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Building a Healthy and Vital Community

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 Report to the Community
 2009-2010



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Vision: A healthy, vital Grand Bend community where people work together to make great things happen.

A Message from the Chair

The Grand Bend Community Foundation has three purposes:

- To wisely manage the funds entrusted to us, building a legacy to benefit our community
- To support initiatives that contribute to the vitality of the community
- To be a leader and catalyst, bringing together donors, volunteers, government, community groups and others to work toward shared community goals

This year, we have served each of these mandates well. Our endowment has grown internally and through the addition of generous new donations. After a year during which we suspended granting, we granted \$43,500 in 2009. And through efforts like the beach enhancement project and Aquafest, the Foundation provided valuable community leadership. I am especially proud of our success in reducing administrative expenses to less than 2% of our total endowment value, while continuing to provide good service to our community.

My heartfelt thanks to our hardworking Directors and Board Advisors for their generous gifts of time and talent. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who worked with us through the Environment Committee and other activities during 2009-2010. Thanks also to our many community partners and the local media. And a special thank-you to our tireless Office Coordinator Frieda Dobson.

A personal word of gratitude to David Bannister, who stepped down as Chair of the Foundation in December 2009. Dave is an extraordinary community leader who has left his mark in many ways and has inspired us all with his generous spirit.

And of course, a BIG thank-you to all those who contributed financially to the Foundation during the past year and to our existing fund-holders – your vision and generosity make a difference in our community, now and forever.

Pat Morden, Chair



2009-2010 Achievements

- Establishment of the Charlotte Edwards Robinson Memorial Fund for the Arts with a generous donation from Nancy Poole
- Receiving a \$25,000 bequest from the estate of Dorothy Childs, designated to improve services for the visually impaired at the Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre
- Completion of the beach enhancement project, an initiative launched by the Foundation and its community partners
- Establishment of the Environment Committee, which developed several projects, including the Landscaping with Native Plants workshop in April 2009
- Aquafest 2009, a wonderful (if wet!) beachfront festival designed to focus attention on environmental issues in our community and especially on our precious fresh water resources. Aquafest included a bicycle-powered concert, children's activities, exhibits, and a presentation by Maude Barlow, U.N. Special Advisor on Water
- A major grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to support Aquafest 2009, the Foundation's first ever Trillium grant
- Generous contributions from a variety of other groups to support Aquafest 2009
- Recovery of our permanently invested endowment funds, after the economic challenges of 2008-2009
- Ongoing communication with our community through columns in the Lakeshore Advance and events, including our Grants Celebration in February 2010
- Development of a new Strategic Plan, Vision and Mission
- A successful community fundraising drive in December, producing more than \$10,000

Financial Highlights

• Total assets (December 31, 2009)	\$ 1.9 million
• Investment income (realized and unrealized)	\$ 231,382
• Total donations (December 31 2009)	\$ 73,000
• Total administration costs	\$ 31,818 (1.6%)
• Total donations, Environment Committee	\$ 42,886
• Total grants to community organizations	\$ 43,000

2009 Grants

• Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Toward the purchase of a SmartBoard	\$ 3,500
• Grand Bend Public School Toward playground equipment	\$ 8,500
• Friends of Pinery Park Toward the Savanna Strollers walking club	\$ 1,500
• Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre (Child bequest)	\$ 25,000

“Seek always to do some good somewhere. You must give some time to your fellow man. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own.”

Albert Schweitzer