

**June 2015**

## **\$100,000 to be awarded to successful grant applicants! Now accepting applications!**

Are you a community group seeking grant funds to support a project in the Guelph and surrounding area? The Guelph Community Foundation will be awarding approximately \$100,000 this year through its Community Grant Program (\$50,000) and its Musagetes Grant Program (\$50,000).

The Guelph Community Foundation invites applications from charitable organizations providing projects / activities in the following areas to apply:

- Health and Wellness
- Social Services
- Recreation
- Children and Youth
- Environment
- Education
- Arts and Culture



**The deadline for application submission is Friday July 24, 2015 at 4:00 PM.** For eligibility details, instructions and application forms, please visit our [website](#).

## **Over \$19,000 in grants awarded to Kids to Camp Programs across Guelph**

The Grants Committee at The Guelph Community Foundation has announced the recipients of their Kids to Camp grants for 2015. Thirteen area camps were selected to receive a total of **\$19,895** in fund dollars this year.

The camps selected for grants believe in the powerful impact that the camp experience can have on children and youth. They focus on providing a sense of belonging, building confidence, encouraging physical activity, promote a respect for the outdoors and an exposure to art and music.

The following summer camp programs have been selected to receive grant funds from The Foundation:

- Community Resource Centre of North & Centre Wellington
- Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre
- Better Beginnings, Better Futures (Guelph Onward Willow)
- Camp Stella Puella (a subsidiary of Designing Routes for Education and Mentorship)
- Canadian Diabetes Association
- Creative Encounters with Science
- Family & Children's Services of Guelph & Wellington County
- Great Big Theatre Company
- Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival
- Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition
- Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis
- Portage
- Rainbow Programmes for Children

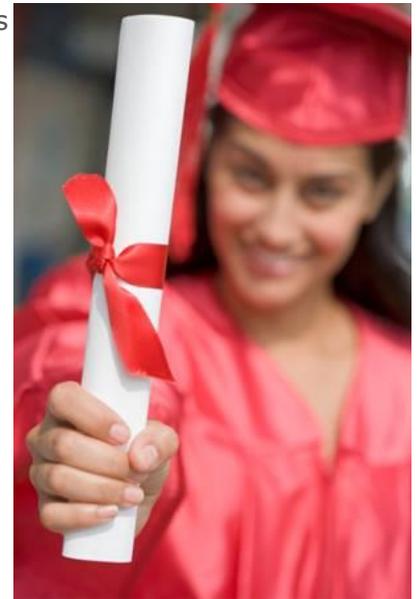


## 2015 Scholarships and Bursaries Awarded

Students who received scholarships and bursaries from our Education Grants are outstanding students in the Guelph and surrounding areas that stand out in their willingness to learn, willingness to help peers, and who set an example to their school communities. These deserving kids are extremely thankful for this financial support that could impact the rest of their lives as they move forward with their educational journey.

The Foundation granted over **\$24,000** this spring from the following funds:

- Smith Valeriotte Education Bursary
- Ray Scapinello Award
- John A. Hourigan Award
- Angelo & Rina Longo Award
- Eric Goegan Scholarship Award
- Class of '71 Award in Memory of Kathryn Winegard
- Mary Phelan Scholarship
- Frank Taylor Bursary



We will be featuring some stories about our Scholarship recipients in our next newsletter. They will touch your heart!

## 2015 Spring/Summer Legacy Newsletter

By now you may have received a paper copy of our newsletter - we hope you enjoyed it!

Our Spring/Summer issue includes two amazing Grant Impact stories and some updates on our new board members, and other Foundation news.

If you missed it, please click [here for an electronic copy](#) or [contact us](#) and we would be happy to mail you one.

**THE GUELPH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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**Grant Impact**

## the Spark that started a fire

HOW THE GUELPH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPED IGNITE A NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN

**W**e live it when a good-news story comes our way. And we love to see how our small investments in community can create impact that creates a ripple effect across Canada. That's what happened with an organization called The Canadian Families & Corrections Network (CFCN).

We were drawn to CFCN because they help build stronger communities by assisting families and children who have been affected when a parent has been incarcerated, and they help with the reintegration process. Their hope is to support these families who suffer in shameful silence, and work to help break the cycle for future generations.

Earlier this year we partnered with CFCN and held an event in Guelph with the goal of reaching families in the Guelph community who might benefit from these services. It was their first event in Canada, and the goal at the event was to generate awareness of the CFCN and the services they provide, the resources they offer and the network of support they can connect people with. Our partnership with CFCN allowed them to distribute a children's book called "Jeffrey Goes to Jail", written by Marg Hildner and illustrated by Shawn Cox. The book has been recognized by the United Nations and provides a forum to help children through the process of a parent going to jail.

"To say the least, the event was an unexpected success", said Louise Leonard, Executive Director of CFCN.

Leonard, Executive Director of the Canadian Families and Corrections Network. "We didn't anticipate that we would receive such incredible support from the community, and we couldn't be more thrilled". It was a chance to bring people together who are involved in the corrections and law enforcement fields and continue to establish a network of support for the families who need our help and have nowhere to turn for it," explains Leonard.

With over 1600 children in Guelph whose lives have been affected by crime within their family, and who are dealing with loneliness, shame, anger, grief, community isolation, school bullying – this event sparked a flurry of calls to the toll free help line and indicated there is a true need within our community.

"As a result of that first event in Guelph, we now have 12 communities across Canada who want to run a similar event," Leonard is proud to report. "Calgary, Halifax, Toronto and St. John's are a few of the cities on the upcoming tour schedule for Legacy." She was inspired at the diversity of inquiries she received after the Guelph event – not just families affected by crime, but politicians, churches, community leaders and organizations. "It just demonstrates the incredible need that is out there and we couldn't have done it without the generosity and support of the Guelph Community Foundation."

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## Our Dine & Dance fundraising gala is 1/3 sold out!

You are invited to attend our Dine & Dance gala on **Saturday October 3, 2015!** You may have read about our gala in The Guelph Mercury or Guelph Tribune recently - in case you missed it, here's the latest from our gala committee! Tickets are selling quickly, so if you can join us, please secure your seats today! Visit our [gala website](#) for all the details and to purchase your tickets.

## GCF Dine & Dance Gala to raise money for community grants

Tickets for the October gala are selling fast - 1/3 sold out!

The Guelph Community Foundation's mandate has always been to enhance the quality of life and vitality in Guelph and surrounding communities. Every year they grant funds to various community projects and Kids to Camp programs. To celebrate their 15th Anniversary, The Foundation is throwing a Dine & Dance gala, presented by Bird Elinesky Schuett, that will help raise money for their community grant programs. The black & white event, scheduled for Saturday October 3, 2015, promises to be a night to remember. "The event is a chance for our community and friends to gather and support our common cause," shares Susan Brown, past Chair of The Guelph Community Foundation and Co-Chair of The Foundation's gala planning committee. In 2014 The Guelph Community Foundation dispersed over \$452,000 throughout the community in grants.

The gala organizers have created an enchanted evening that begins within the Old Quebec Street Shoppes. "We are transforming the inside of Old Quebec Street for the cocktail party and post-dinner portion of



Tickets are available for groups or individuals through the Snapd ticketing website or by visiting [www.gcfgala.com](http://www.gcfgala.com)

the evening," says Brown. Guests will stroll to pre-selected gala-appointed restaurants to enjoy their chef-inspired dinner before returning to Old Quebec Street for the grand finale.

"One of our gala restaurants is already sold out," says Kevin McKittrick, Guelph entrepreneur, event planner and member of the Foundation's gala planning committee. The gala has appointed a select group of restaurants to participate, including Baker

Street Station, Atmosphere, Bite Catering at The River Run Centre, Buon Gusto, The Joint, and Ox Restaurant. Guests select their restaurant choice at time of ticket purchase. Each restaurant will be serving similar menu options, with their own creative spin on how it is presented. After dinner, guests return to Old Quebec Street for a live and silent auction and elimination draw, sponsored by Knar Jewellery.

Music will be an integral part of the Dine & Dance gala, with a live trio playing jazz at the cocktail reception, and performances by the Juno-nominated band "God Made Me Funky". The 8-piece band is full of first class professional musicians which has earned them the reputation as one of the most in-demand bands on Toronto's private events scene. The band performs hits from the '70s, '80s and beyond. "There is something for everyone in their repertoire," says Brown.

Ken Hammill, founding member of The Guelph Community Foundation is nostalgic about the event. "We are celebrating our 15th Anniversary as a Foundation this year," says Hammill. "Fifteen years ago, a small group of us in the community had a vision to band together and invest into the

community in a way that keeps giving every year forever. To date, we have given more than \$3 million in grants to over 800 local organizations. It is rewarding to see how we continue to grow and make a difference in our community."

Gala organizers are encouraging people to purchase their tickets now to avoid missing out. Larger groups are encouraged to buy their gala ticket for Bite at River Run, as it accommodates larger tables.

Sponsor opportunities are still available, and Silent Auction donations are welcome. Tickets are open to the public and everyone in the community is invited. Tickets are \$150 each. For more information and ticket information please visit [www.gcfgala.com](http://www.gcfgala.com)

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