



Grand Bend Community Foundation Report to the Community 2010 - 2011

Big thinking - Aquafest 2011 launches

It is the big thinking and committed action of a small but dedicated army of volunteers that has grown a small idea into a respected and highly anticipated annual event.

Aquafest is an eco-celebration aimed at raising awareness and promoting stewardship of water and the environment. The festival targets all ages, both residents and visitors, through activities that combine education with fun.



Aquafest 2011 includes children's educational adventures, students' art contest, art shows, photo contest, Voyageur canoe rides, the Great Lakes Chowder Competition, musical entertainment, and water safety and testing demonstrations on the schedule.

The Aquafest team is confirming an exciting international speaker and offering sponsors special opportunities for profile and participation. The event has earned excellent media coverage, including a full page in the London Free Press, Ontario-wide coverage on the A-Channel, and a write-up in the National Post.

If you'd like to be part of the fun, please contact Aquafest Co-Chairs Jennifer Mossop at Jennifer@mossopmedia.com or Janette Baillie at Baillie@hay.net. And check out our website for highlights of the past two years and updates on Aquafest 2011: grandbendaquafest.ca.

Grand Bend Community Foundation (GBCF) has been helping local organizations to make a difference since 2001. In that time we've granted almost \$800,000 to support everything from the library, the school, the Health Centre, and beach enhancements, to playgrounds, sports fields, SMART boards and art classes. And most of our grants have been leveraged many times over by contributions from other organizations and individuals.

We have also provided leadership, brought people and groups together to make great things happen, and raised awareness of environmental issues.

A special thank-you to the visionary donors and volunteers who have made all this possible.

If you are interested in making a difference in our community now and forever, please read on!

"I hold the deepest respect and admiration for the Grand Bend Community Foundation. The wheelchair-accessible playground was in part possible due to the Foundation's generosity, as well as the many gifts given to Grand Bend Public School over the years, such as a SMART Board, musical instruments and computers. We are indebted to the Foundation for having a school to begin with, thanks to their efforts when Grand Bend rallied to save our school."

Amy Wiseman,
Grand Bend Public School Home & School

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. With a gift of \$5,000 or more (contributed over a five year period), you can create a named Family Fund within the GBCF.

Most of the Foundation's funds are permanently 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 forever. 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 permanently 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.

Call Frieda at 519-238-2190 for more information.



Community Leaders of the Decade

Read about our exciting new event that will honour the best of the best in Grand Bend!



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Achievements of the Decade

- Granted nearly \$800,000 to organizations and initiatives that make our community stronger
- Leveraged many times more in contributions from other organizations and individuals
- Increased the value of our endowment from \$1.5 million to more than \$2 million
- Supported creation of Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre and provided more than \$100,000 in grants
- Through the Community Improvement Coalition, jumpstarted the Beach Enhancement project and supported it financially
- Through the Community Improvement Coalition, partnered with the Municipality and the Optimists to create the Skateboard Park
- Through the Community Improvement Coalition, partnered with the Grand Bend Rotary Club and the Municipality to fund water projects needed to maintain our Blue Flag beach designation
- Contributed more than \$50,000 to support the work of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority in Grand Bend
- Supported sport, education, the library and the arts with a variety of grants
- Supported water conservation projects and created Aquafest, an annual waterfront environment festival with a focus on water
- Maintained a strong volunteer Board of community leaders
- Kept administrative costs low
- Received approximately \$600,000 in donations

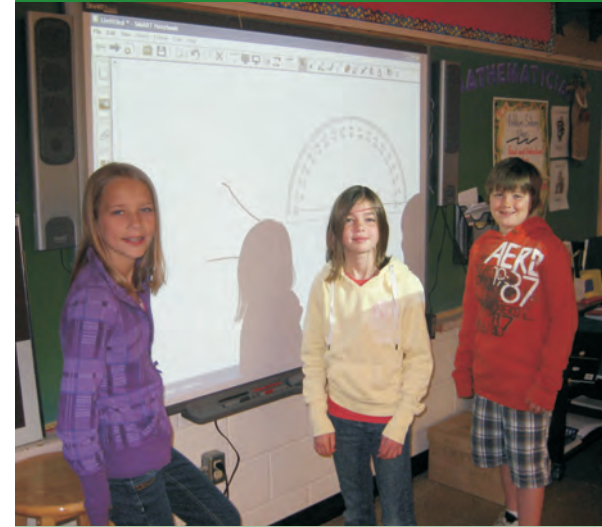
2010 Grants

We are proud of our support for wonderful initiatives throughout our community.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind	\$1,250
Grand Bend Low Vision Clinic	
Friends of the Pinery Park	\$3,000
Rolling Boardwalk Construction for Dune Preservation	
Grand Bend Art Centre	\$5,500
Art Programs for Children	
Grand Bend Optimist & Horticulture Society	\$8,000
Optimist Park Enhancement Project (to be distributed in 2011)	
North Middlesex Arena & Fitness Centre	\$5,000
Referee/coaches room	
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	\$3,500
Purchase a classroom SMART board	
South Huron District High School	\$2,000
Challenge Day	
Robbie Taylor	\$700
M.J. Muma Bursary recipient	
Municipality of Lambton Shores	\$7,500
Part of the Foundation's pledge to the Beach Enhancement Project	
Rotary Club of Grand Bend	\$5,000
Phase 4 of the Clean Water Now Project	
Flow Through – Dillon Consulting	\$5,000
Beach Enhancement Project pledge	
Flow Through – Beverlee Barber	\$1,800
Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre	
Updated equipment for the Gentle Exercise Program	
Flow Through – Beverlee Barber	\$1,910
St. John's Anglican Church	
Total 2010 Grants	\$50,160

“The Grand Bend Community Foundation has been a strong supporter and good friend of the Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre, contributing more than \$100,000 over the last 10 years. The Foundation recognizes the importance of community health care in enhancing the quality of life for residents in this area.”

Dr. Glen Bartlett, Executive Director,
Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre



Exceptional Leaders

Here are some of those people who have provided leadership and contributed time and money to establish a strong base for the Grand Bend Community Foundation.

Shirley Andraza	Judy Mason
David Bannister	Bill Metcalfe
Mary Cardiff	Peter Miller
Ron Crown	Pat Morden
Sue Davis	Jennifer Mossop
Frieda Dobson	John Musser
Anne Donohoe	Melodie Northey
Mel Douglas	Martha Powell
Sherwood Eddy	Tom Prout
Maxine Eveland	Don Prowse
Irene Hall	Patty Relouw
Ron Howarth	Tony Relouw
Bob Illman	Barb Richman
Cam Ivey	Cathy Scott
Randi Ivey	Sally Seinger
Harlie Johnson	George Shaw
Paul Johnson	Jim Southcott
Brian Knights	Chris Thompson
Hank Krech	Mike van Baardwyk
Dave Maguire	Hank Winter
Bob Mann	Phil Maguire

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

The Grand Bend Community Foundation is committed to:

- Wisely managing the funds entrusted to us, building a legacy to benefit our community
- Supporting initiatives that contribute to the vitality of the Grand Bend area
- Being a leader and catalyst, bringing together donors, volunteers, government, community groups and others to work toward shared community goals

Community Leaders of the Decade

How do great things happen in our community? Through the creativity, energy and commitment of community leaders. Grand Bend is blessed with extraordinary community leaders who have changed the face of our town during the past ten years. To celebrate GBCF's tenth anniversary, we are holding a special event to honour citizens of Grand Bend and area who provided outstanding voluntary leadership during our first decade.

Nominations may be made by any member of the community. Nominees must:

- Have been active in the community for most of the past 10 years
- Have provided powerful leadership in one or more not-for-profit roles
- Have exhibited the highest standards of ethics, commitment, ability and innovation
- Have worked collaboratively with others to enrich our community
- Have been a role model and mentor
- Not currently hold political office

Check the Lakeshore Advance or www.grandbendcommunityfoundation.ca for nomination forms and procedures. Nominations are due September 1, 2011. All eligible nominees will be celebrated at the Community Leaders of the Decade Gala on October 28 and receive a special award.



The Community Leaders of the Decade Gala

Friday, October 28, 6 to 9 p.m.

Hessenland Country Inn

Tickets \$30 per person, including dinner food stations and a cash bar.

M.C. Jennifer Mossop

Join as we celebrate exceptional leadership in our community!

To order tickets (a limited number are available), please call Frieda at 519-238-2190

2010 Donors

We acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the generous support of the following donors.

Anonymous	Sherwood & Carey Eddy	Paul & Joanne Maguire	Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation
Linda Bain	Grand Bend Exercise Group	Roy & Lois Merkley	Rotary Club of Grand Bend
David & Anne Bannister	David & Peggy Gray	Pat & Max Morden	Sea Jewels Trading Co.
Beverlee Barber	Brian & Irene Hall	Jennifer Mossop	The Brian & Heather Semkowski Family Foundation
Catherine Campbell	Bob & Kitty Illman	M.J. Muma	Sarah Smith
Celebrate Ontario	Cam Ivey	Dr. Liam & Wendy O'Connor	Andrew Spriet
Emerson Desjardine	Dr. James & Beth Jean	Nancy Poole	TD Friends of the Environment
Dillon Consulting	Barbara Jones	RBC Bluewater Project	John Walsh
Stephanie Donaldson	Hank & Jacqui Krech	William & Joanne Rochester	