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For donors, it is a **simple process** that can be completed in minutes, and if you hold **BCE stock** that you are not sure what to do with, be sure to remember that the GCF can help. Your charitable goals can be achieved while taking advantage of this **tax incentive**.

Contact our office or your professional advisor for more information. ☎



New funds established in Fall 2007

- ~ Ages Foundation Fund
- ~ Ken Boyd Fund
- ~ Ken Danby Legacy Fund
- ~ William Darragh Gastle Endowment Fund
- ~ Kathie Deters Young Performers Fund
- ~ Friends of the Public Library Fund
- ~ Train Family Fund
- ~ William Mactaggart Fund
- ~ The Masquerade Fund
- ~ William D. Packham Fund
- ~ Dr. Charles Pinch Fund
- ~ Nicholas Lambden Children's Foundation Fund
- ~ Gary Zuber-Onward Willow Endowment Fund

Thank-you for establishing these wonderful legacies!

Inspiring change & making a difference

Through pooling charitable gifts, both large and small, from many donors, the GCF creates permanent, income earning funds that will benefit the community. The earnings are efficiently distributed while the **wishes of our donors** are carefully respected.

This work is the basis of **our goal** to support our citizens, help charitable organizations succeed, and improve the lives of as many people as possible within our community.

For many years, people from all walks of life have contributed to the GCF with **gifts** during their lifetime and **bequests** in their wills. These gifts support a wide range of projects in response to community need. As our grant making is broad in scope, our efforts strive to strengthen all of our neighbourhoods and families.

The GCF considers grants for charitable organizations that fall into the following categories:

- ✓ Arts & Culture
- ✓ Recreation
- ✓ Health & Wellness
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Social Service
- ✓ Children & Youth
- ✓ Education

For information about our Grants Program and grant applications that we are currently accepting, we ask you to visit our website at www.guelphpcf.ca. ☎

Community Matters

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Measuring the pulse of our community

In 2008, The Guelph Community Foundation, along with 15 community foundations across Canada, have chosen to take part in a program called **Vital Signs®**. This program is a way to assess the health, identify significant trends, and to provide feedback on 10 key areas that are essential to the quality of life in Guelph and Wellington County. It will create a **report card** of our community.

The **core issue** areas that the Vital Signs® project focuses on are:

- ✓ Gap between rich & poor
- ✓ Health & wellness
- ✓ Learning
- ✓ Getting started in our community
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Arts & culture
- ✓ Work
- ✓ Belonging & leadership

Vital Signs® will allow the GCF to get an in-depth understanding of the issues that are directly affecting our community. Data and statistics will be compiled with the help of community experts. Results from the project, to be released October 7th, will increase the **effectiveness** of our grant making and better inform our donors about issues and opportunities in the community. ☎



Vital Signs®

Community foundations taking the pulse of Canadian communities.

The Nicholas Lambden Children's Foundation Fund

The thought of losing a child is a heart breaking one that crosses every parent's mind at one point or another. All parents strive to keep their children safe, but we all know accidents can happen, no matter how hard we try. Last year, Susan and Andrew Lambden established the **Nicholas Lambden Children's Foundation Fund** to honour the memory of their 10 year old son Nicholas who passed away on February 12, 2007.



Although his team was like his second family, Nicholas was more than just an awesome left winger for the AA Guelph Junior Storm. He was a great kid with personality plus. He was an *incredible* friend. He was an all around *super* athlete who loved all kinds of sports from soccer to sailing. At school, he was a *diligent* student, reading buddy, lunchroom helper and member of the school patrol team. Nicholas was a loving, sensitive, caring child *who cared* about the well being of others. Nicholas is loved and missed by all those whose lives he touched, especially his sister and best friend Maddie.

To-date, the GCF has received \$12,700 in donations directed to Nicholas's fund. Whether it be a healthy breakfast, a reading program, sports equipment, or improving the life for another child, the Lambden family will build upon **Nicholas's legacy** by helping other children.

If you would like to make a donation to Nicholas's Fund, simply fill out the enclosed donor card and send it to us with your cheque. ☎

GCF Mission

To enhance the quality of life and vitality in Guelph and surrounding communities by supporting and promoting endowments and donor service, grant making and community leadership.

GCF Vision

To leave our community greater, better and more beautiful than it was given to us through the philanthropic leadership of those in our area.

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A message from Cindy Lindsay, Executive Director

In this issue, I would like to say **thank you** and **welcome** to all of our new donors and fund holders to The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF). Although the GCF is beginning its 8th year, we are still unknown to many in our community. We are a public **not for profit** Foundation, and we are not alone, there are 162 Community Foundation's across Canada, each serving their own local area.

The question that is constantly asked to us by new donors is, “*what makes you different from all of the charities out there?*”. We answer this question with the word ‘**endowment**’. Our mandate is to place your gift in our permanent endowment fund in perpetuity. In plain English, this means that your gift is invested as capital, and the interest income is granted out to the community every year. **forever!**

Let me tell you about our gang buster year. In 2007 we received \$2.8 million in new gifts bringing our endowment up to \$6.3 million. Based on our interest income from 2006 (10.5% ROI), we were privileged to be able to grant over **\$140,000** out to the community from our **endowed** asset pool. From sending kids to camp, scholarship programs, arts and culture initiatives, helping immigrant women, to funding hockey for the disabled, more than 50 charitable organizations were supported this year.

On page 3, we have listed our fall grants, however you can access **all** of our grants at www.guelphcf.ca. You will notice that our granting for 2007 far exceeds the amount stated above, that is due to our donor service – where we can receive a substantial gift and flow it through to the charity(s) important to the donor. Since we are able to accept **many types** of donations such as ‘*gifts of securities*’, donors turn to us to assist them with their charitable giving.

Connecting donors to causes that matter is what we do! If you would like to learn more about us or if I can answer any questions, please give me a call at 519-821-9216. ☺



What are Charitable Endowment Funds?

Hopewell Children's Homes,

established over 20 years ago, is an organization in our community that operates several residential, respite and recreational programs for **children and adults** with high developmental needs.

In 2007, Hopewell established an endowment fund with the GCF. “We are very pleased to be associated with the GCF and this fund will build upon our sustainability in the community,” stated Executive Director John Oosterhuis. “Hopewell works closely with families and enjoys great support from the Guelph community and partner agencies. We want to ensure that we can offer services to individuals with high medical and behavioural needs, not just today, but for generations to come.”

Building an **enduring legacy** of positive change is what charitable organizations strive for. Like Hopewell, organizations establish endowment funds for different reasons - but with the **ultimate goal** of being a healthy and stable organization.

Sometimes generosity requires us to stand in the shadows so that others can take their time in the sun.

Anyone can donate a gift to our Charitable Endowment Funds!

Just fill out the enclosed donor card and send it to us with your cheque, it's that simple!

If you would like to give a gift of appreciated securities, you or your advisor can call our office to learn about the process.



Building community one grant at a time ... \$333,900 in Fall grants

Musagetes Fund -\$58,680:
 \$18,500 -Macdonald Stewart Art Centre
 \$5,000 -ED Video
 \$5,000 -Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival
 \$5,000 -Guelph Festival of Moving Media
 \$5,000 -Guelph Arts Council
 \$5,000 -Guelph Symphony Orchestra
 \$5,000 -Guelph Youth Singers
 \$5,000 -Royal City Musical Productions
 \$2,680 -Suzuki String School of Guelph
 \$2,500 -Anishnabeg Outreach

GCF Children and Youth/Community Fund -\$25,015:

\$5,015 -Guelph Youth Music Centre
 \$5,000 -Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis
 \$5,000 -Guelph Services for Persons with Disabilities
 \$3,000 -Anishnabeg Outreach
 \$3,000 -Volunteer Centre of Guelph Wellington
 \$2,000 -Neighbourhood Support Coalition
 \$2,000 -Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre

GCF Environmental Legacy Fund -\$2,000:

\$1,000 -Scientists in the Schools
 \$700 -Eramosa Institute
 \$300 -Elora Centre for Environmental Excellence

Other Endowed Funds:

Anne Hohenadel Fund
 \$385 -Puslinch Red Cross

Thelma Townsend Christie Fund

\$2,100 -Guelph Museums

Wynne Townsend Christie Fund

\$2,100 -Hospice Wellington

Guelph Arts Council-Jane Graham Fund

\$500 to Graeme Sheffield & \$100 to Peter Howlett

Scholarship Funds:
Andy Lindsay Memorial Fund
 \$400 -4-H Ontario

Bruce Graham Memorial Fund
 \$1,000 -Scott Swarbreck, University of Western Ontario

Class of '71 Award in Memory of Kathryn Winegard
 \$500 -Helena Liu, Centennial CVI

Guelph 175th Fund
 \$1,000 -Matthew Grime, Conestoga College

Guelph Chamber of Commerce Millennium Fund

\$500 -Merwais Gisavi, Conestoga College

Flow-through Funds:

Ray Scapinello Foundation Fund
 \$1,500 -Guelph Giants Hockey Association

Fathers Remembered by Daughters Fund

\$10,000 -Hospice Wellington

Janet Borg Memorial Foundation Fund

\$8,850 -St. Mary's Hospital Foundation (*Mammography for Life*)

The following grants have been directed to organizations by donors who wish to remain **anonymous**:

- \$152,270 -Hospice Wellington
- \$25,000 -University of Waterloo
- \$20,000 -CNIB Lake Joseph Centre
- \$6,500 -United Way of Guelph Wellington
- \$5,000 -Welcome Drop in Centre
- \$5,000 -Volunteer Centre of Guelph Wellington
- \$2,500 -Children's Foundation of Guelph Wellington
- \$1,000 -Habitat for Humanity
- \$1,000 -Developing Countries Farm Radio Network
- \$500 -Guelph General Hospital Foundation
- \$500 -River Run Centre

Our 8th year sending kids to camp

Over the past 7 years, the GCF has granted \$70,000 out to 25 community organizations to provide hundreds of children the **opportunity of summer camp**. These are kids that without financial assistance, would not be able to attend camp.

Kids-to-camp grants are made possible through four funds:

- ☺ The Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund
- ☺ Camp Discover Fund
- ☺ Casey's (Prime Restaurant) Kids for Sports Fund
- ☺ William Darragh Gastle Endowment Fund

From meeting new friends, acquiring a new skill, learning a new sport, or just having a ton of fun, summer camp has **special moments**. Hidden within these special moments are esteem building, independence, challenge, growth, achievement, and equally important - a breather for parents who have a child with special needs. Lets not forget the **leadership** programs for the youth who assist young campers, gain new skills and learn about the importance of giving back to their community.

Visit www.guelphcf.ca for information about camp eligibility, guidelines, deadlines and the application process. ☺



Camper from the 'Y' day camp.