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The Guelph Community Foundation

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Did you know that gifting shares that have appreciated in value can be a tax-effective planning tool?

The Federal Government has released a tax incentive to encourage individuals to increase their charitable giving.

Effective May 2006, individuals who donate publicly traded securities can eliminate the capital gain, which results in lower income taxes. In addition to the eliminated capital gains, a donor also receives a charitable donation tax receipt for the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the donated securities.



RBC Dominion Securities has recently released a very comprehensive article called 'Charitable Donations of Securities' that is now available on our website at www.guelphcf.ca. If you are thinking of donating shares, bonds, stocks or mutual funds and would like to know more, your Professional Advisor can help you with the details and handle all of the paperwork, it is a simple process.

Endowment fund celebrates 20 years of family support!

The year 2008 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Guelph Community Health Centre (GCHC). Anniversary celebrations will begin with a kick-off event in October 2007. Other events will follow beginning in January 2008 to commemorate 20 years since the first members of the Centre were enrolled and began receiving services.



One of the major strengths of the GCHC is its ability to serve and respond to the unique needs of its community. Over the past 20 years, the Centre has grown considerably, with an increasing number of programs available to support our community. GCHC currently provides support in 40 locations in the community and serves over 25,000 people. During the past year, over 11,000 children and 9,000 parents participated in programs through the Ontario Early Years Centre which operates from two locations within the GCHC.

Recently, the GCHC established a charitable endowment fund at The Guelph Community Foundation. To acknowledge this milestone anniversary, the Centre's Board of Directors is embarking on a 20-for-20 campaign to raise \$20,000 to kick-start the Fund. The theme of the celebration is Building Health...Growing Communities in recognition of the Centre's mission, to meet the health needs of those who face barriers to service and to encourage and support capacity building in our communities within Guelph.

The GCHC is asking for the support of the community to help meet this goal of \$20,000. Annual proceeds from this endowment fund will provide ongoing support for programs and necessary supplies and resources to continue to meet the growing needs of our community. If you would like more information, please contact Debbie Irwin at the GCHC: (519) 821-5363.

If you would like to make a direct donation to this fund just fill out the enclosed donor card and direct your gift to the Guelph Community Health Centre Endowment Fund. Mail this card with your cheque in the enclosed envelope. All donations will be issued a receipt for income tax purposes.

Community Matters

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The Guelph Community Foundation at-a-glance

Since year 2000 ...

- \$5.2 Million in Assets
1400 + Donors
58 Individual Funds
\$334,000 + Granted Since 2001
170 Grant Recipients

Community Needs Supported:

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



Photo Above: Renovations underway for the Guelph Youth Centre, who recently received a grant from the GCF's Ray Scapinello Foundation Fund

A community foundation is a collection of charitable funds established by people from all walks of life who have one thing in common - the desire to make a difference in their community, forever.

Each year we are inspired by the incredible generosity alive in this community. We are grateful to those who see the long term value in building a legacy on behalf of the community - value that will be realized tomorrow, next year and for generations to come.

What is a donor advised fund?

If giving is one of the family values you want to pass along, we can help build a tradition of giving.

Personal involvement. When you make a gift of cash, appreciated stock, or other assets to your community foundation, we can establish a Donor Advised Fund in your family's name. Family members of all ages can then work with our local grantmaking experts to suggest ongoing uses for your fund ... targeting the issues you care about most ... whether it's health care, kids, the environment or another area.



Lasting connections. Grants are issued to charities in the name of your fund. It's a powerful and highly personal approach to giving that helps your family members stay connected to the community ... and to each other. Call us or visit www.guelphcf.ca for more information.

GCF Mission

To enhance the quality of life and vitality in Guelph and surrounding communities by supporting and promoting endowments and donor service, grant making and community leadership.

GCF Vision

To leave our community greater, better and more beautiful than it was given to us through the philanthropic leadership of those in our area.

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## A message from Cindy Lindsay, Executive Director



### 2006: A Year in Review

We have been working harder than ever to support our donors, charitable organizations, and community as a whole. Connecting donors who care with the causes that matter is what we do.

2006 was a very exciting year for us. Donations of \$465, 310 and 10 new funds, that is *fantastic*. Donor's who set aside capital to generate annual investment earnings for the community require **vision** and **commitment**. 2006 showed excellent investment

returns of 9.5% which will advance the growth of each and every GCF Fund. Our receipting went through the roof as we issued close to 800 tax receipts (a 60% increase over 2005) ... it seems that 'giving' is contagious!

We experienced the highest granting year since inception as we granted out over \$104,000 to 62 recipients. Our community organizations have many amazing initiatives that were funded and it is our goal to build an effective and imaginative grants program.

In order for communities to make a dramatic difference in addressing local problems, they need to create the organizational capacity to bring people and sectors together, to think big, and to deal strategically with root causes. As we begin 2007, it is our goal to embark on the next page of our development. This year we plan to bring many groups together and begin research to determine what Guelph/Wellington needs most. What are the priorities and how will our donors respond to the solutions that our community organizations put on the table?

**Thank you** to each and every donor for your generous contribution and to all of the hard working organizations that make our community a better place. We look forward to a very dynamic year! ☺

## Summer opportunities for kids!

Since the Guelph Community Foundation began granting in 2001, the **Kids-to-Camp** program has been making it possible for children from the area to participate in camp activities that, because of financial needs, might not have otherwise been possible for them. In the last six summers, **over \$51,000** has been granted through this Fund that all began as a Guelph Mercury initiative.

The Foundation has three funds that support Kids-to-Camp programs:

- ☺ The Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund
- ☺ Camp Discover Fund
- ☺ Prime Restaurants (Casey's) Kids for Sports Fund

Over the years, 22 different organizations have been funded to assist families with the help they need. These camps work hard to not only keep costs low, but to incorporate activities that allow for inclusiveness and diversity.

Summertime is often a challenging time for parents, particularly low-income families who cannot afford the more expensive summer programs. Many families having a child with special needs are unable to afford camps with staff who are highly trained.

In addition to helping hundreds of children, we must not forget about 'Leaders in Training', a program that gives youth hands-on experience assisting younger campers, gaining leadership skills, and learning about the importance of giving back to their community in a way that is extremely valuable. ☺



Photo Above Courtesy of Neighbourhood Support Coalition: The bus trip to Toronto to see a Blue Jay's game was a highlight for many campers.

### What impact does a camp experience have to a child:

*"The recreational activities had a huge impact on my child's development. His participation increased his attention span and self-esteem. With his experience at camp, he is more willing now to try new activities that were challenging in the past", stated a parent from KidsAbility.*



Anyone can donate a gift to this fund! Just fill in the enclosed donor card and send it to us with your donation, its that simple!

## Healthy outlook ... stronger future!

Nutrition is essential for a child's learning. Each morning, up to 83 school-aged children are served a nutritious breakfast at *Onward Willow-Better Beginnings, Better Futures* before heading off to school. The children are also taught about 'healthy food choices' at a young age; this promotes a healthy lifestyle for their future. For some of the children in this neighbourhood it may be their only nutritious meal of the day. Make no mistake about it, although Guelph is a vibrant community, we have hungry kids in our own backyard.

Good **nutrition is vital** to a child's growth, development and well being. Research tells us that students are able to concentrate better and learn more effectively when they are well nourished. Breakfast programs help students perform better in school and develop better eating habits that contribute to their long-term health.

In Guelph, there are a number of **student nourishment programs** for children and youth. These include:

- ☺ Onward Willow BBBF – Breakfast Club at the Family Gateway
- ☺ Food & Friends (Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health) – breakfast & snack programs at 49 locations
- ☺ Change Now Youth Drop in Centre – serving 450 meals each month at the Norfolk United Church
- ☺ Of course, lets not forget Ontario's Food Banks where 40% of those served are children.

Provincial funding currently covers 9-12% of program costs, therefore, these programs must be funded from other areas. Last year, the GCF granted \$500 to the *Onward Willow Breakfast Club* and \$1,000 to *Food & Friends*. These programs received grants from the **Ray Scapinello Foundation Fund**, dedicated to 'at risk' children and youth in need. What impact does a \$500 grant provide? Although it is a small grant, it provides 454 nutritious breakfasts to students. The goal of these programs is to improve student nutrition and health (including obesity reduction), and increase student readiness to learn.

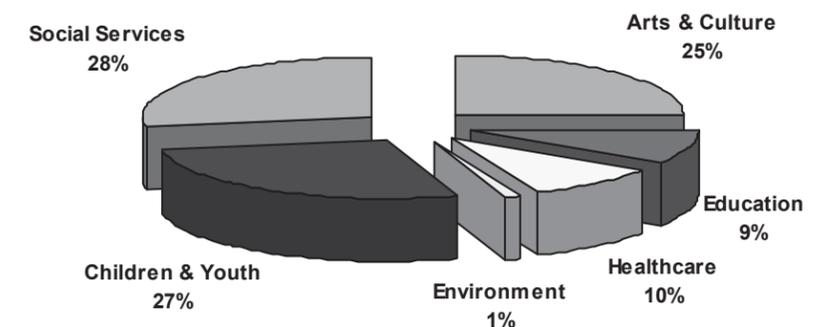


Photo Above: Jacky Su, Daniel Meyers, Raymond Su & Alex Sterling at The Breakfast Club

This year's Ray Scapinello Road Hockey Tournament will be held on April 14th. Proceeds raised from the tournament are distributed throughout the community through Ray's Fund, managed by **The Guelph Community Foundation**. In 2006, through the generosity of Ray and Maureen Scapinello, \$8,500 was granted out to the community specifically for children & youth. Visit [www.raysroadhockey.ca](http://www.raysroadhockey.ca) for more information about the tournament. ☺

Source: Ontario Hunger Report November 2006 & Investing in Ontario Children November 2004.

### Grants to-date by community sector



*Do not worry that what you give seems only a drop in the ocean; the ocean is made up of drops.*

Author Unknown ☺

Grants are made in response to applications which are carefully reviewed by the Grants Committee and approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors. For Donor Advised Funds, donors can get as involved as they wish in the granting process. Visit our website at [www.guelphcf.ca](http://www.guelphcf.ca) for more information on the granting schedule. ☺