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The Guelph Community Foundation

If you would like to learn more, we would be pleased to share the impact of our presence and the level of granting that we have provided in such a short time.

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What is a Community Foundation?

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.

Donations to endowment funds are pooled together and invested. The income from these investments is then used to make grants to support local registered charities, while the capital remains untouched.

We are often asked how to make a gift to GCF. The Foundation accepts everything from loonies to legacies. Simple donations to existing funds can be any size.

Here are the steps:

1. Gifts we can accept: →

Cash or Cheque
Securities [stocks, bonds, mutual funds, stock option shares]
Life Insurance
Bequest
Real Estate & Residual Interest

2. Connect with a fund:

You can establish your own fund or support one of the GCF Funds currently held:

Type of Fund	What It Is	Sample Funds Currently Held
Unrestricted Fund	A donation to this fund gives the Foundation the greatest flexibility to be able to respond to the current and ever changing community needs.	~ Community Fund ~ Niagara Credit Union Fund ~ Co-operators Fund ~ Wm. K. Greenaway & Anne C. Bowden Fund
Field of Interest Fund	Donors identify an area of interest they would like to target their support.	~ Children & Youth Fund
Designated Fund	Gives donors the opportunity to specify which charities they would like to support in perpetuity.	~ Valcom Employee Guelph Health Centres Benefit Fund ~ Kiera Schneider Memorial Fund
Donor Advised Fund	Enables donors to have ongoing participation in the selection of charities that will benefit their gift.	~ Musagetes Fund
Scholarship Fund	Donors can support the continuing education or training of deserving students, or help with the financial challenges of post secondary education.	~ Angelo & Rina Longo Fund ~ Class of '71 Award in Memory of Kathryn Winegard
Charitable Endowment Fund	Allows registered charities to set up a fund without the responsibility of investment management. Once established, the charity can encourage their donors to contribute to their endowment fund.	~ Children's Foundation of Guelph & Wellington ~ River Run Centre Endowment Fund ~ Hospice Wellington Fund ~ Guelph Museums Fund
Managed Fund [non endowed]	Donations are collected on behalf of the fund and disbursed as needed.	~ Bishop's Education Fund/WCDSB ~ Guelph Girls Fastpitch Championship Fund

3. Donation is carefully invested & managed.

4. Charities may apply for funding.

Applications are evaluated by our Grants Committee to match the philanthropic wishes of the donor to make a visible and lasting difference in our community.

5. Grant making!

Grants are dispersed to a wide range of registered charities within Guelph and Wellington County in the following categories:

ARTS & CULTURE	EDUCATION	YOUTH & SENIORS
ENVIRONMENT	HEALTH	SOCIAL SERVICES

Each organization that receives a grant is required to complete an evaluation to monitor the success of the program. Our follow-up procedure allows us to assess the outcomes of our grants. ☺

Community Matters



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Hum Drum's ... the power of grantmaking!

In the spring of 2004, the Guelph Youth Music Centre was awarded \$3,000 from the Guelph Community Foundation's 'Children & Youth Fund'. This grant was used to purchase 20 djembes [drums] for children 6 to 13 years old in support of their Hum Drum's outreach program.

To-date, the Guelph Youth Music Centre has run four programs where children participate in hands-on drumming.

"With such a dynamic instructor as Fule Badoe, the participants quickly acquired drumming skills and within a few weeks were making music as an ensemble. You could see the joy and enthusiasm in their faces when they performed at the closing recital" stated Joanne Grodzinski from the Centre. ☺



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.

Mark Your Calendar

✓ **June 2, 2005**
All Welcome ~ Join us for our community celebration & bring a friend. See page 3 for details.

✓ **June 2005 ~ Annual Report Released!**
Visit the GCF website for exciting 2004 annual report information.
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Are You Familiar with the Guelph Community Foundation?

The Guelph Community Foundation has been in existence for 5 years. Although 'the Foundation' concept is new to Guelph, it certainly is not to over 145 cities and communities across Canada, with assets totaling \$2 billion. Many neighbouring communities like Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge, Hamilton, and Oakville all have their own community foundation. Although we all belong to and work under the parameters of Community Foundations of Canada, we strive to focus on the local issues that make each community unique. In 2004, Community Foundations of Canada experienced a year of record donations [\$210 million] and grants totaled an amazing \$95 million in support of local community programs across the country.

Donor benefits:

Permanence	Your gift becomes part of a permanent endowment fund that will give to the community in perpetuity.
Simple	Donors can create their own fund, establish a charitable legacy and simplify their giving.
Flexible	Choose from a variety of giving options to achieve your charitable and financial planning goals. You determine your involvement with the fund.
Tax Advantages	We are a registered charity recognized by CRA and we do give tax receipts for all donations. Your gift results in tax savings for you or your estate.
Fiscal Responsibility	Professional money managers invest the Foundations assets. If you set up a fund, you can expect to receive regular reports on your fund's performance as well as follow-up reports on the grants and the impact they have had on recipients.
Accountability	The GCF's volunteer Board of Directors are all community leaders and they oversee the activities of the Foundation.
Recognition or Confidentiality	You can be recognized as a donor or remain anonymous. It is your choice.

Grant Making Update!



Grants are made in response to applications which are carefully reviewed by the Grants Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

In 2004, GCF granted a total of \$33,488 to local organizations in the Guelph Wellington area.

In the Fall of 2004, grants were awarded out of the following funds:

1. **Laurie Nicholl Education Fund**
 \$2952 in student awards to 9 Guelph/Wellington students attending post secondary institutions across Canada.
2. **Class of '71 in Memory of Kathryn Winegard Award**
 \$500 awarded to Joel Belisle of Centennial CVI for achievement and determination.
3. **Bruce Graham Memorial Fund**
 \$1000 awarded to Felicia Owokolu attending the University of Alberta for outstanding accomplishment.
4. **Charlie Whittaker Fund**
 \$4900 to the West End Recreation Centre's swimming pool wheelchair lift.
5. **The Co-operators Fund**
 \$400 to Centre Wellington District High School toward the purchase of a video camera to assist in student assessment, video priming & assignment delivery for their Aspergers Support Program.
6. **The Sanctuary Woods Fund**
 \$2700 granted to both Fred A. Hamilton Public School and Jean Little Public School for the purchase of trees to provide shade for the children.
7. **Guelph Girls Fastpitch Championship Fund [Winter 2005 Grant]**
 \$10,000 towards 2 pitching machines, softballs, pitching screens, hitting tees & nets, Blastball program, pitching & catching clinics and final installation of fencing of dugouts at Exhibition Park.

Its All About the KIDS!

This past Thanksgiving, the Guelph Mercury successfully revived the historic Thanksgiving Day Races. Over 300 runners and walkers participated and over 1000 people took in the festivities of the Family Fun Day on a perfect fall day.

At the end of the day, \$2500 was raised for the Guelph Mercury Kids to Camp Fund. The Fund, held by the Guelph Community Foundation, provides disadvantaged children and youth the opportunity to experience the thrills of summer camp.

It's through efforts like this that GCF was able to grant \$8,556 last summer to 12 camps. Over 100 local children were then able to attend a camp specific to

their needs and interest.

Brenda Wiseman of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph stated that "many of the children in our program do not have access to the natural outdoor environment, live in high-density housing, and are in families with limited financial means. Over the summer, their time is unstructured. Time is filled hanging out in the neighbourhood and sometimes getting into trouble with both their parents and peers. Having a break from their parents, while spending their energies constructively in the outdoors learning new physical skills, teamwork, and problem-solving strategies, contributes to their growth and confidence."



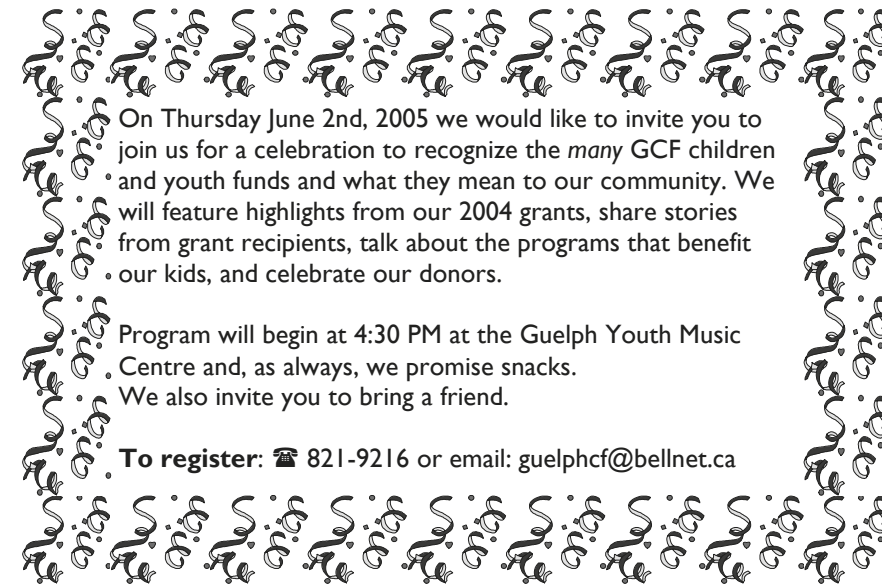
It's not just about sports, games and roasting marshmallows:

"Bobbie was sent to Camp Huronda shortly after he was diagnosed with Diabetes at age 10, because he was turned down from attending the camp he had gone to the previous summer. They said because he had diabetes he would be too much maintenance, and they didn't feel they could supervise him properly", stated a parent from a camp grant recipient.

Gaining knowledge about diabetes gives a child the opportunity to take responsibility for their disease and gain some independence from their parents. The \$1,351 received from The Guelph Community Foundation subsidized 3 children from Guelph to attend Camp Huronda. For a two week period the children learned to manage their diabetes and become confident in their own ability to handle the disease and enjoy the 'usual' camp experience safely.

Anyone can donate a gift to this fund! Just fill in the required donor information on the cut-away [on the following page] and send it to us with your cheque, its that simple!

Celebrating Our Connection to Children



On Thursday June 2nd, 2005 we would like to invite you to join us for a celebration to recognize the many GCF children and youth funds and what they mean to our community. We will feature highlights from our 2004 grants, share stories from grant recipients, talk about the programs that benefit our kids, and celebrate our donors.

Program will begin at 4:30 PM at the Guelph Youth Music Centre and, as always, we promise snacks. We also invite you to bring a friend.

To register: ☎ 821-9216 or email: guelphcf@bellnet.ca

New Funds for 2005

- KidsAbility Fund
- Ray Scapinello Foundation
- Prime Restaurants Fund for Kids

Thank you to our donors for creating these permanent legacies.



Participants crossing the finish line at the Thanksgiving Day Races where proceeds go to the Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund.

The GCF volunteers bring a wealth of talent and expertise to our work. Through their guidance and vision, we have made wonderful progress.

Over the years, the GCF has been most fortunate to have had superb leadership from Ken Hammill [below], who was the founder and first Chairman of the Foundation. Although Ken's term recently ended, he has agreed to extend his involvement on one of our many committees.



Dan Cremasco has stepped into the role of Chairman and he brings us great expertise in the accounting and auditing field as manager of the BDO Dunwoody office in Guelph. Dan has served on our Board for three years and is an active member in many community organizations.

Each member of our Board builds upon the success of those who have served in the past.

Thank you for your time and commitment!

Gifts enable The Guelph Community Foundation to support the many vital organizations in our community.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Postal Code: _____
 ☎: _____
 Fax: _____
 ✉: _____

Enclosed, please find my gift of \$ _____ for the Community Fund or _____ Fund.

I understand that my gift will be held in perpetuity. Income from the gift will be distributed annually to charitable projects that benefit the citizens of Guelph and area.
 Signature: _____

- I would like more information about:
- The Guelph Community Foundation
 - A named fund for my family or company
 - Including the Foundation in my estate plans or making a bequest to the Foundation
 - A gift of life insurance or securities

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