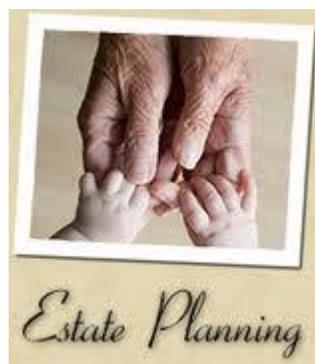




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Leaving a Legacy

A new year can bring new resolutions and new perspectives. For some of our donors and fund holders, it has prompted a review of their legacy plans. If you're thinking of leaving a legacy gift through your Will, you can designate a gift, a portion, or percentage of your estate to the Guelph Community Foundation and in some cases receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.



Talk to us about your options; we'll treat your questions with the utmost care and confidentiality and help you build a personal philanthropic plan. Visit [our website](#) for additional information or [contact our office](#) for *Sample Will Wording*.

Grant Impact

Evaluation reporting is the final stage of The Guelph Community Foundation's granting process and is a condition of all Community Grants awarded. It's our job to learn more about the ingredients for project success and to ensure project dollars are spent as originally outlined. Competition for available grant dollars continues to grow and in recent years requests for funds outstripped available dollars by more than a 1:3 ratio. We're pleased to bring you updates on past grants and share how philanthropy changes lives.

Community Grant Spotlight

Guelph Public Library - Opening Minds to a Lifetime of Learning

Thanks to a recent community grant from The Guelph Community Foundation, The Guelph Public Library purchased an Early Literacy Station (ELS) - a comprehensive digital learning solution for children aged 2-8 for its East End library branch.



The child-safe browser and educational content enable endless opportunities for exploration, learning, and fun. To date, ELS have provided over 100 million hours of learning time for children and young minds around the world, and the machine has already proven to be a huge hit at GPL early on. In its first month so far, East Side library customers have used the ESL station 428 times (logins). With roughly 1.5-2 sessions per hour on average - the machine rarely has time to fall-asleep!

As popular as the ELS is with children, the parents love it too, and often are seen sitting with their children to play. Three-year-old Mieke loves East Side's new Early Literacy computer, especially the Dora the Explorer game. "Mieke is really getting into digital work," says her mom. "The touch screen really connects her to the program." Families just cannot get enough of this great new learning tool!

To learn about other recent community grants, visit [our website](#). Details for the Foundation's next round of granting in 2014 will be posted on our website by late February.

Photo above: A Family using the ELS.

Community Matters

Giggle Fest Standup Comedy Night Saturday, February 1, 2014

Laughing is good for your health and your community! Meridian Credit Union and the Royal City Lions are presenting the 2nd annual Gigglefest Standup Comedy Night at Evergreen Seniors Community Centre on February 1st. Net proceeds raised are in support of Canadian Diabetes Association, The Guelph Community Foundation and the United Way. Tickets are \$20 in advance or at the door. [Click here](#) for more information.

Ron Shuebrook: Drawings - January 23 to April 27,

2014

Guelph artist Ron Shuebrook is a painter, educator, and tireless arts advocate who has influenced nearly two generations of Canadian artists while remaining steadfastly committed to a deeply held set of Modernist and humanistic values. *Ron Shuebrook: Drawings* focuses on Shuebrook's rigorous drawing practice, featuring geometrically intricate, monochromatic drawings in charcoal on rag paper.

This project was funded in part by a grant from the Guelph Community Foundation through the 2013 Musagetes Donor Advised Grant Program, and with support from the Ontario Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts. [Click here](#) for more information.

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