gala Fund	Ron & Joan, John & Kathryn, & Rod Underwood 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	Dr. J. Jay Hill Fund for the Stedman Community Hospice	Margot Williamson Fund
Brant Taletellers Guild Fund	Dr. Jacqueline Delong Early Learning Bursary Fund	Mary B. Stedman Farringdon Burial Grounds Fund
Colonel Donald D. Williamson Fund	Friends of Myrtleville House Museum Fund	Mary B. Stedman Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant Fund
Dale & Gertrude Franklin Fund	George Amaolo Environment Fund	Mary B. Stedman Symphony Fund
David & Joyce Moss Endowment Fund	Hooton Family Fund	Mildred S. Barrie Fund
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Dr. J. Jay Hill Farringdon Burial Grounds Fund	Jay Hitchon & Patrice Burke Fund	Rolland Family Fund
Dr. J. Jay Hill Fund for St. Andrew's United Church	John G. Wilson Family Fund	Sharon Brooks Fund
	June and Tom Hird Fund	The Querney Family 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

Arts and Culture

City of Brantford Cultural
Endowment Fund
Mary B. Stedman Arts & 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 &
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 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	Mary Welsh Brant Waterways Environmental Scholarship Fund	Susan M. Hall Memorial Bursary Fund
Anne Howell Bursary Fund	Norah Langton Music Awards Fund	Thomas E. Taylor Memorial Bursary Fund
Jeff Wilkin Engineering University Entrance Scholarship	Pauline Johnson Alumni Award	Thunderbird Bursary Fund
John Wilkin Business/Commerce University Entrance Scholarship	Reba Lodge Bursary Fund	Trevor Kruis Memorial Award
	Sharon Elaine Sienko Memorial Awards Fund	William Jerome Music Award

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	Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant Fund	Lansdowne Children’s Centre Foundation Fund
Canadian Military Heritage Museum Fund	Grand River Conservation Fund	T.I.C.K. Inc. Fund

New Funds

The following funds were created in 2024/2025.

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- John Hill Award Fund
 - William and Christina Jerome Memorial 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	Carol & James Kent Family Fund	Linda and Chuck Beach Family Fund
Anonymous Fund	John Hill Award Fund	Nancy Sherritt Fund
Aparecida Conti Fund		



Volunteers and Staff

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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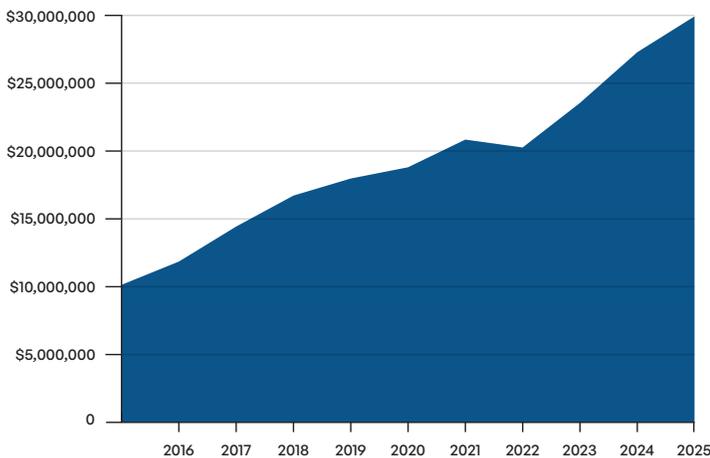
Financial Highlights of the Year

Extract from Audited Financial Statements for the year ending May 31, 2025.

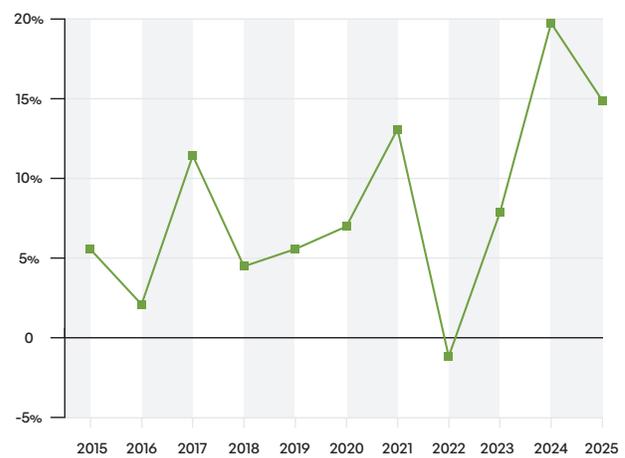
Expenses and Changes in Endowment Fund Balance

	2025	2024
Revenue		
Investment Income	\$4,238,098	\$4,732,759
Contributions	\$397,449	\$451,709
SUB TOTALS	\$4,635,547	\$5,184,468
Expenses		
Grants and Leadership Projects	\$1,212,749	\$931,233
Fund Management	\$480,008	\$445,598
Investment Fees	\$197,145	\$166,371
SUB TOTALS	\$1,889,902	\$1,543,202
Endowment Fund Excess of the revenue over expenses for the year	\$2,745,645	\$3,641,266
Endowment Fund Balances, beginning of year	\$27,183,206	\$23,541,940
Endowment Fund Balances, end of year	\$29,928,851	\$27,183,206

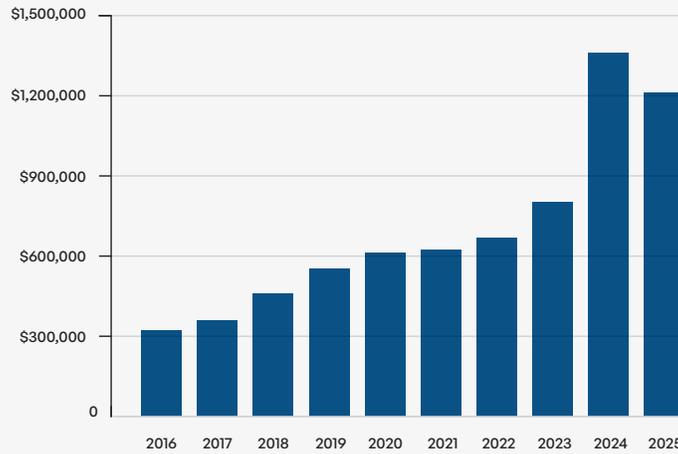
10 YEAR GROWTH ENDOWMENT FUND ASSETS



10 YEAR RETURN ON INVESTMENTS



GRANTS AWARDED 2016 – 2025



Community Involvement

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Brant Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is 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.

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 \$6,500** to seven organizations serving children and youth.

They are:

- » Child and Family Services of Grand Erie Foundation: Youth to Camp Program
- » Five Oaks: Rejuvenating Upper Play Area
- » Kids Can Fly: Let's Play – Early Years
- » Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services: Camp Nova 2025
- » St. George Children's Center: Summer Camp
- » Why Not City Missions: Building Self Confidence and Teamwork While Celebrating Achievements
- » YMCA of Hamilton, Burlington, Brantford: Enabling Across Summer Camps



About the Brant Community Foundation

We are a major grant-making foundation, fueled by the generosity of our donors. Together, we build strong, resilient places to live, work, and play.

Inclusive. Innovative. Forward-looking. Vital. This is our vision for our community — a place where everyone has opportunities to thrive. A community with the knowledge and ability to shape its own future, where critical grants address challenges like hunger, unemployment, and housing insecurity, and ensure all citizens benefit from the best our region offers: arts, recreation, health care, education, safe neighbourhoods, and a healthy environment.

To achieve this vision, we bring donors to the table as community builders, helping them define and realize their

Community vitality has been our purpose, promise and passion **since 1997**, when we began connecting donors to community needs and opportunities.

philanthropic goals. We connect people, families, and businesses with causes that inspire them — matching their interests with local needs and finding innovative ways to make every gift count.

For more than 25 years, the generosity of our fundholders and donors has strengthened communities across our region. Nearly \$10 million in grants have supported programs that uplift, empower, and inspire.

Now we invite you to be part of that impact. Join us in building a stronger, more vibrant community — today and for generations to come. Contact the Brant Community Foundation to discover how your giving can make a lasting difference.

Brant Community Foundation's Vital Signs Report

In November 2024, we proudly launched the Brant Community Foundation's 2nd Vital Signs publication.

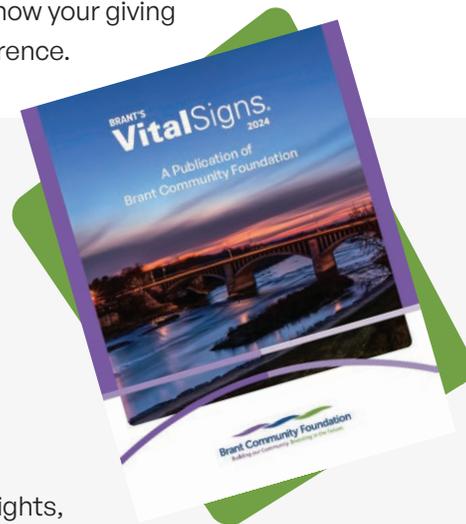
Vital Signs is Canada's most extensive community-driven data program, led nationally by Community Foundations of Canada and delivered locally by community foundations across the country. It offers a snapshot of our community's wellbeing at a moment in time, featuring data across 10 key Vital Indicators that tell a story of where we are today.

Vital Signs is a research tool that people can count on. By highlighting local trends through carefully selected data, Vital Signs paints a clear picture of our strengths and areas for improvement — from income inequality, economic health, and transportation, to environment, belonging, safety, and wellbeing. It helps our community to pause, reflect, and

better understand both our progress and the challenges we face.

Using local knowledge and evidence-based insights, Vital Signs supports collaboration and informs decisions that strengthen quality of life across our region. It's a trusted resource for organizations, donors, and civic leaders seeking to direct their efforts where they will have the greatest impact.

We invite you to explore our 2024 Vital Signs publication on our website under the "About" section. The Brant Community Foundation would be pleased to meet or present to your group — **please reach out if you'd like to learn more.**



Create Your Legacy. Strengthen Your Community.

Since 1997, the Brant Community Foundation has been connecting people who care with causes that matter.

By creating a fund with us, you can make a lasting difference right here in Brantford, the County of Brant, the Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation — supporting the people, programs, and places that give our community its heart and strength.

An endowment fund with the Foundation is more than a gift — it's a commitment to the future. Your contribution grows over time, with income distributed annually to local charities, while the original gift remains intact to create an enduring legacy. Every dollar becomes a building block for stronger neighbourhoods, thriving programs, and brighter opportunities for all.

Imagine the future you want for your community — and **make it happen.** Talk to us about starting your fund today or include a gift in your will.

You can start your fund now, experiencing the joy of seeing your philanthropy in action, or include a gift in your will to leave a legacy that lasts beyond a lifetime. With a variety of fund types — designated, donor-advised, field of interest, or unrestricted — you can align your giving with the causes you care about most. The Foundation handles all the details, so you can focus on the difference you're making today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

A fund at the Brant Community Foundation reflects your values and your hope for the future. It says you believe in helping others, in creating opportunity, and in building a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient community.

Together, we can build a stronger community
— **today, tomorrow, and always.**





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