



SUNSET
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Annual Report to the Community

Facts and Figures

Total dollars raised for COVID Relief **\$121,065**

Total Dollars granted in 2020 **\$256,065**

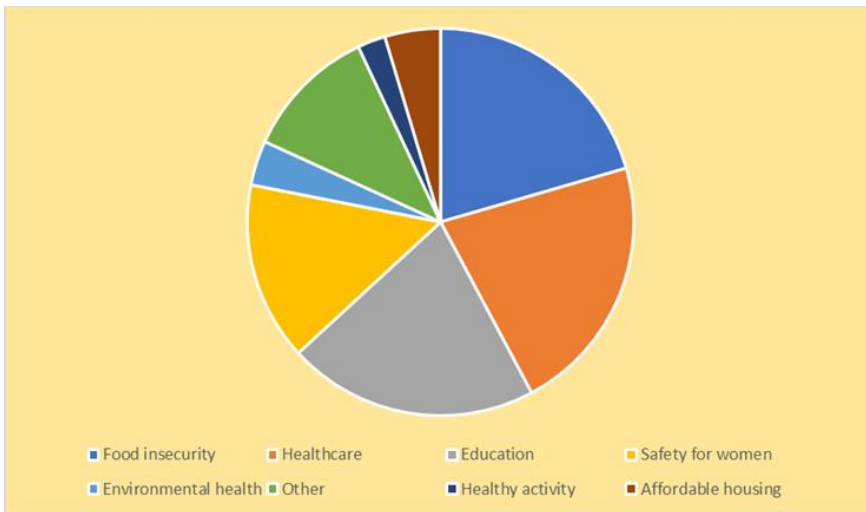
Local charities supported in 2020 **35**

Donors and Sponsors in 2020 **115**

Federal COVID funds granted **\$70,000**

Endowment as of December 31 **\$3,129,541**

Grants 2020



Highlights

- The Stay-at-Home Gala, a partnership with the Rotary Club of Grand Bend that raised more than \$80,000 for COVID relief
- Grand Men and Grand Women events, including a virtual cooking class and virtual scotch tasting
- The creation of the South Huron Vitality Fund to support community groups– thanks, Municipality of South Huron!
- The Emergency Community Support Fund, a partnership with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada, which enabled us to grant \$70,000 in our region
- The bold decision to re-brand as the Sunset Community Foundation, to open the door to community funds in Huron County

Impact: Our grantees speak

“The online tutoring project was of immense value to our students. This grant allowed us to hire occasional teachers the students knew, to coach them in math, one-on-one or in small groups. A number of parents shared their gratitude as they saw their student’s confidence grow in a subject many did not feel comfortable supporting at home. What a gift to know that we had help supporting our most needy students during a very trying time.” – Abby Armstrong, Principal Exeter Elementary School



“At Grand Bend Place we want to serve the needs of our community. The Sunset Community Foundation recognized and supported our vision, and through their financial support, audio visual components in the Fellowship Hall are now in place for post-COVID times.” – Bob Illman, Chair, Grand Bend Place

“Since the start of the pandemic, we have seen an increased demand for our services. By alleviating the stress of three months’ rent payment, the grant allowed our staff to allocate our time to where it is most needed. We also received a grant to purchase two new computers, along with a Zoom license. This enabled us to run our group program, Big Bunch, and to connect with our Bigs and families. Big Bunch has provided an activity for our families to do, when many of their other extra-curriculars have been cancelled, or they are unable to get together with family and friends.” – Amy Wilhelm, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters South Huron



“The Old Ausable Channel is a major factor in the natural environmental health of our community, and it needs our help to survive. To this end, we are using the Foundation’s grant to purchase aerators to increase the oxygen levels vital to aquatic life in the channel and installing native plants along the river to strengthen the bank, control erosion and provide shade.” - Duncan Croft, Southcott Pines Park Association

“Whether through crisis call support, counselling through our healing program, play therapy, or a care package filled with needed items, the funding we have received from the Sunset Community Foundation

enables our agency to continue to support the most vulnerable in our county.” -Krista Evely, Manager of Fund Development, Huron Women’s Shelter, Second Stage House and Counselling Services

“The grant provided by The Foundation enabled us to offer the community an expanded program of guest speakers, and reach out to our members using Zoom, to maintain a sense of normalcy and stave off feelings of isolation. An added bonus has been the addition of several new members to the club!” -Richard Fanning, President, Port Franks and Area Camera Club

“During COVID we were so blessed to be able to continue to do our part to help end food insecurity. One of the comments made to us by clients who had never had to access a food program like this before, was how they didn't feel judged or ashamed, they

only felt love and support.” -Andrea Loohuizen, Executive Director, The Community Table.



“Through the grant we were able to provide members of our community with PPE Recovery Initiative boxes. The response has been amazing. We placed boxes in 20 locations around South Huron. We are so happy to have been able to introduce this program to so many locations throughout our community.”- Lucas Dobson, Eco-Exeter

Generosity: the people who made it happen

A huge thank-you to our 2020 donors and sponsors! Because you give, we can help, now and forever. *We have worked hard to include all those who donated or sponsored the Foundation between January and December 2020. If we have made an error, please accept our heartfelt apologies and let us know the correct information via phone or email.*

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