



GRAND
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

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2019 Report to the Community



A Message from Penny Nelligan, Chair

Community. Foundation. Two very powerful words, rich in meaning.

A community is a group of like-minded people who come together around a common goal. At a time when our world seems increasingly fractured and fractious, community is a concept we all need.

At one level, the word “foundation” simply refers to an institution established with a permanent endowment, as ours is. But “foundation,” which comes from the Latin word “to lay a base for,” can also mean an underlying principle or starting point.

I believe that our Foundation is the starting point for community. We work with donors to build endowment funds, and then we grant funds to a wide range of organizations that make our communities stronger and more vibrant. We bring people together, stimulating new ideas and generating a sense of shared purpose.

No wonder the community foundation movement is so strong. There are more than 1800 organizations like ours around the world, with billions of dollars in combined assets. The combination of stability, flexibility, breadth, and local focus makes community foundations special.

Thank-you for helping us build a strong foundation of community.

Grand Women Gather

On April 26, Grand Women held its inaugural meeting at the Concert Hall in Grand Bend, with more than 60 people in attendance.

It all started in late September when the Grand Bend Community Foundation launched the 50 Grand Women Fund. The concept was simple: 50 women donate \$1000 each, creating a permanent fund of \$50,000. The money is invested and the income from the fund is used to support eligible charities in the region. The members get to decide what cause they support.

By early April, the minimum of 50 members had been reached, with more women expressing an interest in membership. At the meeting, the group decided to keep membership open, welcoming other women who shared their commitment to community.

“There was incredible energy in the room,” says Penny Nelligan, Chair. “You could tell that people were there because they want to make a difference in our communities. I was especially heartened by the decision to open membership to any woman who wants to get involved.”

Past Chair Judy McDonald agrees, adding, “This is a group of strong and committed women – I know we’re going to do great things together!”

There is a rumour that the men of Grand Bend are now planning to form a similar group!



And Now, The Men!

Following in the success of the launch of Grand Women, the men of Grand Bend are stepping up with a fund of their own.

“Seeing such community spirit really inspired us,” says John Dehondt, Chair of the Foundation’s Relationship Development Committee. “They’ve shown us what can happen when people come together to make a difference – 50 Grand Men was the obvious next step!”

Brian Hall, another member of Committee, agrees. “We see this as a great way to engage the men of our area in the work the Foundation does, and to underline the value of endowment. Each of these funds will support important projects for many years to come.”

Although the initial goal is 50 members, Dehondt and Hall hope to far exceed that number.

To join, contact a member of the Foundation Board, call Executive Director Pat Morden at 519-619-8630, or mail a cheque for \$1000 to Box 1150, Grand Bend, Ontario. All donations to the Foundation are eligible for an official tax receipt.



Founding four: from left, Tim Sweet, Brian Hall, Jim Jean, John Dehondt

South Huron Community Fund Growing



Every community has its own needs, and generous individuals who want to make a difference. That's why the Grand Bend Community Foundation is home to the South Huron Community Fund (SHCF).

The South Huron Community Fund was established in 2015 to create an endowment that is used to make grants to local South Huron charities and community projects. Says Chair and founder Tom Prout, "The fund is dedicated to meeting the long-term needs of our community, as defined by its residents." The Grand Bend Community Foundation provides administrative support and expertise.

In the past two years, the fund has grown through the addition of several named family funds, including the Cole Family Fund, the Prout Family Fund, the Joyce Lavender Scholarship Fund, the Arnold and Ila Mathers Fund, and the Down Family Fund.

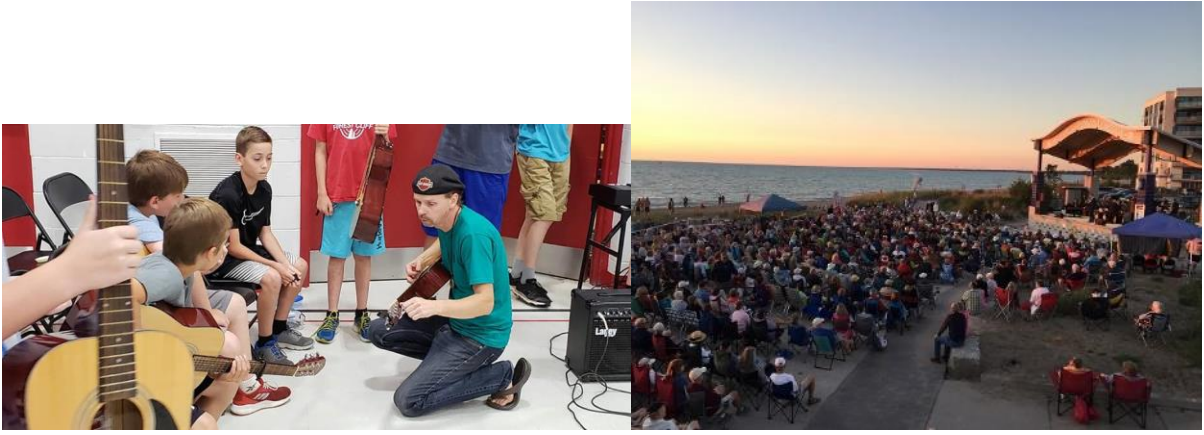
In 2018, the Jack Riddell Scholarship Fund was created. The Riddell family got things started, and friends and associates of the former Minister of Agriculture also contributed. The fund now stands at \$25,000.

Permanently invested, it will produce a scholarship of approximately \$850 per year for many years to come.

"Jack has a special place in the community and the Riddell Fund sets a great example," says Prout. "Any family can start a fund like this and grow it over time. It's a wonderful way to make a difference, now and forever."

Building Community

Every year the Grand Bend Community Foundation accepts grant applications from local organizations. The members of our grants committee review the applications in detail and make decisions about how the revenue from our funds will be granted. Whether it's a big grant to a major project, or a small one to help get innovative programming off the ground, our grants make a real difference.



2018 Grant Recipients

Canadian Cancer Society (Wheels of Hope)

Canadian Diabetes Association (Camp Huronda)

Grand Bend Art Centre (GBPS music program)
Education Perth Huron (Global literacy program)
Ausable-Bayfield Conservation Authority (Jones Bridge)
Lambton Kent District School Board (Science and technology workshops)
One Care Home and Community Support Services (Blood pressure clinics and foot care equipment)
Big Brothers Big Sisters South Huron (Big Bunch and in-school mentoring)
Jessica's House (patient transportation)
Grand Bend Legion (Elevator project)
Easter Seals Ontario (Summer camp)
Sauble Court (Gas fireplace for heat)
North Lambton Secondary School (scholarships)

Financial Statements

To review the Foundation's audited financial statements, [click here](#).

Our Donors (January to December 2018)

Everything the Foundation does is fueled by the generosity and vision of our donors. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed during 2018.

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A New Option

Most Grand Bend Community Foundation funds are held permanently, with a portion of the income earned used to make grants each year. (That's why we say, "For good. Forever.") But some donors see immediate needs in the community and want to see the impact of their generosity over a shorter period. In 2018, the Foundation decided to offer the option of endowment funds that are expendable over 10 or more years. To find out more, contact us at grandbendcf@gmail.com.

How You Can Help

Are you interested in contributing to our communities through the Grand Bend Community Foundation? Here are some ways you can help:

- Share your time and talents by volunteering with us.
- Make an annual gift of any size.
- Make a once-in-a-lifetime gift of any size.
- Start a named endowment fund by contributing \$15,000 or more.
- Join Grand Women or Grand Men with a donation of \$1,000.
- Donate publicly-traded securities (and pay no capital gains tax).
- Put Grand Bend Community Foundation in your will.
- Name Grand Bend Community Foundation as the beneficiary or owner of a new or existing life insurance policy.

Have other ideas for how you could help? Need more information? Please contact us at grandbendcf@gmail.com