

A group of diverse young children are running and playing in a grassy park. Several large, colorful bubbles are floating in the air around them. The background shows trees and a bright sun, creating a warm, golden-hour atmosphere.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

helping good people
build smart and caring
communities

NIAGARA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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OUR VISION

Realizing community dreams through philanthropy.

OUR MISSION

The Niagara Community Foundation improves the quality of life in Niagara through philanthropy.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ENABLE, COLLABORATE AND TRANSFORM:

Enable community improvement by providing funding and community knowledge. Bring organizations together to form partnerships based on the respective strengths of each organization to focus on key community priorities.

DEMONSTRATE PHILANTHROPIC LEADERSHIP:

Demonstrate expertise and best practice in philanthropic leadership.

PUT NIAGARA FIRST:

Communicate and support the Niagara story. Build community leadership. Seek and develop individuals who will bring leadership to the community.

BE TRUSTWORTHY AND TRANSPARENT:

Engage in practices that are open, accessible, fair, objective, flexible, timely and built on a foundation of respect, trust, integrity and honesty.

ENSURE SOUND GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

Ensure that the Niagara Community Foundation governance and management is sound, relevant and realizes its full fiduciary responsibility.

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EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Successful ventures in business or philanthropy are built around great teams who can help us overcome tremendous challenges – and have the right experiences and relationships to do so.

– Naveen Jain, Entrepreneur & Philanthropist

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of the Niagara Community Foundation, we are proud to share the accomplishments from the past year of our donors, volunteers, grant beneficiaries, charitable partners and community leaders. It is the collaborative “team” as mentioned in the Naveen Jain quote above who freely give of their time and talent to advance our cause throughout Niagara. The last few pages of the report provide an extensive listing of our volunteers and supporters. Our success and impact in the community would not be possible without these dedicated individuals and organizations.

Speaking of impact, 2018 saw the Foundation make grants of just under \$2 million dollars. This brings our historical tally to just shy of \$13 million dollars since our inception in 2000 to charitable organizations from Grimsby to Fort Erie and literally every municipality in between. And thanks to our friends at the Armstrong Strategy Group, you can use the Foundations new on-line mapping tool to discover where these funds have been distributed over the years.

Beyond the financial aspects, the stories of some of our community grant recipients that start on page 6 are nothing short of inspiring. The depth and breadth of our donor directed grants may also be found on page 16. Through these grants, our vision of ‘realizing community dreams through philanthropy’ comes alive. You will find the named Funds supporting these grants starting on page 25.

This past year we were able to realize the inaugural grant dispersal from the David S. Howes Fund. Transformative to the Foundation and to Niagara, the David S. Howes Fund virtually doubles the granting capacity of NCF to support a cross-section of the region’s highest needs. This new stream allows us to consider proposals from \$15,000 to \$100,000 and more. This fall saw proposals for the inaugural David S. Howes Fund flood into the Foundation. We received 35 individual grant requests representing projects totaling \$2.6 million dollars. After rigorous review by our Grants Committee and in consultation with representatives from David’s family and the Howes Foundation Trustees, the Foundation’s Board of Directors proudly approved a slate of 13 projects representing \$370,000 of funding to be dispersed throughout Niagara’s charitable sector. You will find the details of the approved projects on pages 18 and 19 of this publication.

It is with a dose of bittersweet that we acknowledge the changing of the guard in the Foundation’s Board leadership. After two years at the helm, Bob Watson’s term as Board Chair will conclude in April 2019. The impact of his strength of character and compassionate leadership are well known and respected around the Board table and beyond. Bob will pass the torch to Ruth Todd, but thankfully for the Foundation, he will be close at hand serving out his term as Past Chair – continuing to provide sage advice and support.

Last, but certainly not least, we bid adieu to one of the Foundation’s most steadfast and transformational volunteers. This Spring, former Board Chair Madeline Woodhead will be completing her “tour of duty.” Madeline joined the Board in 2008 and her leadership, dedication, experience and commitment to all things NCF is truly second to none. A prime example of her selflessness and putting the Foundation before herself was when she stayed on an extra year as Board Chair to assist in the transition of a new Executive Director – extending her term as Chair to three years with another two years afterwards serving as Past Chair. After 11 years of exemplary service, to say we will miss Madeline’s presence, positive influence and guidance around the Board table is a dramatic understatement. We are grateful for her tremendous leadership and proud to count her as a colleague and a friend.



Robert (Bob) Watson,
Board Chair



Bryan J. Rose
Executive Director

PRIORITIES, STRATEGIES, PLANS HIGHLIGHTS

2018 was a transformational year for the Foundation. Here are some of the highlights of the Foundation's impact in the Niagara Region:

- Welcomed Canada's Ambassador to the United States, the Honourable David MacNaughton, back to Niagara as our keynote speaker for the Foundation's Annual Leaders Breakfast.
- Made the inaugural disbursements from the David S. Howes Fund created in 2017. Having received 35 applications valued at \$2.6 million dollars in asks, 13 projects representing \$370,000 were awarded funding.
- In total, awarded just under \$2 million in grants bringing the total amount granted since 2001 to \$12.9 million.
- Approved over 16 new endowment funds bringing the Foundation's total assets from \$50.6 million to \$55.9 million, representing a 9.6% increase.
- Continued efforts with 13 charities on bolstering their Planned Giving programs through with the Legacy Partners Program (LPP).
- Continuing work with our partners in the Governance Partner Program (GPP) and cultivation of other potential participants.
- Organized and executed a two-day Niagara Funders Alliance Round Table Information Session at Fallsview Casino Resort for 15 local funders and over 300 attendees.
- Confirmed annual compliance with the Imagine Canada Standards Program.
- Completed work and procured Board approval for the Foundation's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan.

We realize that collaborative partnerships with funders and other organizations will go a long way toward ensuring that our grant recipients, their clients and our donors receive quality service and support from the Foundation. Here are some examples of how the Foundation has continued our partnerships in 2018 with others:

Niagara Prosperity Initiative

The Niagara Prosperity Initiative (NPI), funded by Niagara Region, is a partnership of public, private and voluntary organizations working to reduce poverty in Niagara. In 2018, funding was renewed to continue to support two Convener positions. This enables us to bring organizations and volunteer community groups together to share resources, implement best practices and collaboratively access funds to support a variety of poverty-reduction initiatives and programs to support the needs of children and families throughout Niagara. Staff from the Foundation also assisted with the review of the grant applications for \$1.5 million in NPI funding.

Niagara Connects

The Foundation has been a partner with Niagara Connects since the organization's inception. This network brings people together to gather, share and learn from data, to support evidence-informed action planning for a stronger future. Niagara Connects offers a range of products, including the livinginniarareport.com and niagaraknowledgeexchange.com tools; Data Navigator consulting services; social network mapping; and facilitation of collaborative conversations on emerging issues of common concern. The Foundation continues to utilize the priorities highlighted in the triennial Living in Niagara quality of life report. This report continues to be an instrumental tool used by governments, businesses, charitable organizations and non-profit agencies, to identify emerging issues and opportunities in Niagara.

External Investment Managers Program

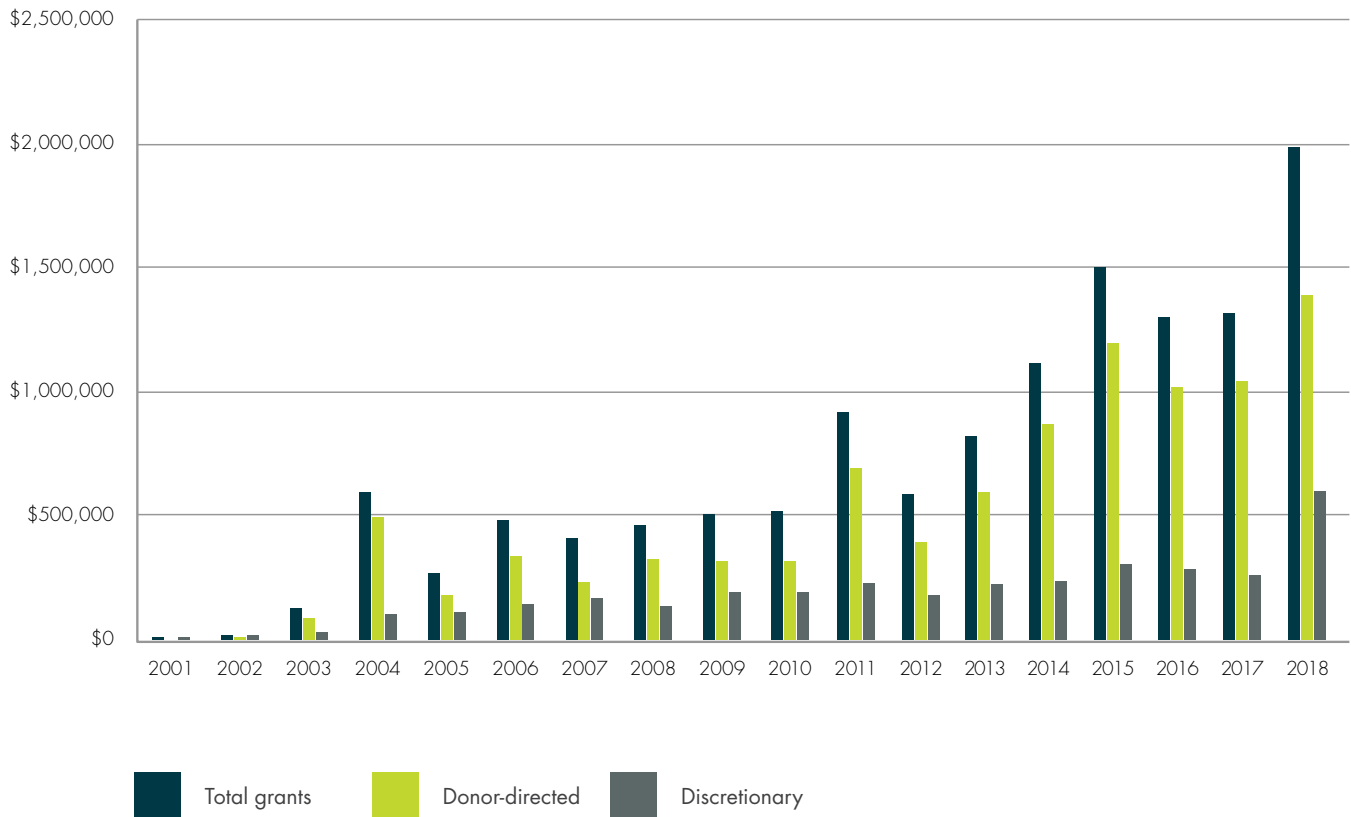
The Foundation is always looking for new ways to help donors in achieving their philanthropic goals and to work with professionals in the financial, estate and investment world in mutually beneficial relationships. In 2012, the Foundation created the External Investment Managers Program which allows assets gifted to a newly created fund to be invested outside of Foundation's Consolidated Investment Fund in a portfolio managed by the donor's recommended investment firm. This program is available for advisors who have been licensed as a portfolio manager actively involved in discretionary investment management of segregated portfolios for a minimum of three years. The minimum donation required for a fund manager to participate in this program is \$1,000,000. Gifts under this amount will be considered on a case-by-case basis. There are currently four portfolio managers participating in this program.

2018 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

GIFTS RECEIVED: \$8,351,831
GRANTS AWARDED: \$1,984,261

GROWTH IN ASSETS: 9.6%
OPERATING EXPENSES (excluding special projects): 1.02%

GROWTH IN GRANTS 2001 - 2018





Bad Hats Theatre's *Peter Pan*, presented by Carousel Players

GRANTS enable community dreams

CAROUSEL PLAYERS

Taking a theatrical production on the road is no small feat. Over the past 47 years, Carousel Players has become an expert in the process. The theatre company has performed before more than 2.8 million elementary students, their families and teachers in Niagara and elsewhere in Ontario.

But in 2018, the company decided it was time to reach a different audience. With a production of *Peter Pan* in tow and a \$5,000 contribution from the Niagara Community Foundation's community grant program, Carousel Players hit the road to entertain high school students and families in communities that don't typically host live theatre. The hope was to build multi-generational fans of live performing arts in new corners of Niagara.

"Carousel Players is aware of the limited cultural offerings for families in many communities in the region, especially those who find the trip to the larger cities a challenge," said Kate Leathers, the company's general manager. "Our intention was to remove that barrier by travelling to municipalities to offer community performances and to keep ticket prices low to ensure families from all socio-economic backgrounds could attend."

The classic tale of the boy who never grew up was adapted to life in the 21st century to inspire audiences to dream again, to imagine possibilities and to remember the power of make-believe. It succeeded. The community tour of *Peter Pan* reached more people than anticipated, entertaining nearly 2,700 students and families in Niagara.

"This work has created an enthusiastic audience for live theatre in communities that rarely, if ever, host professional theatre," Leathers said. "As we move toward our 50th anniversary and expanding our programs in Niagara, this tour has taken the first, most difficult steps to making Carousel Players part of family life in Niagara."

PERFORMING FOR A NEW AUDIENCE

BUDDING ARTISTS LEARN TO SEE

GRIMSBY PUBLIC ART GALLERY

A grant for art equipment for the Grimsby Public Art Gallery means more budding artists will have a positive experience, and the gallery will be able to generate more revenue to fund its programs.

The \$500 mini-grant from the Niagara Community Foundation enabled the gallery to custom-build a better model stand as part of a new series of art classes called “Learning to See.” The series is designed to help beginning artists acquire basic skills so they can move on to more advanced classes.

A model stand is necessary for teaching human figure drawing, explained the gallery’s director, Rhona Wenger. In figure drawing classes, the model must be raised far enough above the floor to enable all students to see the entire figure easily, she said. The gallery’s old, custom-built, 1970-s era stand was hard to manoeuvre and was nearing the end of its safe useful life. The grant allowed the gallery to commission a set of two model stands that nest together for compact storage.

The new series of classes, which serve both students and adults, are designed to guide participants through a step-by-step learning process, Wenger said, first teaching basic drawing skills, and moving on to perspective skills and figure drawing from both costumed and nude models. Students are then able to use the drawing skills they’ve developed to advance to painting in watercolour and acrylic. The new classes were launched in January 2019 and they are already sold out, boding well for increased enrolment in the future.

This project was designed to provide long term improvements to the gallery’s ability to offer top quality studio programs, and it’s already having that effect, said Sandra Mercuri, the gallery’s education coordinator and art instructor. “More creative thinkers benefit our whole society.”

OPEN ARMS MISSION

In order to be good at giving food away, Open Arms Mission in Welland wanted to be better at getting it in. That’s possible now because of a \$4,300 capital contribution from Niagara Community Foundation’s community grant program, which allowed the food bank to purchase a portable conveyor belt and six large, wheeled plastic tote bins for its Forks Road warehouse.

Now, when a truck pulls up to the mission’s warehouse, loaded with cartons of canned vegetables or cases of frozen chickens, the mission’s workers and volunteers can unload the delivery speedily and safely. Instead of lifting heavy boxes or trudging back and forth with bags of potatoes, flour, or rice, the donations can be loaded into the wheeled bins rolled into the warehouse for sorting, storage, and eventual distribution. Having the donations move down a conveyor belt in an orderly way is also safer than manual unloading, because workers and volunteers are not getting in each other’s way, said Pam Swick-Janjac, development officer at Open Arms.

Once weighed and sorted, the donated food gets sent for distribution to either to the nearby Open Arms Mission food bank in Welland or the Port Cares food bank in Port Colborne. The conveyor belt and wheeled bins come in handy then too, said Swick-Janjac, offering safety, speed, and efficiency.

Lillian and Ellen, two volunteers who help at the warehouse once a week, say they are grateful for the boost to efficiency and safety. “Some boxes are very heavy to carry,” Ellen said. “This saves our backs,” Lillian agreed.

Swick-Janjac’s only regret? “That we didn’t do this sooner.”

IMPROVING WAREHOUSE SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY



UNDERSTANDING AND PROTECTING THE BAT POPULATION IN NIAGARA

HEARTLAND FOREST

Bats are nocturnal creatures with faces only a mother can love, but Heartland Forest is ensuring future generations of families will not only know but love these tiny, but essential, creatures. A \$5,000 environmental grant from the Niagara Community Foundation enabled the Niagara Falls nature centre to launch a new bat roosting and monitoring program that helps ensure the winged mammals' survival in Niagara. Just as importantly, the project is designed to be both educational and accessible to visitors from age 5 to 95.

The idea for the program came when leaders at the nature centre learned it was possible there were endangered bats living in the 200-acre forest. Monitoring by a local environmental consulting company revealed that three species of at risk bats are on site: the little brown bat, the northern long-eared bat, and the tri-coloured bat.

A plan was crafted for a citizen science project, which would use audio monitors, infrared cameras, and observation, to gain a better understanding and offer protection to the bat population.

Bat boxes (for bats to rest in) and a bat maternity roost (for mothers to nurse their pups), would help ensure the bats have safe habitat. The project drew in many additional donations and volunteers – which were especially helpful when it came time to mount the heavy maternity roost more than six metres above the height of the adjacent pond.

Visiting families, school groups, and scouting troops are now able to hear the bats' echolocation calls (recorded and lowered in pitch to be audible to human ears), to learn about their value, and aid in protecting their habitat. Monitoring results – they found seven species in total – are shared with scientific bodies.

"This was such an important project for Heartland Forest, and sets us up for years of future programming," said Elisabeth Graham, executive director of Heartland Forest Nature Experience. "With this project we increased knowledge and awareness of wildlife habitat and ecosystems."

HARNESS THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE

PATHSTONE MENTAL HEALTH

Connecting with the natural world is crucial to human health, which is why Pathstone Mental Health's new healing garden will be an important resource for Niagara's children and their families.

The \$500,000 project, under construction next to Pathstone's new facility in west St. Catharines, with the help of a \$10,000 grant from the Niagara Community Foundation, will offer a combination of active and passive spaces, where children and their caregivers, including Pathstone staff, can come to think, talk, rest, and play.

The need for Pathstone's services is growing. Its 320 employees and volunteers serve more than 6,000 Niagara children up to age 18 per year, and services include counselling, therapy, a school-based treatment centre, a mental health walk-in clinic, group therapy and a crisis hotline.

Research shows that connecting with nature is an effective way to reduce stress, boost cognitive development, and foster a sense of well-being, said Kim Rossi, Pathstone Foundation's director of philanthropy and public relations.

Children and youth who are dealing with stress, anxiety, self-harm, family breakdown, or suicidal or homicidal thoughts can benefit from the clarity and calm that a natural space can provide, Rossi said.

The healing garden, designed with input from Pathstone staff, expert volunteers, and children, includes secluded seating areas for conversation or reflection, a climbing structure made of decay-resistant fallen logs, and accessible pathways through hedges and gardens. There are chalkboards for writing and drawing, sand for digging and running through your fingers, wooden musical percussion instruments and a water wall to offer soothing calm.

Play structures and play spaces such as these are becoming more common, but Pathstone's is much bigger and is purposefully designed to meet very specific mental health needs. Being in nature puts people in a better frame of mind to learn and to be receptive to new ideas, Rossi said. "We know it is going to enhance treatment."





GIVING KIDS A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE SUMMER CAMP

PELHAM SUMMER CAMP

Nine families in Pelham sent their kids to camp or took advantage of affordable swimming lessons last summer, thanks to support from the Niagara Community Foundation's Summer Camp Grant program.

The program helps Niagara municipalities offer subsidized enrolment in summer camps to qualifying children in their communities. The Town of Pelham, which was awarded \$900, runs day camps that feature crafts, songs, outdoor activities, games, swimming and excursions to Niagara attractions. Pelham also offers specialized camp experiences, such as firefighter camp, chef camp, art camp and theatre camp. The 2018 allocation meant the Town could work with Pelham Cares to ensure eligible families got the help they needed to attend the camp of their choice.

One father said attending the camp gave his kids a chance to make new friends and boost their social skills.

"My boys enjoyed the camp and the activities," he wrote. "It helped them be more independent and social with people."

A grateful mother said her daughter loved chef camp, and "adored camp staff."

She "was excited to go to camp each day. Thank you for this opportunity for my daughter, and I appreciate the help."

NEW POOL CHAIR IS MAKING A SPLASH

RED ROOF RETREAT

It's no fun having to miss out on an activity with friends, especially one that's as much a therapeutic event as social event. Unfortunately, going swimming wasn't always in the cards for a handful of Red Roof Retreat clients who weren't able to access the pool because of mobility issues. Red Roof staff could sometimes help by carrying them into and out of the water, but it wasn't a safe or simple solution, depending on the body shape of participants.

A \$500 grant from the Niagara Community Foundation's mini-grant fund has made trips to the pool fun again for everyone at Red Roof Retreat. The charity, which provides respite and recreational programming to Niagara children, youth, and young adults with special needs and their families, used the money to buy a pool chair with wheels, to get everyone into and out the water easily and safely.

The pool chair has made quite a splash with program participants, said Steffanie Bjorgan, Red Roof Retreat's executive director. It's used regularly by eight people during day programs and at biweekly Saturday camps. It also ensures the inclusivity of even more participants in Red Roof aquatic programs in the future.

"We use it a ton," Bjorgan said. "It makes swimming an all-inclusive activity. It's not leaving anyone behind anymore."

MUSIC IS A HIT AT COMMUNITY CENTRE

THOROLD COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES GROUP

It was Plato who said music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.

The Thorold Community Activities Group gave credence to those words when it was provided a grant from the Niagara Community Foundation's mini-grant fund to purchase two speaker systems to play music during its programs.

The mobile sound systems move easily between rooms at the Nick Basciano Centre, where the group runs high quality recreation, cultural and education programs for children and families in Thorold and Niagara. No matter what activity takes place at the centre, participants are always able to hear music, making their involvement more enjoyable.

The speakers were also used in the group's entry in the annual Thorold Santa Claus parade last year, and have enhanced other off-site special events.

"Many of the children have expressed how much they love the addition of music and enjoy that they can hear it even when playing louder games or activities," said Dan Pelletier, Thorold Community Activities Group's executive director. "The children enjoy themselves more when music is provided. It allows them to express their creativity by requesting certain music, and it gives them an opportunity to bond with their peers through sharing similar tastes in music and even dancing."



ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

Science says companion animals boost our emotional wellness. St. John Ambulance, with its Therapy Dogs program, has evidence to back those findings. For years, the organization has linked gentle pooches and their humans to healthcare facilities and events throughout the region, spreading the joy of canine companionship and increasing volunteerism in the process.

FOUR-LEGGED THERAPY IN NIAGARA

Through it all, St. John Ambulance has seen animals break down social barriers, reduce fears of rejection in humans, provide a sense of calm during moments of stress and encourage greater social inclusion of everyone involved.

A \$9,500 contribution from the Niagara Community Foundation's 2018 community grant program helped St. John Ambulance expand the work of its four-legged therapists, and share even more unconditional love and acceptance in Niagara. The money funded the addition of 10 therapy dogs and their handlers, doubling the size of program. More therapy dog evaluators and mentors required to sniff out top dogs joined the effort, too.

As a result, St. John Ambulance was able to meet more requests for visits from fur-iends at seniors' homes, hospitals, and schools. It also reaffirmed the program's place in Niagara's social fabric.

"This increased awareness and expansion of the program throughout much of the community not only helps the sick, lonely and hurting residents of Niagara, it allows people the opportunity to contribute and connect through volunteering," said Beth Paul, St. John Ambulance Niagara Falls branch manager. "It also helped us fulfill our mission of improving health, safety and the quality of life for Niagara's residents."

2018 GRANTS AWARDED

From our Community, David S. Howes Fund, Mini, Environment, Summer Camp and Strategic Initiatives grant programs

For detailed information on our current granting priorities visit the grants section at niagaracommunityfoundation.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters St. Catharines, Thorold and District	Develop new structure by amalgamating two organizations in neighboring communities through Strategic Development and conduct an HR audit.	\$10,000
British Methodist Episcopal Church Niagara Falls	Restore the 182 year old historic landmark church building in Niagara Falls, part of the Underground Railroad, for educational and tourism purposes for Niagara.	\$8,000
Brock University	Over 3 years support the partnership with CMHA to provide on-campus counselling to students during peak demand periods when student are acutely stressed.	\$136,000
Carousel Players	Produce a Community Tour of the Dora-award-winning adaptation of Peter Pan for community venues and high schools across Niagara in October 2018.	\$5,000
Cave Springs Camp Inc.	Replace equipment for High Ropes experience available to disabled children who are integrated in the camp.	\$5,000
City of Niagara Falls - Niagara Falls Museums	Purchase projector for the Willoughby Historical Society and museums to offer more cultural programming and to be used at events.	\$440
City of Niagara Falls - The Park in the City Committee	Expand Schools In Bloom program to include new schools who want to develop environmental/horticulture projects that are student driven.	\$4,000
Community Care of West Niagara	Purchase new van to pick up food donations and deliver food to shut-in/disabled clients.	\$20,000
Community Care of West Niagara	Support RentSmart training focused on maximizing positive relationships between landlords and tenants in an effort to reduce homelessness, eviction, and housing instability.	\$500
Education Foundation of Niagara	Provide 20 students with opportunity to learn the fundamentals of computer programming (coding) through an after school program entitled Spark Code World Camp.	\$2,400
Education Foundation of Niagara	Purchase signage to improve accessibility to the main office and increase exposure.	\$443
Employment Help Centre	Niagara Community Garden Network is developing program and outreach initiative to improve access to healthy food, raise awareness and engage the community.	\$5,000
Folk Arts Council of St. Catharines - Multicultural Centre	Support Wetlands Project to promote environmental awareness of wetlands and engage students and members of the community in their restoration and protection.	\$3,500
Fonds Foyer Richelieu	Over 3 years support the build of a 128 bed long-term care home for resident and retrofit the existing senior housing facility.	\$100,000
Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT)	Purchase equipment to grow and encourage the FORT's free music program in order to allow youth the opportunity to learn a new skill through professional guidance.	\$6,500
Friends Of Fort Erie's Creeks	Improve surface water quality monitoring and education through the purchase of "Blue-Green Algae" probe for multi-parameter water quality Sonde meter.	\$3,500
Gillian's Place	Become Certified Trauma Intergration Organization.	\$8,000
Grimsby Auxiliary Marine Rescue Unit	Purchase a new vessel to improve the speed and efficiencies of the volunteer rescue missions throughout Niagara.	\$15,000
Grimsby Public Art Gallery (Town of Grimsby)	Purchase equipment and supplies to restructure educational program Learning to See.	\$500
Habitat for Humanity Niagara	Support the Building Futures program designed to increase employability of urban Aboriginal youth while supporting affordable housing.	\$30,000
Heartland Forest Nature Experience	Create project monitoring local bat populations through the use of Bat Detectors and trail cameras, creation of bat roosting boxes and a maternity roost structure.	\$5,000

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I CAN Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Association of Niagara Inc.	Expand, improve and increase production of children's small garden to accommodate more diverse groups and provide educational platform for programming.	\$2,500
I CAN Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Association of Niagara Inc.	Purchase promotional materials to present the organization's mission, programming and attract community partnerships, clients and investments.	\$500
Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara	Purchase 3 used/refurbished monitors for our full time work stations.	\$500
McMaster Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine	Support the pilot program of a dedicated triage and wrap-around services staff person stationed in the Welland and Niagara Falls emergency departments.	\$23,000
McMaster Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine	Support workshop for health professionals to learn about the effects of poverty on health and to explore opportunities to improve the health of the homeless.	\$500
Niagara Falls Art Gallery	Support collaborative project with Heartland Forest to provide digital animation programming through the summer exploring digital art and the environment.	\$4,000
Niagara Health Foundation - St. Catharines Site	Fund the replacement of 2 defibrillators at Niagara Health hospital sites used to respond to cardiac emergencies.	\$50,000
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Support the Urban Indigenous Homeward Bound program that systematically addresses the barriers that Indigenous women face.	\$30,000
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Support traditional Powwow held in St. Catharines.	\$500
Niagara Worship Centre	Purchase bbq to be used at monthly community outreach HotMeal dinners and for other events that provide supports to families.	\$500
Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library	Purchase supplies for Seed Library, a free project that is committed to creating a culture of learning, sharing and community.	\$500
Open Arms Mission of Welland Inc.	Purchase poly box trucks and conveyer until to move large amounts of food to improve safety and efficiency of the warehouse.	\$4,300
Pathstone Foundation	Develop 10,000 square ft Natural Playground and Healing Garden that will be accessible to children, youth, families and staff therapists.	\$10,000
Pathstone Foundation	Purchase and EEG Machine and partner with Brock University staff and students to undertake research projects	\$46,000
Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls Inc.	Develop procedures and train a group of volunteers for a "reduce, reuse and recycle" program.	\$5,600
Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls Inc.	Expand the food room and hire strategic planner to help become more efficient and enhance client-centered practices.	\$22,000
Quest Community Health Centre	Purchase equipment to support 10 cultural competency training workshops related to older LGBTQ2S adults to service provider members of the Senior Pride Network Niagara.	\$2,000
Red Roof Retreat	Purchase pool chair with wheels so clients can be wheeled down the ramp and into the water.	\$500
Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Charitable Trust	Engage residents in the Fairview neighbourhood in consultation regarding desired services and programs available with the proposed Rotary Housing Initiative.	\$8,000
Scientists In School - Niagara Region Branch	Provide 14 classroom and 1 community workshop to kindergarten to grade 8 students to close the STEM Education Gap in Low Income Schools in the Niagara Region.	\$3,400
Scottlea Presbyterian Church	Creation of 20 community garden plots on church grounds, open to the community with the goal of providing fresh low cost food for families and newcomers.	\$2,500

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Shaw Festival Theatre Foundation, Canada	Commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, take O'Flaherty V.C., set during WWI play, into Legions across the Niagara Region, connecting with seniors/veterans.	\$8,000
St. John Ambulance - Niagara Falls Branch (St. John Council for Ontario)	Expand and increase awareness of the Therapy Dog program to meet the increasing demand for Therapy Dog visits.	\$9,500
Strategic Initiatives Grants	Youth and Philanthropy Initiatives (YPI) that supported 2 Niagara schools to participate in the program.	\$5,000
Strategic Initiatives Grants	Legacy Partners Program Grant that supported Bethlehem Housing and Support Services, Community Care of West Niagara, Niagara Historical Society Museum, Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.	\$10,000
Strategic Initiatives Grants	Leadership Niagara Bursary to support 5 individuals from charitable organizations in Niagara.	\$7,500
Strategic Initiatives Grants	Support Celebration of Nations at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre	\$2,500
Strategic Initiatives Grants	Support group of St. Catharines residents to attend Tamarack conference: Asset-Based Community Development: For Healthy Neighbourhoods	\$1,100
Summer Camp Grants	Provided bursaries to 20 organizations to support 144 children to attend summer camp.	\$20,000
The Village of Hope	Support the delivery and provide fresh fruit and vegetables to the most vulnerable in the community and who are currently receiving Meals on Wheels services.	\$9,000
Thorold Community Activities Group	Purchase audio equipment for programming and events for children and families in Thorold/ Niagara to enhance their quality of life.	\$500
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	Develop a Black History educational program that will include an interactive mobile application walking tour that will compliment the Voices of Freedom Park.	\$5,000
Township of Wainfleet (Wainfleet Agricultural Society)	Purchase portable bleachers to provide additional seating required to accommodate an increase in fair attendance and avoid the cost of renting.	\$10,000
Township of West Lincoln	Support collaborative project to install a large mural on an empty wall within the Downtown core of Smithville to highlight West Lincoln's rich cultural and historical values.	\$2,500
Township of West Lincoln	Plant trees in Wellandport Community Park, install education plaques about watershed and install picnic tables to enhance the park and naturalize the shoreline.	\$4,500
Victim Services Niagara	Support conference, "Trauma and Resiliency-Building your Capacity" in order to mobilize and train VSN front line crisis responders and other social service agencies.	\$500
VON Canada - Ontario Branch - Niagara Site	Replace old, broken and below standard clinic equipment that provides primary care to a high population of patients.	\$20,000
Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre	Purchase art supplies and sports equipment for an after school program for children and youth ages 7 and up.	\$500
Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation	Expand existing programs by creating outdoor program space that provides healing and respite for cancer patients and their families.	\$15,000
Women's Place of South Niagara Inc.	Over 3 years support the expansion of the Niagara Falls shelter from 20 to 40 beds to support women and their children fleeing domestic violence.	\$100,000
YMCA of Niagara	Support youth focus groups (age 9-14), to capture a representative voice of this demographic to inform future options for youth outreach programming.	\$3,800
Youth Resources Niagara	Support the opening and operation of youth residential programs one for girls 12-17 in partnership with FACS Niagara.	\$15,000

2018 DONOR DIRECTED GRANTS

These grants are based on terms of the fund agreements between the donor and the Foundation with respect to beneficiary organizations.

Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.....	\$977.59	Education Foundation of Niagara	\$204.78
Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.....	\$3,000.00	Education Foundation of Niagara	\$40.15
Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.....	\$475.00	Education Foundation of Niagara	\$212.48
Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.....	\$1,356.31	Education Foundation of Niagara	\$8,119.40
Amici Camping Charity.....	\$3,000.00	Education Foundation of Niagara	\$8,119.40
Angels Rest Dog Rescue.....	\$2,500.00	Education Foundation of Niagara	\$782.99
Animal Assistance Society of the Niagara Region.....	\$120.00	Education Foundation of Niagara	\$416.62
Animal Assistance Society of the Niagara Region.....	\$1,380.00	Education Foundation of Niagara	\$1,860.49
Arthritis Society Ontario Division - Niagara Peninsula Office.....	\$656.55	Education Foundation of Niagara	\$464.85
Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary.....	\$10,771.56	Fanshawe College - Financial Aid.....	\$700.00
Autism Society Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter.....	\$1,200.00	FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.....	\$2,500.00
Beamsville Church of Christ.....	\$50,000.00	FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.....	\$115.46
Benevolent Society of Grimsby and District.....	\$10,771.56	Fort Erie Conservation Club.....	\$560.01
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$2,069.12	Friends Of Fort Erie's Creeks.....	\$564.58
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$1,940.35	Georgian College.....	\$500.00
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$500.00	Gillian's Place.....	\$977.59
Big Brothers Big Sisters - Grimsby Lincoln, West Lincoln.....	\$7,823.89	Gillian's Place.....	\$1,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Falls.....	\$819.71	Grace Community Church.....	\$199.57
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara.....	\$889.72	Grimsby Co-operative Pre-School.....	\$500.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters St. Catharines, Thorold and District.....	\$1,250.00	Grimsby Life Centre Ministries.....	\$10,771.56
Bob Gale Recreation Fund.....	\$9,500.00	Grimsby Museum (Town of Grimsby).....	\$405.77
Boxrun Charitable Foundation.....	\$1,955.84	Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga.....	\$471.41
Brock University - Office of Development and Alumni Relations.....	\$1,000.00	Hamilton Health Sciences.....	\$883.90
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$1,500.00	Healthy Minds Canada.....	\$429.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$434.25	Heart and Stroke Foundation.....	\$977.59
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$199.57	Heart and Stroke Foundation.....	\$656.55
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$434.25	Heart Niagara Inc.....	\$35,000.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$5,000.00	Heart Niagara Inc.....	\$40,000.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00	Heart Niagara Inc.....	\$500.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$700.00	Hospice Niagara.....	\$10,000.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00	Hospice Niagara.....	\$230.91
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$603.30	Hospice Niagara.....	\$9,113.47
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$1,500.00	Hospice Niagara.....	\$1,000.00
Bruce Trail Conservancy.....	\$448.23	Hospice Niagara.....	\$448.23
Burlington Rotary Community Hospice Inc. (Carpenter Hospice).....	\$1,178.53	Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation.....	\$448.23
Canadian Cancer Society.....	\$3,640.97	Humber College - Financial Aid - Scholarships and Awards.....	\$1,500.00
Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) St. Catharines.....	\$1,000.00	Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty.....	\$1,019.73
Canadian Red Cross.....	\$294.63	Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation.....	\$883.90
Canadian Red Cross, Niagara Area Branches.....	\$500.00	Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara.....	\$500.00
Canadian Red Cross, Niagara Area Branches.....	\$1,192.85	Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara.....	\$1,562.00
Cave Springs Camp Inc.....	\$1,019.73	La corporation de l'ecole polytechnique de Montreal.....	\$359.08
Central United Church of Port Colborne.....	\$7,447.80	Lambton College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,500.00
Chorus Niagara.....	\$4,000.00	Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue.....	\$500.00
Chorus Niagara.....	\$9,113.47	Laurentian University.....	\$500.00
Chorus Niagara.....	\$3,911.95	Lincoln County Humane Society.....	\$3,640.97
Chorus Niagara.....	\$4,618.63	Lincoln County Humane Society.....	\$977.59
Chorus Niagara.....	\$230.91	Lincoln County Humane Society.....	\$475.00
Church of the Transfiguration.....	\$11,873.14	Lincoln County Humane Society.....	\$1,098.53
CityKidz Ministry - Hamilton Branch.....	\$10,771.56	Lincoln Public Library.....	\$11,176.99
CNIB.....	\$977.59	Lincoln Public Library.....	\$3,000.00
Community Animal Allies of Niagara.....	\$7,000.00	Literacy Council of Niagara West.....	\$3,000.00
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$434.25	Literacy Council of Niagara West.....	\$2,794.25
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$719.20	March of Dimes Canada.....	\$3,813.55
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$500.00	Mayholme Foundation.....	\$84,290.81
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$115.45	McGill University.....	\$1,500.00
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$13,000.00	McMaster University.....	\$1,000.00
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$7,400.55	McMaster University.....	\$700.00
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$1,000.00	McMaster University.....	\$1,500.00
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold (Niagara Nutrition Partners).....	\$695.55	McMaster University.....	\$900.00
Community Care of West Niagara.....	\$1,019.73	McNally House Hospice.....	\$3,640.97
Community Care of West Niagara.....	\$8,941.59	McNally House Hospice.....	\$47.86
Community Care of West Niagara.....	\$3,000.00	McNally House Hospice.....	\$81,101.49
Community Living - Grimsby Lincoln & West Lincoln.....	\$2,794.25	McNally House Hospice.....	\$999.50
Community Living St. Catharines.....	\$470.97	McNally House Hospice.....	\$6,364.79
Crossroads Christian Communications Inc.....	\$10,771.56	Mission Services of Hamilton Inc.....	\$10,771.56
Crossroads Christian Communications Inc.....	\$10,771.56	Mission Services of Hamilton Inc.....	\$294.63
Cystic Fibrosis Canada - Niagara Chapter.....	\$3,640.97	Mohawk College.....	\$1,500.00
Diocese of St. Catharines.....	\$448.23	Mohawk College.....	\$1,500.00
Doctors Without Borders Canada.....	\$1,192.85	Mohawk College.....	\$1,500.00
Dog Guides Canada.....	\$977.59	Mohawk College.....	\$1,000.00
Dog Guides Canada.....	\$8,146.02	Movember Canada.....	\$2,371.91
DSBN - A. N. Myer Secondary School.....	\$670.00	Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.....	\$977.59
Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$398.58	Muscular Dystrophy Canada.....	\$12,542.03
Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$462.65	Nativity of the Holy Mother of God.....	\$54,708.24

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THE DAVID S. HOWES FUND

In 2017 the David S. Howes Fund was created following an \$18 million dollar gift from the David S. Howes Foundation. Per David's wishes, grants from the Fund will support post-secondary, facilities, research, health care services, education and humanitarian issues throughout Niagara.

This past fall the Foundation received 35 applications valuing a combined \$2.6 million dollars in requested funds. Each application was reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Committee as well as vetted by representatives from David's family and trustees of the David S. Howes Foundation. The proposals submitted were extremely impressive.

Not only did they span the charitable sector, but they came from all corners of Niagara with each addressing at least one of the David S. Howes Fund priorities.

After a tremendous amount of due diligence, \$370,000 was distributed to support 13 charities across Niagara. Additionally, other community funds were used to "top-up" the 13 projects for this round. The projects selected will have a tremendous impact and support thousands of people across the Niagara Region and we are confident they would make David very proud.

Brock University & the Canadian Mental Health Association Niagara (CMHA)

\$136,000 over three years to provide on-campus counselling to students during peak demand periods when student are acutely stressed.

Community Care of West Niagara

\$20,000 for the purchase of a new van to pick up food donations and deliver food to shut-in/disabled clients.

Fonds Foyer Richelieu

\$100,000 over three years to support the build of a 128 bed long-term care home for residents and retrofit the existing seniors' housing facility.

Grimsby Auxiliary Marine Rescue Unit GAMRU South Shore Search and Rescue

\$15,000 to contribute to the purchase a new vessel to improve the speed and efficiencies of the volunteer rescue missions throughout Niagara waterways.

Habitat for Humanity Niagara

\$30,000 towards the establishment of the "Building Futures" program designed to increase employability of urban Aboriginal youth by teaching skilled trades while supporting the building of affordable housing.

McMaster Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine

\$23,000 to contribute funding for the pilot program of a dedicated triage and wrap-around services staff person stationed in the Welland Hospital Emergency Department.



Niagara Health Foundation

\$50,000 to fund the replacement of 2 defibrillators at Niagara Health hospital sites used to respond to cardiac emergencies.

Niagara Regional Native Centre

\$30,000 to support the “Urban Indigenous Homeward Bound” program that systematically addresses the barriers that Indigenous women face in finding stable housing and child care.

Pathstone Foundation & Brock University

A partnership between Pathstone and Brock University, \$46,000 to purchase an electroencephalogram (EEG) machine to be utilized by Brock staff and students for training and to undertake research projects.

Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls

\$22,000 to expand their food storage facilities to become more efficient and enhance client-centered practices.

VON Canada – Ontario Branch – Niagara Site

\$20,000 to replace old, broken and below industry standard clinic equipment that provides primary care to a high population of patients.

Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation

\$15,000 to expand and enhance existing services by creating outdoor program space that provides healing and respite for cancer patients and their families.

Women’s Place of South Niagara

\$100,000 spread over three years to expand the Niagara Falls shelter from 20 to 40 beds in support of women and their children fleeing domestic violence.

Photo credits: Lynda O’Donnell (Community Care of West Niagara), Doug Hunt (Brock University), Carrie Zeffiro (Niagara Health Foundation), Colin Dewar (Brock University)

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40 AT THE FORTY'S NOVEL IDEA



A group of civic-minded citizens in Grimsby is turning charities' need for cash into an opportunity to craft better stories.

Established in 2018 under the auspices of the **NIAGARA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S GRIMSBY FUND**, the group of 40 philanthropists, calling themselves 40 at the Forty, gathers four times a year to host a story-telling competition in which everybody wins.

Each of the 40 members is required to contribute \$100 per event, which creates a \$4,000 pot for each of the quarterly sessions. One thousand dollars is invested in the Foundation's Grimsby Fund, and the remaining \$3,000 is handed out that night in a grant of \$1,500 and two grants of \$750 each.

The recipients of the cash are determined by secret ballot, cast by the 40 philanthropists, and they vote based on the "pitches" delivered by representatives of the three charities who've been chosen to present that night.

Don Stewart, a member of the Foundation's Grimsby Fund Committee, spent a career as

a professional fundraiser, so he knows that being able to "succinctly and powerfully present your charity's case for support is a skill that needs to be practiced and honed."

Giving each charity a 10-minute chance to make their case in a room full of generous and successful people is about more than which presenter goes home with the most money, Stewart said. Charities learn how to improve their stories and, even if they don't take home the biggest prize, they get professional-quality feedback. They also increase community awareness of their causes and sometimes they make a connection with someone in the room and gain additional offers of support.

The 40 at the Forty event is hopeful, entertaining, and inspiring, Stewart said. It puts money in the Grimsby Fund's coffers, teaches charities how to touch people's hearts, and draws a community together for the good of their neighbours.



As of April 2019, the following local Grimsby Charitable Organizations made presentations to the Members of the Grimsby Fund's gatherings of the 40 at the Forty:

- **Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers**
- **Town of Grimsby**
– **Jim Wright Memorial Fund**
- **Grimsby Pre-School Co-Operative**
- **Gillian's Place of West Niagara**
- **The FORT**
- **EarlyON Grimsby Beach Site**
- **Nelles Manor**
- **GAMRU South Shore Search & Rescue**
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grimsby, Lincoln & West Lincoln**

Each of these deserving organizations made their pitch to the Members of the 40 at the Forty and were each awarded with a cheque to support their ongoing programs and services to the people of their support day in and day out.

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All good things must come to an end.

The legacy of the annual St. Catharines Mayor's Au Marché food and drink event lives on however, despite the end-of-summer party's grand finale, hosted by St. Catharines Mayor Walter Sendzik, at 13th Street Winery in 2018.

During its run, the event, started by former Mayor Tim Rigby in 2004 and championed by former Mayor Brian McMullan from 2006 to 2014, raised more than \$500,000 for the **NIAGARA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S INVESTING IN ST. CATHARINES' YOUTH FUND**. Nearly \$350,000 of that helped over 3,000 local children participate in arts, culture, sports and recreation activities through the YMCA of Niagara and Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold. The remainder of the money raised has been endowed to support kids in St. Catharines forever.

"It had a very successful run," said Peter Partridge Jr., who has chaired the Au Marché organizing committee since 2016 – taking over from

the previous chair Sharon Borgmann. "We raised a lot of money, and, maybe for the St. Catharines fund, we can find other ways to raise money."

It was a fundraiser Sendzik was honoured to support, first as a patron and then as the hosting Mayor himself. He credits much of the success of Au Marché to Partridge's longstanding commitment that extended through his years as a member of the organizing committee before becoming Chair.

"The leadership of Peter all through those years has been that continuity. If you don't have the commitment of the volunteers around the table, you're not going to have that signature event," Sendzik said. "With Peter and his leadership, the volunteers, the mayor's staff, it ensured 15 years of Au Marché were successful and meant something to the people of the city."



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Kerry Cornelius lived his life both flying high, and flying under the radar.

The successful St. Catharines businessman, who founded swimming pool manufacturing company Cornelius Industries in 1967, died in October 2017 of Parkinson's Disease. But in his spare time, the low-key and humble philanthropist, who lived simply and seldom wanted attention called to his generosity, was also a championship-winning aerobatics aviator, flying his bi-wing plane in competitions in the USA and Canada.

His wife, Barbara, said they had both discussed how they could have an impact on the community, so after his death and after talking with their children, Barbara established the **KERRY AND BARBARA CORNELIUS AND FAMILY FUND** with a \$1 million gift to the Niagara Community Foundation.

The fund will be permanently endowed, said Barbara, and the Cornelius children, David, Kathleen, and Kristeen, will be able to have input in deciding the causes that will benefit.

Kerry was "an all-around humble man, who never bragged about anything," Barbara said. He was an accomplished athlete, artist and musician, and a self-confessed adrenalin-junkie who competed in motorcycle hill-climbing competitions and raced fast cars, but "he wasn't a joiner, he never really exposed himself to the community." Yet he cared deeply for Niagara and the people and institutions that make this a wonderful community, Barbara said.

Kerry would also appreciate knowing that the gift made in his family's name will not only benefit good causes, but also has the ability to inspire generosity in generations to come.

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When the Town of Pelham built its new Community Centre; there was no question that Gary and Mall Accursi wanted to contribute to the project.

The question they did have was how. A conversation with their accountant pointed the Pelham couple to the Niagara Community Foundation. By establishing the **GARY AND MALL ACCURSI FAMILY FUND**, which the Foundation would manage, the couple could support a facility that would improve the quality of life in their community and donate to other causes going forward.

They could also do it with regular contributions, rather than a large one-time donation.

"When you get to a point in life where you feel like you can start giving back to you community, however that may be, this is an excellent vehicle to use," Gary said. "You can build up your part of the fund and provide direction on how those funds can be used. It grows tax-free, which compounds the effects and I like that."

At the Community Centre, the Accursis' donations supported the second floor East Wing which houses a large multi-purpose room, the Recreation, Culture and Wellness Offices, a viewing corridor to watch activities in the two gyms, a professional warming kitchen, a cloakroom and washrooms. There have been weddings, birthday parties, music events and other milestones in the spaces, which the town lacked previously.

The couple's contribution was a gesture of thanks to all the coaches and volunteers who worked with their own five children in various sports and recreation clubs as they grew up in Pelham. They know it will be a space that future generations will enjoy and that they will personally enjoy as well.

"As we move into our senior years, we would like to have something to go to and to be part of," Mall said. "We wanted to support a space which would be used by all; young and old alike, including us".



Depicted in enclosed photo: Bryan Rose, Bob Watson, Linda Sauro, Barbara Waller, Mora Richmond, Gord Statham and Roger Ali.

(Photo Credit: Shelby Riddell/Niagara Health Foundation)

When the Niagara-on-the-Lake Healthcare Foundation dissolved in 2018, its board was faced with a million-dollar question.

What should it do with the nearly \$1 million it raised over the years for patient care at the former Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital?

Niagara Health had closed beds at the site, and the building was eventually sold to the municipality, which had other plans for the property. Still, money had been raised by the foundation over 20 years specifically for health care in the town.

The board, including Linda Sauro, Barbara Waller and Mora Richmond, decided to divide the fund into two \$460,000 grants. It donated one to the Niagara Health Foundation for geriatric and complex care, and for the purchase of a third MRI machine.

The other \$460,000 grant was entrusted to the Niagara Community Foundation to support health care in Niagara-on-the-Lake, with the creation of a non-permanent, spend-down fund the Foundation will disburse over the next 10 years to related local charities. With part of this gift, the Foundation also established two permanent endowment funds: one to assist such charities and the other to benefit the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service.

"The most important thing when receiving donation money is to make sure the donors' wishes are met," Sauro said. "We wanted to keep it here because that's where the money came from. There are other health care needs in a small community, and the Niagara Community Foundation will be able to support those needs if people apply and grants are made."

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

CONTINUE TO GROW

The Foundation has a different face to each of our donors. Their funds can support a particular cause, community or charity and once a fund is opened anyone can make gifts of any amount, in any way, at any time. Donations can also be made in honour or memory of a loved one.

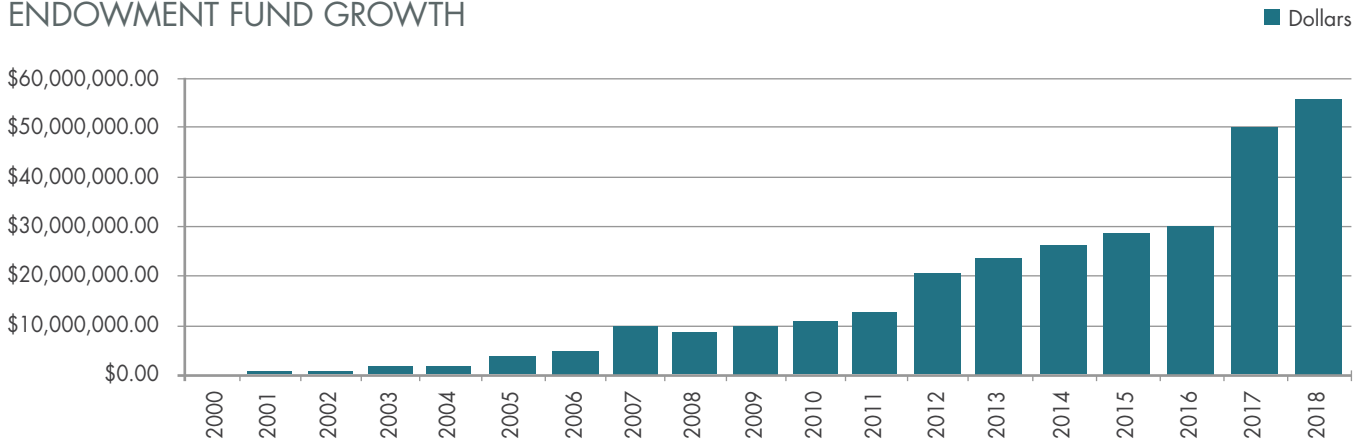
There are many ways to make a gift to the Foundation. These include cash, securities, bequests, special event proceeds, property, and insurance policies. Our role is to work with donors to ensure that their charitable intent is achieved through their gift.

There are a number of options for donors when considering how long they would like their fund to be active. Most of our funds are held in

perpetuity, where the capital is preserved and a portion of the annual earnings on the fund are allocated to charities. Funds can also be held for a specific length of time or established to have a fixed annual distribution. In these later two examples both the capital and the earnings are distributed.

However, with increasing demands for support, it is important to take the time to determine how to make 'the best gift', a gift that provides maximum benefits to the community that is within one's capacity to give. We strongly advise donors to speak to their family, lawyer, accountant or financial planner to determine the best way to make a gift that maximizes their tax and estate goals.

ENDOWMENT FUND GROWTH



Smart and Caring Community Funds

In 2012 we created a group of sector-based funds that support current and emerging community needs. We called these our Smart and Caring Funds in recognition of the vision of Governor General David Johnston, the patron of Community Foundations of Canada, to build smart and caring communities based on three pillars: innovation, philanthropy and volunteerism.

Our current funding priorities include: initiatives that align with priorities identified in the Living in Niagara Report, resources to help charities become more efficient and effective and leadership development and training opportunities for the voluntary sector.

Donors interested in supporting future community needs are able to make a contribution to the Niagara Fund or one of the local community funds listed below. Grants from community funds are restricted to charities providing programs and services in those municipalities.

Donors can create a named fund within any of our community funds or our Smart and Caring funds with a gift of \$5,000, which can be gifted either on an annual or monthly basis.

Niagara Funds

- Alice Downie-Bacon Community Fund
- Andrea Douglas Fund
- Beth & Murton Seymour Family Fund
- Branscombe Families Fund
- Canada GOATS Endowment Fund
- Charron Family Fund
- Crawford Smith & Swallow Fund
- Dr. T. W. & Muriel O'Mulvenny Fund
- Elvi Vicary Fund
- Fallsview Casino Resort Fund
- George & Doris Shepherd Family Fund
- Jack and Nora Walker Fund
- Janet St. Amand & Doug Herod Fund
- Jo & Norm Opperman Fund
- John & Jan Potts Fund
- JP Fund
- Judith Barker Fund
- June Munro Fund
- Marchand Kruczynski Family Fund
- Marv Kriluck Fund
- Meridian Credit Union Fund
- Niagara Fund
- Niagara Road Supervisors Association Fund
- Regional Chair's Smart and Caring Community Fund
- Rose Family Fund
- Waters & Meredith Fund
- Woodhead Family Fund

Fort Erie Funds

- Facca-Mindorff Family Fund
- Fort Erie Fund
- Little-Green Family Fund

Grimsby Funds

- Grimsby Community Fund
- Grimsby Benevolent Fund
- * Happening at the Forty Fund
- * Howard & Alice Clausen Fund
- Jim Howden & Ruth Moffatt Fund
- Mark & Jean Brohman Family Fund
- Pettigrew Family Fund
- Todd Family Fund

Lincoln Funds

- Holmes Barrett Family Fund
- Hopkins Hill Family Fund
- Lincoln Community Fund
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Fund
- Mark & Jean Brohman Family Fund
- Paul & Leslie MacPherson Family Fund
- Prudhomme-Beatty Family Fund

Niagara Falls Funds

- Americana-DiBellonia Family Fund
- Courtyard Marriott Hotel Fund
- DiCienzo Family Fund
- Ed & Jessica Friesen Fund
- Embassy Suites Hotel Niagara Falls Fallsview Fund
- Hay Family Fund
- Hilton Niagara Falls Fallsview Fund
- Niagara Falls Community Fund
- Ripley's Great Wolf Lodge Fund

Niagara-on-the-Lake Funds

- Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Fund
- Debi Pratt Fund
- Joan & Larry Bourk Fund
- Vanessa & Evan Brazeau Fund
- Vintage Hotels Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Fund
- * Tansey-Fitzsimmons Fund

Niagara West Funds

- Bruce & Bonnie Wallace Family Fund
- Ericway Tire Community Fund
- Ken and Jennifer Southward Family Fund
- M. K. Rittenhouse Family Fund
- Niagara West Community Fund

Pelham Funds

- Adamson Family Fund
- Augustyn Berkhout Family Fund
- Pelham Community Fund

Port Colborne Funds

- Brend Butler Family Fund
- Dr. Jane Parr and Craig Spriegel Family Fund
- Dr. Scotty & Kay Wilson Legacy Fund
- Gary Talosi Thanks Port Colborne Fund
- Gordon Hurst Fund
- Hartley & Florentine Wallace Fund
- James & Landy O'Donnell Fund
- John and Darlene Tuck Family Fund
- Marsh Family Fund
- Port Colborne Community Fund
- Port Colborne Downtown Cruisers Assoc. Fund
- Tom and Mary Cronin Fund
- Verna and Maurice Walker Fund

St. Catharines Funds

- Burgoyne Doolittle Fund
- Caplan Family Anniversary Legacy Fund
- Durward Jones Barkwell
- Investing in St. Catharines Youth Fund
- Jean Whitty Family Fund
- Newman Rigby Family Fund
- St. Catharines Fund
- Whyte Family Endowment Fund

Thorold Funds

- Thorold Community Fund
- Mario and Rachel De Divoitis Fund

Wainfleet Funds

- Robson Family Fund
- Wainfleet Community Fund

Welland Funds

- Angie & Gary Talosi Family Fund
- Groom Jensen Family Fund
- Neill Terry Family Fund
- Peter & Andrew Papp Family Fund
- Raymond & June Harper Fund
- Welland Community Fund
- Welland Mayor's Children & Youth Fund

Smart & Caring Community Impact Funds

Donors are passionate about causes that matter to them, ranging from education and the environment to children, culture, health and welfare. Since the Foundation supports all charitable sectors we have the ability to connect donors' passions with local organizations through the creation of Smart & Caring Community Impact Funds. These funds can be opened with \$25,000 which can be pledged over a five-year period. Once a fund is opened, donations can be added to any of the funds listed below. Named funds can be created within an existing Smart & Caring Fund with a \$5,000 donation.

Animal Welfare

- **Smart & Caring Animal Welfare Fund for Niagara**
- Earl & Ida Clarke Animal Welfare Fund
- LetPets Live Fund
- Niagara Falls Humane Society Shelter Enhancement Fund

Culture

- **Smart & Caring Cultural Endowment Fund for Niagara**
- Alice Crawley Endowment Fund for Women Artists' Fund
- Arthur Dalfen Fund
- Arts & Heritage Community Development Fund for the Old Town of NOTL and Village of Queenston
- Audrey Shimizu Memorial Fund
- Carol Leppert Music Fund for Steele Street School
- Carol Leppert Music Fund for Winger Public School
- Christopher John Slater Fund
- Grimsby Museum Endowment Fund
- Mayholme Foundation Fund
- * Music Niagara Endowment
- Niagara Children's Chorus Fund
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Library Michael Dietsch Fund
- * Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum Fund
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library Fund
- Niagara Symphony Association Endowment Fund
- Pelham Public Library Endowment Fund
- Regan Peacock-Fung Memorial Art Fund
- Robert Cooper Choral Scholars Fund
- Smylski-Attenborough Fund
- Valentina McLeod Fund

Children & Youth

- **Smart & Caring Children & Youth Fund for Niagara**
- Ann Fast Fund
- Anna Angelone Endowment Fund
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Endowment Fund
- Brend Butler Family Fund 4
- Brock Leaders Citizenship Society Fund
- CARMI for Kids Fund
- David and Susanne DiLalla Howes Family Fund
- * Education Foundation of Niagara Medical Needs Fund in Honour of Cindy Paskey
- Hammond Family Fund
- Investing in St. Catharines Youth Fund
- Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara Fund

- Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services Endowment Fund
- Ontario Endowment for Children & Youth in Recreation
- Pathstone Foundation Fund
- Gark Family Fund
- Robert A. Lavelle Memorial Fund
- Secord-Reid Family Fund
- Summer Camp Fund
- Touch a Truck Niagara Early Childhood Literacy Fund
- Welland Flatwater Fund
- Young Children Priority First - Kiwanis Fund

Education & Leadership

Smart & Caring Education & Leadership Fund for Niagara

- Anonymous Fund
- Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie Fund
- Alice Downie- Bacon Designated Fund
- Ann Speedie Niagara Concerts Memorial Fund
- Aspiring Healthcare Leaders in Niagara Bursary Fund
- CFUW St. Catharines 100th Anniversary Scholarship Fund
- CFUW St. Catharines Endowment Fund
- CFUW Welland & District Charitable Trust Scholarship Fund
- Children of Niagara's Migrant Workers Award Endowment Fund
- Chuck & Judy Smith Bursary Fund
- DiCienzo Family FT Fund
- Education Foundation of Niagara Bursary Fund for DSBN Academy Students
- Education Foundation of Niagara Bursary Fund for DSBN Students
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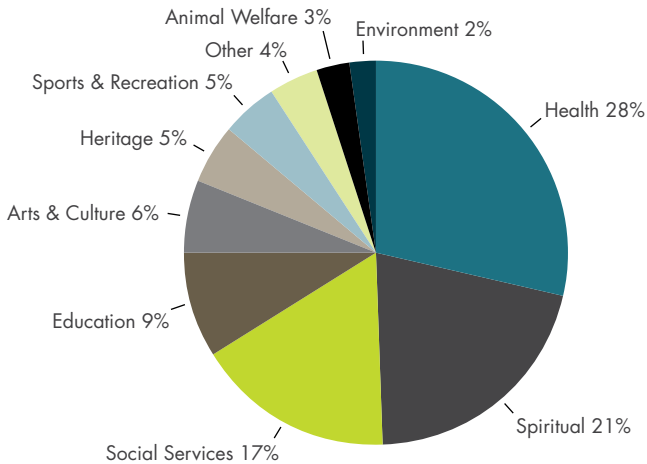
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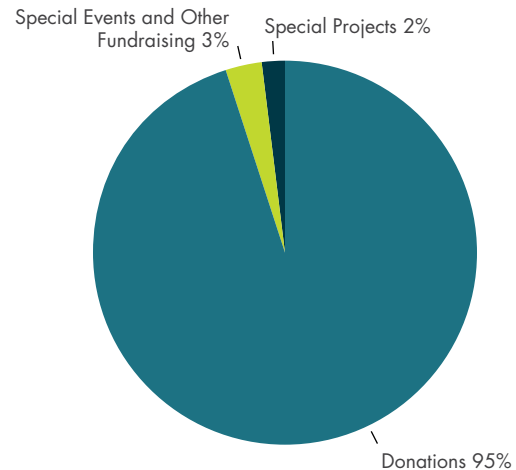
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	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Assets	\$56,049,748	\$50,618,663	\$31,610,499	\$28,967,043
Gross Fundraising and Event Revenue	\$271,150	\$282,101	\$257,438	\$249,995
Total Donations	\$8,351,831	\$17,693,530	\$2,740,250	\$852,811
Total Revenue	\$8,918,937	\$21,511,634	\$5,011,267	\$3,613,545
Total Grants	\$1,984,261	\$1,300,524	\$1,309,871	\$1,473,494
Total Charitable Programs	\$125,743	\$139,595	\$124,952	\$100,573
Total Special Projects	\$147,980	\$91,098	\$51,171	\$50,227
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$236,669	\$218,630	\$246,539	\$185,848
Total Administrative and Governance Expenses	\$557,777	\$427,369	\$432,583	\$395,459
Total Endowments	\$54,492,103	\$49,440,071	\$30,649,093	\$28,731,520
% of Admin/Governance to Total Endowment	1.02%	.86%	1.41%	1.38%
% of Fundraising Expenses to Total Endowment	.43%	.44%	0.80%	0.65%

ALLOCATION TO GRANTS & CHARITABLE PROGRAMS



SOURCE OF REVENUE \$8,351,831



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FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Governance

The Board's role is to set policy and to question, scrutinize and monitor the management of the Foundation's affairs. It is a role of governance as opposed to operational management. The Board's primary responsibility is to build and ensure sound management of the Foundation. It oversees the Foundation's management and ensures that the affairs of the Foundation are being conducted in a manner that achieves its goals, consistent with the Foundation's mission. The Board meets five times throughout the year plus a special meeting for strategic planning. The Role of Board and Executive and the Scope of Authority policies are in place to delineate responsibility between board and staff. The Board has also adopted a Code of Ethics and Confidentiality policy for board, staff and volunteers.

Operations

The Foundation's staff is led by the Executive Director, who reports to an independent board of directors. Operating costs include asset development, charitable activities, special projects, administration and governance. Once again, the Foundation also received funding in 2018 from Niagara Region to support two Convener positions for the Niagara Prosperity Initiative. This funding enables us to bring community groups together to guide poverty reduction initiatives.

Fund development, administration and governance expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 totaled \$794,446. This figure does not include special projects that were funded separately from normal operating revenue. The expense of development activities is not necessarily related to the donations received in any one year and gift delays result in costs preceding the receipt of gifts by several years (for example, gifts in wills and life insurance). As a result, consistent with the community foundation sector, operating costs are evaluated by a ratio of total core operating expenses (excluding special projects) to total assets. For 2018, that percentage was 1.03% (up marginally from 0.90% in 2017, but down from 1.60% in 2016 and 2.04% in 2015), which is below the range of community foundations of similar size and stage of development. Each endowment fund is charged a pro-rated administration fee of up to 1.25 per cent which helps to offset these expenses.

Investment Fees and Returns

The Foundation's investments are pooled with a number of other public foundations and charities in an investment pool with the Toronto

Foundation (TF). This relationship has been in place since 2001 and is re-evaluated on a regular basis by the Investment Committee.

The endowments are invested in accordance with the investment policy established by TF's Board and are part of NCF's Investment Management Agreement with TF. Our Investment Policy is available at www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org. All portfolios are managed by professional investment managers and in accordance with the policy.

LONG TERM STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION

ASSET CLASS	PERMISSIBLE RANGE
Cash and cash equivalents	0% to 50%
Fixed Income Instruments	0% to 50%
Total Fixed Income	5% to 50%
Global Equities*	0% to 65%
Other Strategies**	25% to 50%
Total Equities & Other Strategies	50% to 95%

* Global Equities may include Canadian, US, International and Emerging Markets equities. They may be diversified by size (large cap, small and mid-cap), style (value & growth) and other factors such as high dividend stocks.

** Other Strategies may include benchmark-free and absolute return strategies.

The average investment fee paid for 2018 was 0.57% for funds in the TF investment pool. The investment fee is charged monthly to each fund on a pro-rated basis. The Foundation's annualized five-year (2014 to 2018) rate of return is 5.7% (net of fees).

In November 2012, the board of the Foundation made a commitment to invest \$500,000 in the Community Forward Fund, a social finance investment fund. The initial draw on this investment took place in February 2014. As of December 31, 2018 the Foundation has invested \$474,758 in this fund. For 2018 the investment returns on this fund were 3.0% (unaudited as of March 2019). The Board is willing to have a lower return because 100% of the capital is invested with non-profits and charities.

FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

HIGHLIGHTS

Risk Management

The Board has a comprehensive Risk Management Policy covering legislative and legal, fiscal performance, financial reporting, management of volunteers, effective management and governance, economic risk, and donor and volunteer stewardship. The Finance Committee reviews the Foundation's exposure to risk and mitigants to address perceived or actual risks annually. The Board regularly considers risk exposure as part of its deliberations. The price risk related to investments arises due to fluctuations as a result of changes in market prices whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual security or its issuer or factors affecting all securities traded in the market. Accordingly, the Foundation is exposed to the effects of the market fluctuations. While market risk cannot be eliminated, the Foundation's Investment Policy addresses this risk with parameters for both asset quality and diversification.

Accreditation

In 2012, the Foundation received accreditation through Imagine Canada's Standards Program. The Foundation was one of the first community foundations accredited in Canada. The program offers a Canada-wide set of shared standards for charities and nonprofits wishing to enhance their effectiveness in the fundamentals of governance, paid-staff management, financial accountability, fundraising and volunteer management. The program includes a voluntary accreditation program for organizations wishing to publicly demonstrate they have successfully met the standards through a third-party peer review process.

Evaluation

The Board has adopted a comprehensive annual process to evaluate its performance. The results of the evaluation are reviewed at its November meeting where actions to improve board performance are implemented. Moving forward the evaluation will be reviewed at the April meeting. This process is done on a biennial basis with Foundation committees. Employees of the Foundation participate in bi-annual performance appraisals, which include on-going review throughout the year. The Executive Director's review is presented bi-annually to the Board by the Board Chair.

Compensation

The Board has established salary ranges for each of the Foundation employees. The ranges are determined based on reviewing similar positions within the community foundation sector across Canada as well as similar positions within Niagara. Ranges are adjusted regularly to reflect cost of living changes. Movement through the range is dependent on performance. For 2018, \$104,030 was expended for the Executive Director's salary.

Board Recruitment, Orientation and Training

The Bylaws of the Foundation set out the Board recruitment process. Nominees from across Niagara are identified based on current board attributes and future strategic needs. The Board is comprised of 17 members who are elected for a three-year term, which can be renewed once. The term can be extended if a Director is serving as the vice-chair, chair or past-chair.

New Directors take part in a formal orientation program. Board training takes place at each meeting and additional opportunities are provided throughout the year for members to participate in professional development provided by Community Foundations of Canada.

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The contribution of time and talents of our volunteers, donors and staff is the 'intangible wealth' of the Foundation. Starting in 2012 we began tracking the number of hours our volunteers contributed. Last year they contributed 1,763 hours, and based on \$15/hr hour, this gift works out to \$26,445 in support! Thank you so much for this amazing contribution of time and talent.

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