

## SMART & CARING COMMUNITY FUNDS

As we approach our country's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2017, Governor General David Johnston has challenged Canadians to imagine our country as it could be – a “smart and caring nation” that holds promise for everyone.

In Niagara, we are joining community foundations from across Canada and rising to the challenge by creating sector-specific Smart & Caring Community Funds. Local champions have come forward to help us promote the future impact that these funds will have in Niagara.

*“Join me in imagining our country as it could be...a smart and caring nation, where all Canadians can succeed, contribute and develop their talents to their fullest potential”*

DAVID JOHNSTON  
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA



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## EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP FUND FOR NIAGARA

Wade Stayzer grew up in Wainfleet, lives in Beamsville and works across Niagara. Wade is also a champion of the important role that education can play in building the leaders of tomorrow. His commitment to strengthening community leadership and education is demonstrated as a Rotarian, as a volunteer and through his work as a vice-president with Meridian Credit Union, a founding supporter of the Niagara Community Foundation.



*“In order for Niagara to thrive, we need strong community leadership, whether that leadership is demonstrated at the organizational or individual level.”*

WADE STAYZER

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### VISION

The vision for the Education and Leadership Fund for Niagara is to support opportunities to build our leaders of tomorrow and to fund initiatives to strengthen the capacity of our voluntary sector to effectively deliver programs and services.

This list is a selection of more than \$910,000 in education and leadership grants awarded since 2001.

### GRANTS

<b>ALZHEIMER SOCIETY NIAGARA REGION</b> Strategic Planning/Professional Development: Addressing both internal and external factors impacting delivery of service.	\$2,800
<b>CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN ST CATHARINES - CHARITABLE FUND</b> Purchased teaching aids to support the Gift of Teaching project which tutors women migrant farm workers of the Niagara Region.	\$359
<b>COMMUNITY LIVING PORT COLBORNE - WAINFLEET</b> Sent two youth to training and certification to the Distress Centre for "Applied Suicide Intervention Skills".	\$500
<b>COMMUNITY LIVING WELAND PELHAM</b> Funded a series of educational conferences that facilitated relationships and connections for their clients and for the agency.	\$3,000
<b>EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF NIAGARA</b> Provided anti-bullying presentations to parents, staff and community organizations that assisted with information, prevention identifiers and resources to deal with bullying and its effects.	\$1,200
<b>FORT ERIE COMMUNITY YMCA</b> Sent youth in its Leaders-in-Training Program to a three day YMCA conference.	\$1,000
<b>LEADERSHIP NIAGARA</b> Annually provide bursaries for staff from Niagara's voluntary sector to attend the year-long Leadership Niagara Program.	\$5,000
<b>LITERACY LINK NIAGARA INC.</b> LLN went into community agencies whose clients were in need of, but did not have access to, literacy assessments/educational information. LLN worked with agency staff to make sure that clients had continued support to reach their goals.	\$4,840
<b>NIAGARA WEST EMPLOYMENT &amp; LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRES</b> Launched Computer Coaching for the 50+ers: A series of computer training modules at a moderate cost to seniors. Participants assisted others with computer technology.	\$4,700
<b>ST. JOHN AMBULANCE - NIAGARA FALLS BRANCH</b> Brought a provincial leadership program to Niagara to increase skills and abilities of volunteers and staff.	\$500
<b>START ME UP NIAGARA</b> Sent five employees to a mental health workshop.	\$415
<b>YOUTH UNIVERSITY - BROCK UNIVERSITY</b> Developed a pilot program for youth, grade 6 through high school, with the goal of raising the number of youth who pursue post-secondary education.	\$1,375

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