

Grand Bend Community Foundation



**Celebrating a decade of
community building**



Making a Big Difference

- ◆ The Grand Bend Community Foundation has invested nearly \$800,000 in our community!



Our Vision

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



How Do We Achieve It?

- ◆ By attracting and holding permanent endowment funds
- ◆ By making annual grants to local charities
- ◆ By providing community leadership



Our Story

- ◆ Established in 2000 and made our first grants in 2002
- ◆ Since then, has granted nearly \$800,000, including \$176,000 in flow-through grants
- ◆ Endowment has grown to over \$2 million



Endowment Funds

- ◆ We look to build our existing funds through prudent fiscal management
- ◆ Reach into the community to build our funds to further expand our legacy



Making Grants

- ◆ Each year, grants from the annual income of our investments are distributed to local charities
- ◆ Charities prepare grant applications
- ◆ The GBCF Grants Committee reviews applications



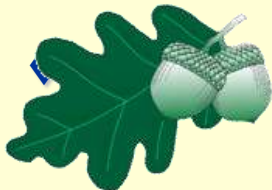
Making Grants

- ◆ Over the past 10 years GBCF has supported a wide range of projects, from playgrounds and sports fields to the environment, education, healthcare and the arts
- ◆ Our grants have touched the lives of everyone in our community



Community Leadership

- ◆ We work with partner organizations throughout our community to make great things happen
- ◆ Our grants have been leveraged two or three times over by contributions from other organizations and individuals
- ◆ We are the centre of philanthropy and volunteerism



School of Rock

- ◆ In 2005 the Foundation's grant to Grand Bend Public School was used to purchase guitars, drums and other rock band instruments for the Grade 7 and 8 music program



“It’s wonderful that our kids have this opportunity. I’m sure it will be a highlight of their primary school education.”

— Teacher Samantha Richards

The Pugnose Shiner Thanks Us!

- ◆ The Foundation supported the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority's Old Ausable Channel Management Plan
- ◆ The OAC is home to three at-risk fish species, and is surrounded by rare oak savannah ecosystem



“We couldn't possibly have achieved this project without GBCF.”
— Project Coordinator Kari Killins

Fostering School Pride

- ◆ The Foundation's 2005 grant to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School was used to enhance technical and learning resources and to support a reading program
- ◆ Other grants have supported the purchase of SmartBoards to make learning engaging and fun in our local schools



“The support of the Foundation allows us to enhance our school community and build a strong sense of school pride. It makes a big difference”
— Principal Mike Bruneel

Opening the Door to Information

- ◆ The Foundation's 2006 grant to CNIB was used to give access to the CNIB library to 10 local people with vision loss



“This really shows the Foundation’s commitment to serving the community. When you give people access to information and ideas, so many doors are opened.” — Jennifer Johnson, CNIB

Supporting our Community

- ◆ In 2009 there was a need to upgrade the playground at Grand Bend Public School
- ◆ Supporting the Friends of The Pinery with grants for GPS and accessibility.
- ◆ Challenge Day at our local High School to improve personal confidence and self esteem



I was a facilitator conscripted for Challenge Day from the public at large. What in foresight seemed daunting most likely out of my comfort zone turned out to be one of the most rewarding days of my 71 years on this planet..... making it possible for me to have such a life altering day.

— Stephanie Donaldson

Touching Everyone

- ◆ Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron for donor database
- ◆ Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre for health education
- ◆ Grand Bend & District Soccer Association for the new soccer pavilion



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- ◆ Rotary Club of Grand Bend for beach improvements and water quality projects
- ◆ Grand Bend and Area Horticultural Society to beautify our Optimist Park
- ◆ Grand Bend Partners in Learning for video equipment



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- ◆ South Huron Hospital Foundation
- ◆ Lambton Shores Recreation Complex to support construction
- ◆ VON Perth-Huron to support Palliative Care Program



Community Leadership

- ◆ In 2005 GBCF established the Community Improvement Coalition, bringing together local service clubs and the Municipality of Lambton Shores
- ◆ The Foundation matched each dollar raised by the service clubs, and the municipality matched the total
- ◆ Projects include: skateboard park, public beach improvements, water quality project



Community Leadership

- ◆ In 2008 GBCF received special funding to jumpstart environmental activities
- ◆ The GBCF Environmental Legacy Fund was established “Seeding the Future”
- ◆ An environment committee has ongoing programs to promote awareness in the community



Community Leadership

- ◆ Aquafest, an annual beachfront festival with an environmental theme
- ◆ Recognizing our clear, cool waters of Lake Huron and preserving our beautiful Oak Savannah ecosystem for future generations





Make a Difference Forever

- ◆ A gift to our Foundation becomes part of our permanent endowment, untouched forever
- ◆ A portion of the annual revenue is distributed to local charities
- ◆ The larger our endowment, the more grants we can make



A Family Legacy

- ◆ With gifts over \$5,000, you can create a Family Fund within our Community Fund
- ◆ You can start and build the fund over a number of years
- ◆ Your family name will remain a part of our community forever



We are Ready to Help

- ◆ We can work with your financial planners to maximize your benefits and develop a plan
- ◆ We can partner to meet all your Giving Options
 - Gifts of cash
 - Gifts of publicly-traded securities (special tax benefits)
 - Bequests
 - Gifts of life insurance
 - Gifts of property



Make a Forever Gift

“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.”

— *Helen Keller*