



Grand Bend Community Foundation

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Happy Spring! Welcome to the Grand Bend Community Foundation (GBCF) Chair's Report to the Community.

The past year was one of mixed emotions. While the Foundation achieved great things, we also lost our founding Chair, Hank Krech. Hank embodied our values, provided exceptional leadership, and inspired excellence. To me personally, he was a friend and mentor, and I miss him. My thanks to all those who made generous memorial contributions in Hank's name.



Special Events

Among the highlights of 2011 were two special events: Aquafest 2011, the third annual environmental festival and arguably the best yet; and Community Leaders of the Decade, which recognized some of the extraordinary women and men who help make Grand Bend such a vibrant community.



Building a Vital Community

At the core of our mandate is the funding we provide to innovative community projects and organizations. The grants made late in 2010 came to fruition during 2011. Thanks in part to support from GBCF:

- Rolling boardwalks were created in Pinery Provincial Park, making its beauty more accessible while preserving a fragile ecosystem.
- Children explored their creativity at the Grand Bend Art Centre.
- Robbie Taylor, a student at North Lambton Secondary School, was able to pursue his goal of post-secondary education.
- The Rotary Club continued its innovative water quality program.
- Children at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School learned in exciting new ways through the use of a SMARTBoard.
- Enhancements got under way at Optimist Park, the gateway to our community.
- *Narcisse*, a wonderful play about the founding of St. Joseph, dazzled audiences.
- Clients of the popular Gentle Exercise program at the Community Health Centre enjoyed updated equipment.
- And much more!

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In December we announced our 2011 grants to:

- Algarva
- Grand Bend Art Centre
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Huron County
- Grand Bend Community Health Centre
- Derik Whiting Foundation
- Grand Bend Baseball Project
- Huron Country Playhouse
- Olivia Kraft, M.J. Muma Bursary recipient



Grants Committee Chair Chris Thompson presents cheque to Larry Whiting in support of the Grand Bend Baseball Project

Donors Make the Difference



Jacquie and Jim Southcott

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors and fund-holders – people who have chosen to support GBCF, and ultimately to enrich our community for many years in the future. During 2011, Stephanie Donaldson, a great friend of Grand Bend, established the Stephanie and Ted Donaldson Family Fund. Jim and Jacquie Southcott, also much-loved Grand Benders, made a generous planned gift through life insurance.



Stephanie and Ted Donaldson

A special appeal in memory of Prosper Vanbruaene, a respected businessperson and dedicated community volunteer, was conducted in partnership with the Grand Bend Health Services Foundation. It raised more than \$30,000 to support the implementation of electronic medical records at the Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre.



In addition, many individuals and organizations contributed to the Foundation's Community Growth and Environmental Legacy funds throughout the year. On behalf of the Board, my heartfelt thanks to all.

Gifts of Time and Talent

I am deeply grateful to the amazing volunteers who supported the Foundation during 2011 – our dedicated board members and board advisors, and the many people who helped out with special events and activities throughout the year.

During 2011 representatives of GBCF met with several professional advisors in the region to talk about the Foundation's work and the opportunities for their clients to leave a legacy. We will continue to build this connection in the year ahead.

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Staff Changes

In September the Foundation said goodbye to Administrative Coordinator Frieda Dobson. Frieda was a very special member of the GBCF family – deeply committed, creative and hard-working.



Frieda Dobson (second from right) with Aquafest volunteers



Early in 2012 we welcomed a new member to the family – Executive Director David Campbell. David brings wonderful experience, skills and knowledge to the position, and I know he will make great contributions to GBCF and our community.

Financial Management

One of our most important jobs as a Foundation is to steward the resources donors have entrusted to us. In 2011, we held operating expenses at less 2% of the total endowment, something that many larger Foundations have difficulty doing. Thanks to professional management and the generosity of our community, we were able to maintain our endowment at just over \$2 million while contributing significantly to our community. For more details, please see the audited financial statements, available at grandbendcommunityfoundation.ca or by calling 519-238-2190.

In Good Hands

Serving as Chair of GBCF has opened a unique window on this community for me. I continue to marvel at the generosity, energy and creativity of people in Grand Bend. Surely there is no busier or more committed group of citizens!

As my term ends, I am delighted to leave the Foundation in the experienced and caring hands of Tom Prout. I know he will take GBCF to new heights.

On behalf of the Board

Pat Morden
Chair

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A very special thank-you to the following individuals and organizations who support Grand Bend Community Foundation and our community during 2011:

Sheldon & Betsy Aaron	Grand Bend Horticultural Society	Alyce & Kazuo Nishimura
Shirley Andraza	Grand Bend Optimist	Dr. Liam & Wendy O'Connor
Algarva Alhambra	Grand Bend Rotary	Janice Hayter Oke
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Gore Mutual Insurance	Jennifer & Aylish Mossop	J.W. Wilkinson
Grand Bend Exercise Group	M.J. Muma	Hank & Nancy Winters

We have done our best to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you are aware of any inaccuracies, please accept our apologies and let us know.

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