



GRAND BEND  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

# One Million Dollars!



*In Grants to Grand Bend and Area*

*to build community in a thoughtful and caring way*

## ***Grand Bend: A Million Reasons to Celebrate***

This year The Grand Bend Community Foundation is celebrating its proud history in our community, contributing nearly \$1 million to a wide variety of projects over the past 11 years. Through our thoughtful grant-making, we have supported children's programs, social programs, recreation and sports, education, the environment, the arts, and so much more, touching virtually everyone in our community.

But we're not resting on our laurels! The Grand Bend Community Foundation is looking forward. Through the Community Improvement Coalition, we are bringing together members of our community to talk about how our community can build on its strengths and become even better in the future. As the big dreams take shape, the Foundation will play a key role in helping make them happen.

The year 2017 marks Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. What better way to celebrate than by creating a compelling vision for our community and leaving a proud legacy for future generations? You can help by sharing your ideas and thoughts, and by making a contribution to the Foundation. Every gift is used to build a stronger community, now and in the future.

We thank all of our visionary donors, volunteers and local groups who have supported us over the past year, and look forward to working with you and others to make exciting things happen in the year ahead.

*Tom Prout*, Chair

*David Campbell*, Executive Director

## Who we are

*Grand Bend Community Foundation (GBCF) has been helping local organizations to make a difference since 2001. This year we will grant our one millionth dollar into the community. To date we've granted over 990,000 to more than 90 different projects, including:*

- *Local Food Banks*
- *Children's recreation programs*
- *Sports fields and playgrounds*
- *Local elementary and high schools*
- *The Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre*
- *Beach enhancements*
- *Pinery Park projects*
- *Grand Bend Arts Centre*
- *Local seniors programs*
- *History and culture projects*
- *Aquafest*

Many of our grants have been leveraged many times over by contributions from other organizations and individuals.

We also provide leadership, bringing people together to help us understand community needs, to raise awareness of community issues, and to plan for the future.

Today, the Foundation holds assets of more than \$2.3 million and in 2014 will grant approximately \$75,000 into our community. Our endowment funds are professionally managed, achieving solid annual returns (10.7 % in 2013).

The Foundation is governed by a Board comprised of volunteer community leaders from the Grand Bend area, who generously share their time, knowledge, skills and connections.

The Foundation actively seeks to build its endowment through legacy gifts. Several visionary community leaders have made gifts or commitments to the Foundation. If you're looking for a way to make a difference now and for many years to come, please talk to us.

Quick Community Foundation Facts:

- *There are now 191 community foundations serving Canadian communities.*
- *The first Canadian community foundation founded in 1921.*
- *Community Foundations make approximately \$150 million in grants to their communities each year.*
- *Canadian Community Foundations hold total assets of more than 3 billion dollars.*

**For more information on Canadian Community Foundations go to**

**<http://communityfoundations.ca/>**

**For the Grand Bend Community Foundation go to**

**<http://www.grandbendcommunityfoundation.ca>**

***Impact: How we're making a difference through grants***

In 2013 the Grand Bend Community Foundation made great grants in our community.

[Look what happened.](#)



**Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre Grant**

The Grand Bend Community Foundation was delighted to have been able to provide a grant this year to the Huron County Foodbank Distribution Centre. The need is great and the Huron County Foodbank Distribution Centre (HCFDC) really makes a difference all over Huron County. The HCFBDC was established with a mandate to create a steady flow of much needed food from local businesses and farmers. The intention was to provide food security to everyone that has a need. It began in 2005 with a vision to eliminate hunger in Huron County.

Since 2009, the HCFBDC has distributed approximately 1.5 million pounds of food to 66 foodbanks and aid agencies in the area. The HCFBDC is a not-for-profit funded by donations from businesses, farmers, community groups and individuals. There is also a very giving group of volunteers that supports the organization.

Every year there are almost 20,000 visits to a food bank in Huron County. It's estimated that

one-third of the visitors are children. And every month, more families register at local food banks.

The Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre (HCFBDC), a non-profit agency, collects and distributes food to the food banks, so that they can continue to help families eat well. This year, the Grand Bend Community Foundation provided a grant to help purchase a new pallet truck and scale. "This was something that we could really use as we bring food in and out of our warehouse all the time," says Mary Ellen Zielman, Executive Director HCFBDC. "It makes us much more efficient and we handle the food less. It makes it easier for our volunteers and staff to work with some of the larger loads of food."

#### **Algarva Clubhouse Windows Grant**

Many Grand Benders drive by the Algarva Caravan 168 clubhouse on Klondyke Road without realizing the wonderful work done by this organization. Caravan 168 is part of an international Catholic organization dedicated to serving the needs of people with developmental challenges. The group supports a variety of related causes and holds a Fun Day for people with developmental challenges in June every year.

The Algarva clubhouse was built in the 1950s. In 2013, the organization received a grant from GBCF to help replace the wood construction single-glazed windows with modern ones. "This has assisted us in reducing the heating cost of the building, thus freeing up more funds to put toward our work of assisting those in our community who are developmentally challenged," says Jim De Zorzi, Supreme Director. "Thank you, Grand Bend Community Foundation!"

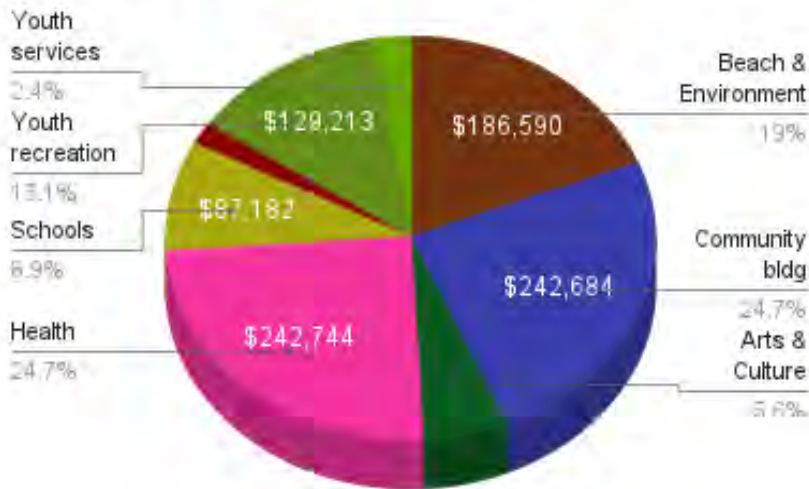
#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters South Huron Grant**

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron "Big Bunch" is a group program originally designed for children who were waiting to be matched to a big brother or big sister. A grant from the Grand Bend Community Foundation enabled the organization to hire a Big Bunch coordinator, expand the program from once to twice a month, and open it to all children in the agency. "Big Bunch is a place for children to have fun, increase their self-esteem and learn new skills in a positive environment," says Amy Wilhelm, a caseworker with the organization. "Thanks to the Grand Bend Community Foundation, Big Bunch is helping more children today."

**Grand Bend Community Foundation Grants Facts**

- Grants to date total over \$990,000 to organizations and initiatives that make our community stronger.
- Grants are leveraged many times over by contributions from other organizations and individuals

**Grant \$ to 2013**



**Grants & Flow-through 2013.**

Grand Bend Legion  
 Junior Achievement  
 Grand Bend Christmas Decor  
 Grand Bend Aquafest  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters South Huron  
 Municipality of Lambton Shores  
 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority  
 North Lambton Secondary School  
 Grand Bend Historical Plaques  
 South Huron Foodbank Distribution Ctr  
 Algarva Charity Council

- Washrooms & Accessibility project
- Grand Bend & Thedford public schools
- Christmas decor in Grand Bend
- Aquafest 2014
- Big Bunch group recreation project
- Beach enhancement project
- Turtle nesting & floating wetlands
- Student Education bursary
- Grand Bend History
- Increase distribution capabilities project
- Window replacement project

### ***Making a difference through community leadership***

In 2013 the Grand Bend Community Foundation brought service clubs, community leaders and other interested community members together to discuss what actions could be taken to improve our community. As a result of these discussions the Community Improvement Coalition was formed.

The Community Improvement Coalition is made up of volunteer members from the Grand Bend community. Since August, 2013 the members have held regular meetings to research and assess how to improve the community's local access to high quality activities. The outcome of this coalition is to produce a feasibility study and business plan regarding Grand Bend's readiness and ability to plan, build and operate a multi-purpose, multi-generational, multi-tenant community complex.

Through the course of several interviews with neighbouring community centres, discussions with professionals and residents we have identified some key features that the SunPlex should consider.

- Lots of glass and views of the outdoors
- Central location connected to downtown, bike paths, trails and visible to the highway
- Multi-use auditorium
- Mezzanine indoor walking track
- Community hall with a stage
- Covered 4 season area for music, plays, picnics, markets

In the near future you will have the opportunity to have your input on what you think a potential community centre should offer to our community. Please take our survey, and contact us to see how you can be involved.



***Making a difference through strong financial management***

**Our returns:**

2013 annual return on the foundation's investments	<b>10.7 %</b>
Since fund inception in December 2001, Average annual return	<b>6.6%</b>

**Our grants:**

In 2013 our total grants paid out were	<b>69,496</b>
Total grants (to end of 2013)	<b>989,559</b>

**Our administration:**

As a percentage of funds managed our administrative costs are	<b>2.0 %</b>
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***Our Donors and Volunteers making a difference.***

**2013 Volunteers and Donors**

*We acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the efforts and the generous support of the following donors and volunteers.*

**Donors**

Mary Dixon  
Bob Kennedy  
Stephanie Donaldson  
Paul Turnbull  
Barbara Jones  
Catherine Campbell  
Jim & Jacquie Southcott  
Hank & Nancy Winters  
Dr. Liam & Wendy O'Connor  
Tom Prout  
Harlie Johnston  
Donna & Jack Southcott  
Jacquie Krech  
Bill and Mary Metcalfe  
Casual Industries  
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Mary Cardiff  
Grand Bend Exercise Group  
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David Campbell  
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**Flow Through Donations**  
Dillion consulting  
London Community Foundation Canada Games Fund  
Paul Turnbull

**Volunteers**

Tom Prout (chair)  
Hank Winters (vice chair & co chair Fund Dev)  
Harlie Johnston (treasurer & chair finance)  
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Bob Illman (committee member)  
  
Martha Powell (board advisor)  
Lynda Hillman Rapley (board advisor)  
Paul Cuifo (board advisor)  
Jennifer Mossop (board advisor)

***Funds that make a difference.***

Endowment funds make a difference in the community year after year. We are grateful to all who have established funds in the Grand Bend Community Foundation and continue to contribute to these funds.

**Donor Advised Funds**

**The Relouw Endowment Fund**

**Donor Designated and Field of Interest Funds**

**The M J Muma Endowment Fund**

**Charlotte Edwards Robinson Memorial Fund For The Arts**

**Krech Family Fund**

**Brian and Irene Hall Endowment Fund**

**The Catherine Campbell Endowment Fund**

**Unrestricted Funds**

**The Grand Bend Community Growth Fund**

**Environment Legacy Fund**

**The Hay Communications Fund**

**The Sabourin Family Endowment Fund**

**The Stephanie and Ted Donaldson Family Fund**

**The Hank & Nancy Winters Family Fund**

**The James Southcott Family Fund**

**Fund Focus:**

***Family Funds:***

***Celebrating the Joy of Community and Family***

Grand Bend is a very special community - a place where everyone works together to make great things happen. Now there's a special way for you to be part of this community forever –, by establishing a named Family Fund at the Grand Bend Community Foundation.

Most of the Foundation's funds are invested, with a portion of the annual revenue used to support community projects. By making a gift to GBCF, you can help us do more, now and for many years to come. Here's how it works:

- You can create a Family Fund by making a gift of cash or publicly traded securities.
- You or anyone else can add to your Fund at any time.

- You can also add to your Fund after your lifetime, through a gift of life insurance or a bequest in your will.
- Your fund will be invested. Each year revenue from your fund will be used to support wonderful organizations in our community.
- Your named fund will be celebrated through a special announcement, and it will be listed on our website and in our annual report on an ongoing basis.
- You will receive an annual statement outlining how the revenue from your fund was used.

### ***How you Can Make a Difference***

#### **Eight Top Reasons to Give to Grand Bend Community Foundation**

- We are a local organization with deep roots in the community
- We support a wide range of local organizations and initiatives
- We build permanent funds that help our community forever
- We multiply the impact of donations by leveraging other gifts
- We bring the whole community together to make great things happen
- We are transparent and credible stewards
- We work with donors to align their vision with the community's needs
- We think long-term

#### **Ways to Give**

- Cash gifts, annually or as a lump sum, Donation of Shares,
- Gifts of life insurance
- Bequests through a will

#### **To contact us or donate.**



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**GRAND BEND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
**Summarized Financial Statements as of December 31, 2013**

Condensed Statement of Financial Position

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Current assets	276,832	279,449
Investments	2,037,759	1,872,331
	<b><u>\$2,314,591</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,151,780</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>		
Current liabilities	6,977	7,048
Fund balances	<u>2,307,614</u>	<u>2,144,732</u>
	<b><u>\$2,314,591</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,151,780</u></b>
<b>Condensed Statements of Operations</b>		
	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>
Revenue	297,936	182,919
Expenses (before donated insurance)	<u>40,482</u>	<u>46,076</u>
Net revenue (before grants and distribution)	238,978	118,367
Less: Grants and distributions	<u>69,496</u>	<u>68,554</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses, grants and distributions	<b><u>\$169,482</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,813</u></b>

*Vodden, Bender & Seebach LLP are the auditors for the Grand Bend Community Foundation. Complete audited statements are available upon request by contacting the Grand Bend Community Foundation by email [gbcf@hay.net](mailto:gbcf@hay.net) or by phone 519-238-2190*

