Brant Community Foundation

Building our Community. Investing in the Future.

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

A Community of Possibility

WHEN WE COME TOGETHER,
CHANGE HAPPENS



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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 2025/2026 Annual Report, where we embrace the theme: **A Community of Possibility.**

When we look at our community and the many organizations we serve, we believe that anything is possible. Anything is possible when our community gathers around us to give, connect, invest, build, innovate and ultimately, to thrive. Thanks to our generous donors, each year's grants open up a whole new host of possibilities, strengthening the charities that serve Brantford, the County of Brant, the Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

The Brant Community Foundation's impact dates back to our establishment in 1997. Donations help the Foundation's endowment grow, but so does the careful management of our investment portfolio. It was a robust year in the markets, with good investment choices across a variety of industries and sectors. This resulted in a strong overall return of 17%, and a total endowment at year end of $33.7 million.

In 2025/2026, the Foundation granted $1,585,103 to charitable programs across our communities, $372,354 more than the previous year. These grants represent more than the funding they provide to charities; they represent a possibility, a chance to try something new, reach someone who needs help, strengthen a vital service, or create an opportunity that might not otherwise exist. Our Foundation is well known as a trusted grantmaker.

Since we began granting in 2002, $11,325,871 has reached charities across all sectors and all of the communities we serve. Thanks to our donors, this collective investment in our community continues to make a meaningful and lasting difference.

This year marks 25 years of partnership between the City of Brantford and the Brant Community Foundation in delivering the City's Community Grants Program. This year, $630,000 in juried grants made its way into the hands of community programs across the City. The Foundation also adjudicated the County of Brant Community Grants Program, confirming $146,000 in grants this year. The Foundation is honoured to continue making a difference by administering these municipal granting programs.

Donors create an endowment fund for a variety of reasons. Many establish a fund with current donations which they may build over their lifetime. Others plan to create a legacy gift in their will. This is an excellent way to document the terms of a fund that provides direction to the Foundation once the bequest has been received. Two new funds have been created through the vision and foresight of estate donors this year: the Margaret and Geo. Dale Simpson Fund and the Peter Wong Fund. The third fund that was created this year was in memory of Sherry Kerr's late husband, Ian Kerr. Ian was an entrepreneur and Sherry wanted to honour his career by establishing the Ian Kerr Fund for Youth Entrepreneurs. These new funds bring the total to 112 funds at Brant Community Foundation. Each fund has a unique history and objective. However, they all share a common purpose — supporting charities as they do exceptional work and serve the people who need their help the most.

Our vision is 'a strong and vital community with the resources to enrich the quality of life locally.' This is only possible with our Board and Committee volunteers, who give us something exceptionally



precious — their time.

Their expertise, perspective and passion strengthen the Foundation, helping us make thoughtful decisions, respond to changing needs and advance our mission.

We are deeply grateful to our Board of Directors for the leadership, insight, and commitment they bring to the Foundation. Through their governance and stewardship, they help ensure that our resources are used wisely, our grantmaking remains responsive and meaningful, and our Foundation continues to grow its capacity to serve our communities for generations to come. We honour the work of our dedicated staff. Their knowledge, creativity, quiet leadership and care turn ideas into action each day. Together, this brilliant partnership helps us focus on moving our mission forward, strengthening our impact and creating a lasting difference across our communities.

That is why the theme for this year's report, 'A Community of Possibility,' resonates. It is forward looking, like the Foundation itself. Together, our donors, fundholders, volunteers, staff and the organizations we serve create opportunities for our community to thrive.

We bring people, ideas, resources and organizations together to imagine what is possible, and then help **make it happen.**

Jayne Carman
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Anne Marie Peirce
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our 2026 Impact

$33,721,091
Total Endowment Funds

$901,963
Total Gifts Received

$1,585,103
Total Grants Awarded

194
Unique Grants

102
Organizations Supported

3
New Funds

Since Inception
$11,325,871
In Grants Awarded

2025/2026 Grant Recipients



This year the Brant Community Foundation made **194 grants** totalling **$1,585,103.** These grants have made an incredible impact across the communities we serve.

The following organizations received grants in 2025/2026:

56th Field Artillery Regiment RCA 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
BGC Brantford
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grand Erie, Halton and Hamilton
Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation
Brant County Singers
Brant County SPCA
Brant Food for Thought
Brant Historical Society
Brant Music Festival
Brant Taletellers Inc.
Brant United Way
Brant Waterways Foundation
Brant-Brantford Crime Stoppers
Brantford Native Housing
Brantford Rotary Sunrise Fund
Brantford Symphony Orchestra
Brantwood Foundation
Camp Quality Canada
Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre
Canadian Mental Health Association, Brant Haldimand Norfolk Branch
Canadian Military Heritage Museum
Child and Family Services of Grand Erie Foundation
Child Hunger Brantford
Community Living Brant
Community Resource Service
Contact Brant
Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre
Farringdon Independent Church
Federated Women's Institutes of Canada
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
Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario
Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation
Hamilton Naturalists' Club
Harmony United Church
Hearts to Homes Feline Rescue & Sanctuary
Hope Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

2025/2026 Grant Recipients



ICHTHYS Theatre Productions
JA South Western Ontario
Jaycees Brantford Non-Profit Homes Corp.
Kids Can Fly
Lansdowne Children's Centre
Liberty For Youth
Little String Orchestra
Navy League of Canada - Brantford Branch
Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg
Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services
Ontario 4-H Council
Organized Kaos Life and Trade
Paris Museum and Historical Society
Paris Port Dover Pipe Band
PEGASUS Institute
Positive Health Network
Progressive Animal Welfare Services Inc (PAWS)
Relay Education
Rotary Club of Brantford
Royal Canadian Legion, Paris (Ont. No. 29) Branch Poppy Fund
RPlaces Transition Centre
Salvation Army Brantford Community & Family Services
Sanderson Centre Foundation
Scientists in School
Shining Through Centre for Children with Autism
Six Nations Polytechnic
Special Olympics Ontario Inc.
St. Andrew's United Church
St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation
St. Mark's Church
Strong Start Charitable Organization
T.I.C.K. Inc.
The Brant Men of Song
The Brantford Music Club
The James Hillier Foundation
The Raw Carrot
Victim Services of Brant
Why Not City Missions
Wilfrid Laurier University
Willowbridge Community Services
YMCA Hamilton | Burlington | Brantford

The following institutions were the destinations for students who received Brant Community Foundation scholarships, bursaries and awards:

Fanshawe College
Grand Erie District School Board
McMaster University
Mohawk College and Foundation
OCAD University
Queen's University
Trent University
University of Guelph
University of Guelph-Ontario Veterinary College
University of Waterloo
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University

Grants in Action

In 2025–2026, grants totalling an incredible **$1,585,103** were distributed to charities providing essential and meaningful local programs and services.

The Brant Community Foundation provides impactful grants to registered charities serving Brantford, the County of Brant, the Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Brant Community Foundation is a 360-degree grantmaker. This translates to a comprehensive granting approach covering an extensive range of sectors while supporting immediate and long-term community needs. Our grants are guided by *Brant's Vital Signs*, a data-informed publication that explores key indicators of our community's vitality including health, safety, the arts, children and youth, economy, immigration, the environment and more. This knowledge ensures our granting program creates positive change through addressing impact areas that are key to our community's well-being.

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.



Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation

When newborns at Brant Community Healthcare System need extra care in their earliest moments, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is equipped with the right equipment and expert treatment close to home.

Each year, approximately 300 newborns and their families rely on the NICU at Brantford General Hospital for this specialized care.

Guided by their vision of "Investing together to re-imagine healthcare," the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation raises and manages generous donor funds to bring vital medical equipment and technology to our community.

Brant Community Foundation proudly supported this vision through a grant toward the purchase of a NeoPuff infant resuscitator, a critical resource for the NICU at the Brantford General Hospital. This lightweight, reliable device supports newborns experiencing respiratory difficulties, guiding them to independent breathing.

With a properly equipped NICU, pediatricians and registered nurses can give their youngest patients just what they need to grow stronger every day.



Brant County SPCA

The Brant County SPCA envisions a future where all animals in Brant and beyond have a kind, compassionate, and safe environment.

Through programs that promote animal welfare and strengthen the human-animal bond, the Brant County SPCA provides critical services that support pets and the people who care for them.

When unexpected, life-altering circumstances arise, pet owners may temporarily find themselves unable to safely care for their animals. During these difficult times, the Brant County SPCA's Helping Owned Pets in Emergency (H.O.P.E.) Program provides safe, temporary boarding for pets, giving their owners peace of mind and the time they need to address an immediate crisis.

Support from the Brant Community Foundation has helped strengthen the H.O.P.E. Program, increasing its capacity to support more pets and families through additional boarding days and expanded outreach.

The program leads with empathy, providing safe and temporary boarding for pets and ensuring their welfare in times of financial, medical, or housing hardship, allowing families and individuals to remain united with their beloved companions.

Brant Men of Song

In 2026, the Brant Men of Song celebrated the remarkable milestone of bringing music and community together for 65 incredible years.

The anniversary was marked with Ontario Sings 2026, a special concert at Brantford's Sanderson Centre.

Founded in 1961 as a 16-member choir, the Brant Men of Song has grown to a 33-member group. Today, the choir presents a regular concert season, hosts an annual charity event, and performs at community events and retirement homes throughout the year.

Alongside the Brant Men of Song's chorus, this "Sapphire Celebration" concert featured performances by five additional men's choral groups from Southwestern Ontario, creating an inspiring celebration of choral music and fellowship.

A grant from the Brant Community Foundation helped make this memorable event possible, honouring the Brant Men of Song as Brantford's longest-running continuously performing chorus and celebrating their enduring contribution to the community's cultural life.





Community Resource Service

"Everyone fed. Everyone working. Everyone counts." This vision guides the work of the Community Resource Service, and programs like Caring Beyond the Table bring this vision to life.

Caring Beyond the Table provides essential and needed care items such as basic hygiene products, diapers, baby wipes and formula, and cleaning products alongside food products to those accessing the Brantford Food Bank.

A Brant Community Foundation grant supported the purchase of hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and family necessities for the Brantford Food Bank. With 1 in 10 Brantford residents relying on the Food Bank for support, and food insecurity continuing to rise, this grant expanded access to essential items.

At its heart, Caring Beyond the Table is about more than meeting immediate needs. It's about caring for the whole person, allowing them to focus on work, education, and family well-being. Caring Beyond the Table alleviates stress and uncertainty, giving individuals and families greater stability, dignity and the opportunity to focus on building a better future.

PEGASUS Institute

The Afghan Community Well-Being Program is offered through the PEGASUS Institute in partnership with the Grand River Community Health Centre, Wilfrid Laurier University, Wesley Urban Ministries, and local immigration and settlement agencies.

The program supports Afghan newcomers as they build connections and establish a sense of belonging in Brantford.

Funding from the Brant Community Foundation helped expand the program from an initial pilot into a welcoming wellness and community connection initiative. Funding supported facilitators, community events, and materials, enabling accessible and culturally responsive programming for Afghan individuals and families.

Through wellness workshops, peer support, walk-and-talk groups, cooking classes, language circles, cultural celebrations, and more, participants have opportunities to connect, learn, and support one another. By creating safe spaces for belonging and support, the program strengthens resilience and helps foster a more inclusive community.



Scientists in School

Scientists in School opens the wonder of science exploration to children through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) workshops delivered in local schools.

Designed to spark scientific curiosity and encourage a lifelong quest for knowledge, STEM workshops are highly interactive. Guided by trained scientist presenters, students explore real-world concepts through interactive activities, investigations, and individually packaged discovery materials.

Children become scientists as they investigate electrical circuits, solve mysteries using forensic science, learn about animal life cycles, build simple machines, and much more.

With support from the Brant Community Foundation, STEM workshops were delivered in local schools, providing students with meaningful opportunities to engage in science exploration. Funding helped cover presentation costs, program development, materials, and discovery bags, ensuring STEM learning remains accessible to local students.





Six Nations Polytechnic

The Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) at Six Nations Polytechnic is an important space where Indigenous knowledge, culture, history, and language are preserved and shared.

Six Nations Polytechnic is an Indigenous led post-secondary educational institution recognized as a Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Knowledge, dedicated to research, sharing Indigenous knowledge, and providing education, skills, and training.

With a grant from the Brant Community Foundation for display infrastructure, shelving systems, and archival storage, the Indigenous Knowledge Centre has enhanced its ability to protect and showcase Indigenous artifacts and documents.

These enhancements strengthen the Centre's role as a trusted steward of Indigenous knowledge, providing students, researchers, and community members with greater opportunities to engage with and learn from Indigenous history and traditions.

Our Dedicated Donors

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Joey Wright
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Peter and Joan Wyatt
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In Memoriams

Don Blake
Richard H. Budd
Ian Kerr

Tributes

In honour of Dr. John Hadley
In honour of Richard and Donna Sienko
In honour of Vivien and Richard Querney

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 to 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
Dr. Stephen Chul Kim Fund
Nick and Glayde Rizzo Family Fund
Ron & Joan, John & Kathryn, & Rod Underwood Fund
Roy and Shirley Steedman Fund
Terry Stewart & Joan Stewart Butcher Family Fund
The Sharp Family Fund
William and Christina Jerome Memorial 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 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
Ian Kerr Fund for Youth Entrepreneurs
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

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. Grants from these funds address the most pressing current needs of our community as they arise. Community Funds allow the Foundation the flexibility to respond to grant applications and make impactful grants across all sectors, including health, social services, arts, environment, and more.

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

New Funds

The following funds were created in 2025/2026.

Ian Kerr Fund for Youth Entrepreneurs
Margaret and Geo. Dale Simpson Fund
Peter Wong Fund

Emerging Funds

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

Anonymous Fund
Aparecida Conti Fund
Carol & James Kent Family Fund
John Hill Award Fund
Nancy Sherritt Fund

Volunteers and Staff

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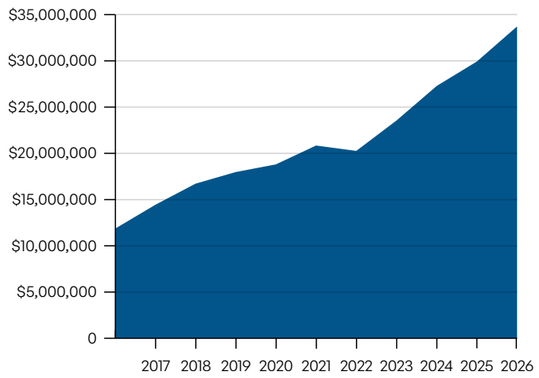
Financial Highlights of the Year

Extract from Audited Financial Statements for the year ending May 31, 2026.

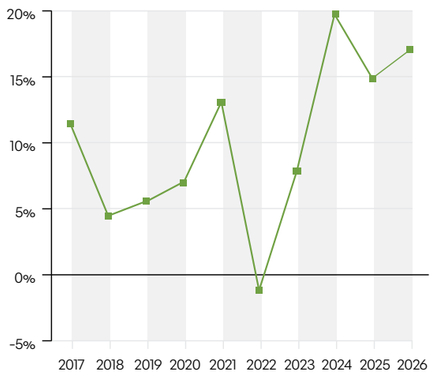
Expenses and Changes in Endowment Fund Balance

	2026	2025
Revenue		
Investment Income	$5,217,661	$4,238,098
Contributions	$889,998	$397,449
SUB TOTALS	**$6,107,659**	**$4,635,547**
Expenses		
Grants and Leadership Projects	$1,585,103	$1,212,749
Fund Management	$520,708	$480,008
Investment Fees	$209,608	$197,145
SUB TOTALS	**$2,315,419**	**$1,889,902**
Endowment Fund Excess of the revenue over expenses for the year	$3,792,240	$2,745,645
Endowment Fund Balances, beginning of year	$29,928,851	$27,183,206
Endowment Fund Balances, end of year	$33,721,091	$29,928,851

10 YEAR GROWTH ENDOWMENT FUND ASSETS

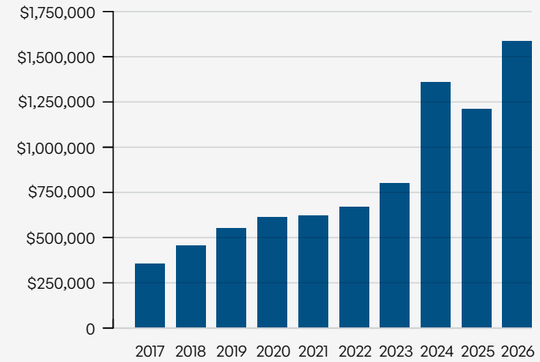


10 YEAR RETURN ON INVESTMENTS



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

GRANTS AWARDED 2017 — 2026



Youth Advisory Committee

The Brant Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is made up of committed, energetic high school students who want to make an active difference in their community.

YAC members volunteered at the Kids Can Fly Storybook Breakfast in Brantford, the charity's largest annual fundraiser and a beloved tradition for families with children ages 2–8. Some dressed as storybook characters, greeting young attendees and signing autograph books, while the rest led Imagination Stations, where children took part in creative, hands-on activities. It was a wonderful opportunity for our YAC members to give back to their community and contribute to fundraising efforts for early learning initiatives.





A key role for the Committee is to select grants for the Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund. Last year the YAC thoughtfully considered applications to the fund, granting **$7,911** to eight organizations serving children and youth.

YAC members, along with other Foundation Board and Committee volunteers, took part in the 13th 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 the Wayne Gretzky Parkway Trail in Brantford.

Celebrating Community Changemakers

Our community is strengthened by people who **see an opportunity** to make things better and **choose to do something** about it.

They are our Community Changemakers — **people who bring ideas to life, respond to needs, create connections and help build a stronger community for everyone**.



At the Brant Community Foundation, we see changemakers in action every day — it happens through charitable organizations responding to emerging needs, volunteers giving their time and expertise, donors choosing to invest in causes they care about, and leaders bringing people together around a shared purpose. It happens in big ways and small ones, often without recognition.

Every dollar that flows through the Brant Community Foundation is a dollar that someone, somewhere, decided to entrust to the future of this community. That trust is sacred to us. And every grant we award means there is a charity on the ground doing the hard, brave, and rewarding work of changing lives.

By creating permanent endowment funds that provide funding for our community's charities, our fundholders have aligned their personal passions with our greatest needs. Every fund reflects each donor's generosity and vision. From the beginning, our fundholders brought enthusiasm, compassion, and deep commitment to the people and causes they care about.

Remarkable organizations are quietly and steadfastly doing the work that holds our communities together. They are feeding the hungry, supporting the vulnerable, nurturing young minds, preserving culture, and building a future that belongs to all of us. It happens in community halls and healing circles, in classrooms and food banks, on sports fields and in shelters, and in the quiet moments when someone in need finds help right where they live. The work of local charities does not always make headlines — but it makes lives better every single day.

The vital role we play in connecting and supporting changemakers relies on the commitment of our Board and volunteers. Across our committees, talented groups of individuals advance the work of the Foundation. Our Grants Committee is tasked with reviewing every application that comes through our doors, making difficult decisions that turn generosity into real community impact. They ensure every dollar entrusted to us reaches the people who need it most.

Our municipal partners are long-time collaborators in driving change. Our Foundation partners with the City of Brantford and the County of Brant to deliver community grants programming that directs funding where it is needed most.

Our Foundation's success depends on talented and hardworking staff who bring our mission to life. These professionals, specialists and advocates have built careers around the belief that every member of our community deserves care, opportunity, and belonging.

Donors, charities, volunteers, committee members, municipal partners, and staff — these are our changemakers. They are proof that a community's strength is not measured by what it has, but by what its people choose to give. Through the Brant Community Foundation, we continue to build on that strength and meet the evolving needs of our community.

We honour this collective of donors, volunteers, charities, and partners who have shaped who we are and who we are becoming.

About the Brant Community Foundation

Together, we are building an inclusive, forward-looking and vital community where everyone has opportunities to thrive — today and for generations to come.

Since 1997, the Brant Community Foundation has been connecting donors with community needs and opportunities. As a major grant-maker, we turn generosity into meaningful impact, supporting programs that strengthen and enrich our region. We help donors achieve their philanthropic goals by connecting their interests with local needs and innovative solutions.

Next year the Brant Community Foundation will celebrate thirty years of service to our community. These decades were marked with growth both in the power of our endowment and the impact our grants make. The Foundation's history has been shaped by the founding members and the volunteer leaders who have generously guided our work, along with every person who has helped turn possibilities into realities.

In 2027, come celebrate with us.

To learn more about the Brant Community Foundation and its impact, and to subscribe to the Foundation's newsletter, check out our website: brantcf.ca.



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