



Guelph Community Foundation grants \$146,470 to 36 local charities

Vital Signs data helps Foundation strategically direct resources

The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) announced Community Grants and Musagetes Fund recipients for 2018 at an October 10, 2018 fund holder event at The Life Centre.

“This year, The Guelph Community Foundation’s Grants Committee used its [Vital Signs report](#) and findings to determine where community grants could support the needs of our community,” said Chris Willard, Executive Director, The Guelph Community Foundation. “We supported organizations that could work together to move the needle on where it’s needed most.”

“The purpose of Vital Signs is to take the pulse of our community to identify what we are doing well as a community, but also areas where we need to improve,” says Cyndy Moffat Forsyth, Chair of the Grants Committee. “Using this information means we can align our granting, our community activities and our partnerships to address Guelph and the surrounding area’s priorities. In addition, aligning to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s) connects Guelph and Wellington County’s local efforts to a global agenda for positive change.”

The following organizations and programs will be receiving funding:

Art With Impact Canada – Movies for Mental Health at University of Guelph
Beginnings Family Services – Parenting 1-On-1 Workshops
Bereaved Families of Ontario – Midwestern Region - Living with Loss and Anything but Merry
Best Buddies Canada – Nurture & Expansion Campaign
Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington - One to One Match Program
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph – Play On! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds
Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo/Wellington – Community Safe Talk Workshops
Child Witness Centre – 2019 Guelph and Wellington County Youth Symposium
Community TorchLight – Wrap Around Training, Creating Confident Volunteers
Community Resource Centre of North and Centre Wellington – Emergency Food Security Program
Family Counselling and Support Services for Guelph/Wellington – Breaking Free Better Choices
Food4Kids Waterloo Wellington – Food4Kids Guelph Expansion Program
Grand River Conservation Foundation – Guelph Lake Nature Centre Creature Homes
Guelph Chinese Performing Arts – Performances for Community
Guelph Community Health Centre – Community Food Market Brant Expansion
Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition – Accessible Community Yoga
Guelph Humane Society – Pets in Transition Program
Guelph Youth Music Centre – Community Outreach Programs
HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre – Better Sleep Program
March of Dimes Canada – Family and Caregiver Transitional Program

Out on the Shelf – Expansion of Guelph-Wellington LGBTQ+ Library Resources
Shelldale Better Beginnings, Better Futures – Junior Roots Program
Start2Finish Canada Running & Reading Clubs of Guelph
The Life Centre – Meal Program for the Agape Café
The Portage Program for Drug Dependencies – Guelph Aftercare Support Program
Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre – Equine Empowerment Program
Wyndham House – Community Engagement Fund
YMCA/YWCA of Guelph – *SHARKS (Safe Healthy Aquatic Recreation for Kids)*
TOTAL 2018 COMMUNITY GRANTS **\$100,470**

Musagetes Fund (a donor advised fund at The Guelph Community Foundation)

For 2018, The Musagetes Fund goal is to make arts more central and meaningful in people's lives. They are looking for innovative and bold projects that help with new approaches to building community and culture. The following projects will be funded for 2018.

Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition – Blackball
Ed Video – Filmmaking Workshop for Deaf Artists
Art Gallery of Guelph – The House Project – Rooftop Oracle
Guelph Museums – Galt 240: Reflection and Reconciliation
Guelph Jazz Festival – Play Who You Are: KidsAbility Youth Ensemble with SlowPitchSound
Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival – Breaking Ground Mentorship Program
Guelph Arts Council – Making Art, Making Change
Art Gallery of Guelph – Middlebrook Prize for Young Canadian Curators
Guelph Film Festival and Ed Video – Anthropocene

TOTAL 2018 MUSAGETES FUND **\$46,000**

About The Guelph Community Foundation

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. The income from the endowments supports a range of charitable programs and activities. Currently, the Foundation administers \$14.4 million in funds with \$10.4 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, \$4.2 million has been distributed to more than 950 charitable programs.

The Guelph Community Foundation is located at 46 Cork Street East in Guelph. For more information on how you can invest for community impact, please visit guelphcf.ca.

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