

we build community vitality



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GCF Welcomes New Executive Director ...

The Guelph Community Foundation welcomes Chris Willard as the new Executive Director. Chris comes to us from the Burlington Art Centre where he was the Director of Development and Marketing. He brings with him a wealth of non-profit and financial experience. "We are excited to have Chris on board," says GCF chair, Susan Brown. "Chris's background in finance will be an asset to the Foundation."

Chris commenced duties on August 27th. Donors and fund holders can contact Chris directly at cwillard@guelphcf.ca.

Celebrate with us ...

The Guelph Community Foundation - Fall Event

On Thursday, October 3rd from 4:00-6:00 PM, we invite you to join us at the River Run Centre to *celebrate* our 2013 grant recipients and *honour* our visionaries, volunteers, and donors. If you can attend, *RSVP* by *September 26th* to specialprojects@guelphcf.ca, or register on [Eventbrite](#).

Can't make it? If you would like to acknowledge the extraordinary work of our community organizations, consider a donation to our [GCF Community Fund](#). Anyone can give any amount to our Community Fund.

It's official ...

Mark your calendar for Random Act of Kindness Day - November 1, 2013.

November 1st may seem like a long way off, but a dedicated group of volunteers is hitting the ground running to let every company, club, classroom and congregation in Guelph know how they can be involved. It's free, it's easy and it's an amazing community builder. Visit our [website](#) to view our RAK toolkit and order your *Pay It Forward* cards. And please ... get social with us on Facebook and Twitter.

Community matters ...

Be the Change

The Distress Centre Wellington Dufferin is holding a training series in September to train volunteers for their help lines - both inbound and outbound calls. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.communitytorchlight.com.

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