



Report to the Community 2017

A Message from Chair Judy McDonald

Making beaches and trails more accessible. Reaching out to vulnerable children. Planting trees. Supporting music education. Celebrating Canada through nature, music and art. Building beautiful new community facilities. Rewarding academic success.

These are just some of the ways Grand Bend Community Foundation has helped our community be stronger and more caring during 2017. My heartfelt thanks to all those whose legacy gifts enabled these and other grants.

In 2017, we granted more than \$75,000 from our permanent endowment funds, and facilitated nearly \$100,000 in grants to local charities. At the same time, our total assets grew to \$2.56 million, and administrative costs remained below 2%.

One of the most exciting developments of the past year was the growth of the South Huron Community Fund. It has been a great

pleasure to provide support to the dedicated group of people who are developing the fund. We look forward to providing a home for other growing community funds in future.

This year was one of change at the Foundation. Our long-time Executive Director, David Campbell, announced his retirement, effective March 31, 2018. David has left the Foundation stronger and better in every respect. We are grateful for his commitment to the community foundation movement and to our local community.

We were deeply saddened to lose former Foundation Chair Hank Winters in early 2018. Hank was an energetic and enthusiastic leader who enriched Grand Bend in countless ways. Hank's legacy gift, and the many contributions made in his name, will help keep his memory alive.

I am completing my term as Chair this year. It has been wonderful to learn more about this generous and caring community. I have had the pleasure of working with a dedicated group of community leaders on our Board of Directors. I welcome Penny Nelligan into this leadership role. Penny brings knowledge, experience, energy, and new ideas. I know the Foundation will thrive under her leadership.

She will be ably assisted by Pat Morden, our new Executive Director.

As Chair I've seen the impact of the Foundation close up. We enable donors to make visionary gifts. We support innovative charities who are doing great things. We manage our assets for long-term growth. Ultimately, we touch the lives of everyone in our

community -- not just today or tomorrow, but forever. That's why I'm delighted to have made a bequest in favour of the Foundation.

Thanks again to all those who have supported the Foundation in the past year, and since our inception. You are changing the world!



Many thanks to those who contributed to the Grand Bend Community Foundation and the South Huron Community Fund over the past year.

Shirley Andraza
David and Anne Bannister
Robert Beath
Joyce Black
Charles Box
Dave Frayne and Cathryn Cade
Catherine Campbell
Mary Ellen Campbell
Maureen Cole
Doug Cook
Ron and Sharon Crown
John Dehondt
Wallace Desjardine
Jean Destro
Rick Frayne

Bill and Joyce Green
Brian and Irene Hall
K. Henderson
Donna Hodgins
Bruce Hough
Randi Ivey
Adam Jean
Jim Jean
Jacqueline Krech
Joyce Lavender
Marlene's Hairdressing
Arnold Mathers
Cameron McLeod
Medway Homes
Men's Probus Grand Bend

Carol B. Mills
Judy McDonald
Pat and Max Morden
Penny Nelligan
Tom and Bev Prout
Remax Blue Water Realty
Nick and Glayde Rizzo
Sea Jewels
Jim and Jacquie Soutcott
Tim Sweet
Jim Sweitzer
Paul Turnbull
Bill and Ginger Weber
Hank and Nancy Winters

If you made a gift this year and your name was inadvertently missed or incorrectly listed, please let us know.



“This is really about building confidence in young people. Whether they pursue a vocation in the arts or not, it’s about feeling comfortable with who they are and being free to express themselves. Those skills are relevant throughout your life.” – Steven Karcher, Executive Director, Drayton Entertainment

“I think it’s important to embrace the community you live in, and to make a difference if you’re in a position to do so. The Community Foundation does a good job of investing and administering the funds, and making grants to good local organizations. I feel confident leaving my gift in their hands. A bequest is a way that Bev and I can contribute beyond our lifetimes and know that we will be part of the community for many years to come.” – Bob Kennedy, Grand Bend

Impact: Images of 2017



Kiondyke Tree Planting
 a project of
 Lakeshore Eco-Network
 With support from:
 Municipality of Lambton Shores
 Jericho Wind, LP
 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation
 Grand Bend Community Foundation
 Community Foundations of Canada
 Port Franks Optimist Club
 Grand Bend Rotary Club
 West Coast Lions Club
 Grand Bend Soccer Club
 Lambton Shores Nature Trails
 Summit Tree Service
 Tri-County Tree Service
 Water Watchers
 May 4, 2017



"The grant enabled more than 300 people with intellectual disabilities to participate in a day of sports, fun and friendship. Thank you for assisting us in providing a day all will remember." Gerald Forester, Order of Alhambra, Algarva,

Our Funds

The Grand Bend Founding Fund

The Grand Bend Community Fund

Donaldson Family Fund

Hay Communications Fund

Winters Family Fund

Brian and Irene Hall Endowment Fund

James Southcott Family Fund

Bannister Endowment Fund

Catherine Campbell Fund

Environmental Legacy Fund

Relouw Fund

Sabourin Family Endowment Fund

M.J. Muma Endowment Fund

Charlotte Edwards Memorial Fund

South Huron Community Fund

Prout Family Fund

Lavender Family Fund

Cole Family Fund (emerging)

Mathers Family Fund

Krech Family Fund

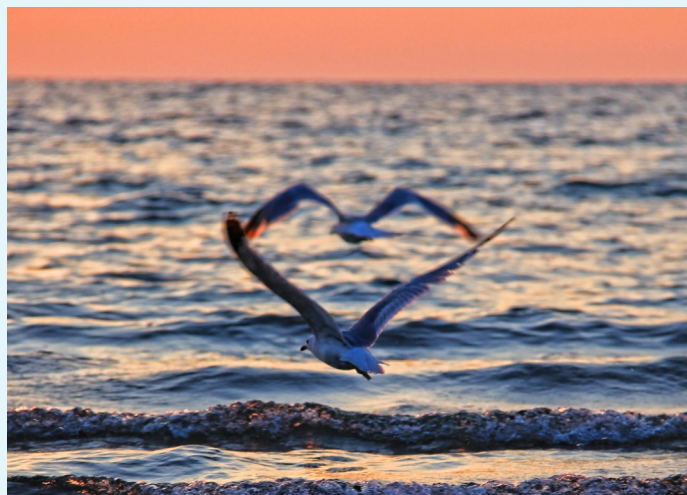
Why Give to a Community Foundation?

Community foundations build community vitality through philanthropy. We bring resources and people together to build better places to live, work and play. We do this in three ways:

- We work with donors to build endowment funds that benefit our communities forever
- We grant funds to strong organizations and innovative initiatives in our communities
- We bring people together from all parts of our communities to stimulate new ideas, build participation, and strengthen community philanthropy.

First launched in Cleveland in 1914, there are now more than 1800 community foundations around the world, with combined assets of \$5B. The Grand Bend Community Foundation was established in 2001 with proceeds of the sale of the village PUC. We now have more than \$2.4 million under administration and have granted more than \$1,400,000 to charities. We support a wide range of areas, including:

Arts and culture
Children and youth
Education
Environment
Health
Social services
Sports and recreation



Are you interested in creating a forever legacy and building community vitality? You can contribute to Grand Bend Community Foundation by making gifts of cash, securities, life insurance, or bequests. To learn more, visit www.grandbendcommunityfoundation.ca or contact us at 519-238-2190.