

we build community vitality



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Now accepting applications for Community Grants and Musagetes Grants Program...

What happens when you combine good people, long term vision and sound community leadership? You get an endless stream of grants for great community programs. Endowments at The Guelph Community Foundation give back to the community for good... forever.

Two granting streams are now accepting proposals until July 26, 2013: The Community Grants Program and the Musagetes Grant Program.

The Community Grants Program: Several Foundation funds support the Community Grants program, including The Foundation's *Community Fund*, to which anyone can donate any amount. A number of local businesses, families, and individuals have also set up unrestricted funds in their name to support the Foundation's Community Grants program.

The Community Grants Program accepts applications from registered charitable organizations that provide projects/activities in: Health and Wellness, Social Services, Arts and Culture, Children and Youth, Recreation, Education, and the Environment. For 2013, a total of approximately \$50,000 is available with most grants ranging between \$1,500 to \$3,000.

Musagetes Grant Program: The Musagetes Fund, a donor advised fund, was created in 2004 to focus on performing, visual, and literary arts excellence in our community. Since then, the fund has disbursed more than \$220,000 locally. For 2013, the Musagetes Fund is particularly interested in new approaches to building community and culture. A total of approximately \$50,000 is available from the Musagetes Fund Grants Program.

Interested in applying to a granting program at The Foundation? Be sure to review specific eligibility criteria, project guidelines, and The Foundation's submission process, before completing an online application.

Guidelines and eligibility criteria are available on the [Grant Programs](#) area of our website.

Summer Camp Program gets big boost from Guelph Mercury

The *Guelph Mercury Kids to Camp Fund* is now in its 12th year of helping local children and youth participate in summer camp experiences. From Neighbourhood Support Coalition Camps to Sunrise Riding Camp to Camp Huronda (for children with Diabetes), support from several funds held at the Guelph Community Foundation aim to provide a fun and safe camp experience for numerous children who have not been able to attend a camp. Thanks to the Mercury for their fabulous support and kindness!



Above photo: Dave Kruse, General Manager, Guelph Mercury presents a cheque to Jay Elinesky, Past Chair, Guelph Community Foundation. Photo credit: Michael Bennett, Guelph Mercury.

What impact does a camp experience have on a child?

A camp counselor shares her thoughts:

When Amy came to camp, she was very quiet and barely spoke. She was hesitant to join in any activities that involved other children and preferred to be near a counselor or doing crafts by herself. By the third day, she began to talk and play with other campers. Through the camp, she was able to gain confidence and she developed new friends.

Camp is so much more than new songs and marshmallows! Thanks for making a difference.



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