



MEDIA ADVISORY

Guelph Community Foundation to announce over \$160,000 in Guelph grants as part of Canada's 150th

Canada's sesquicentennial is an historic moment with the power to bring people and places together as we dream big about our community and our country. In the spirit of this moment, our parent organization, Community Foundations of Canada, in collaboration with The Government of Canada, has activated a Community Fund for Canada's 150th which, combined with our own Community granting funds at The Guelph Community Foundation, create the opportunity for us to grant our largest amount since inception. The purpose of the grants is to support local community programs and activities that reflect our national core values to encourage, inspire and build engagement.

What: BUILDING COMMUNITY. CELEBRATING CANADA. Please join us for the announcement of our 2016 Grant Recipients.

Cyndy Moffat-Forsyth, Chair of The Foundation's Grants Committee, will announce over \$160,000 in Community Grants for Canada's 150th and Musagetes art & culture grants.

Ceremony to include Honour Guard, Guelph Pipe Band and Indigenous Territorial Acknowledgement.

Unveiling of first three "behind the scenes" mini-documentaries of grants in action with our community.

There will be a group photo with all attending grant recipients.

Date: Thursday October 6, 2016

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: The Atrium Lobby, River Run Centre

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About The Guelph Community Foundation and Canada's 150th:

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in promoting community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding communities. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of many donors into permanent, income-earning endowments. Income from the endowments supports a wide range of charitable programs and activities. Total funds under administration are \$13.3 million with over \$9 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, over \$3.6 million has been distributed to over 850 charitable initiatives.

This year, Community Foundations of Canada, in collaboration with the Government of Canada, have allocated The Guelph Community Foundation \$60,000 to supplement their traditional community granting funds. Therefore, over \$120,000 will be allocated at the Fall Grant Celebration this year, in addition to \$42,000 in Musagetes grants that support Art & Culture within our community. Together this injects over \$160,000 to support the vital work of community programs and activities, as we approach the 150th and support organizations that help make Guelph, and ultimately Canada, a great place to live, work and raise our children.

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