

we build community vitality



January 2013 Guelph Community Foundation Update

new year, new perspective

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

Habitat for Humanity – Differently Abled

Early last summer, thanks to a \$4475.00 community grant from the Guelph Community Foundation, Habitat for Humanity set out to do a specialized build with local partners. This partnership project set up processes, training, recruitment and specialized communication strategies to enable individuals with a mental or physical disability to



participate in a local Habitat for Humanity build. Through a close working relationship with Community Living Guelph Wellington, Habitat received funding to offer skills training, provide a safe and engaging work experience and help 'differently abled' volunteers participate in a specialized build to include people with disabilities of any kind.

The project involved and empowered new volunteers, regardless of level of ability, and helped them feel a sense of community and accomplishment while developing new skills. Habitat, in turn, learned a great deal about site accommodations, inclusive and inviting language, and the ability to "think with a different outlook".

To learn about other recent community grants, visit [our website](#). Details for the Foundation's next round of granting in 2013 will be posted on our website by late February.

Photo above: Habitat Helpers at Work.

[community matters](#)

Giggle Fest Standup Comedy Night Saturday, February 2nd 2013

Laughing is good for your health and your community! Meridian Credit Union and the Royal City Lions are presenting a Gigglefest Standup Comedy Night at Evergreen Seniors Community Centre on February 2nd. Net proceeds raised are in support of Canadian Diabetes Association, The Guelph Community Foundation and the United Way. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. [Click here](#) for more information.

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