



helping good people build smart and caring communities

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

NIAGARA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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OUR VISION

Realizing community dreams through philanthropy.

OUR MISSION

The Niagara Community Foundation improves the quality of life in Niagara through philanthropy.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ENABLE, COLLABORATE AND TRANSFORM:

Enable community improvement by providing funding and community knowledge. Bring organizations together to form partnerships based on the respective strengths of each organization to focus on key community priorities.

DEMONSTRATE PHILANTHROPIC LEADERSHIP:

Demonstrate expertise and best practice in philanthropic leadership.

PUT NIAGARA FIRST:

Communicate and support the Niagara story. Build community leadership. Seek and develop individuals who will bring leadership to the community.

BE TRUSTWORTHY AND TRANSPARENT:

Engage in practices that are open, accessible, fair, objective, flexible, timely and built on a foundation of respect, trust, integrity and honesty.

ENSURE SOUND GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

Ensure that the Niagara Community Foundation governance and management is sound, relevant and realizes its full fiduciary responsibility.

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EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

– Bishop Desmond Tutu

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of the Niagara Community Foundation, we are proud to share the accomplishments from the past year of our donors, volunteers, grant beneficiaries, charitable partners and community leaders. It is the collective “bits of good” as mentioned in Bishop Tutu’s quote who so generously give of their time and talent to advance our cause throughout Niagara. The last few pages of the report provide an extensive listing of our volunteers and supporters. Our success and impact in the community would not be possible without these dedicated individuals and organizations.

Speaking of impact, 2019 saw the Foundation make grants of over \$2 million dollars. This brings our historical tally to over \$15 million dollars since our inception in 2000 to charitable organizations from Grimsby to Fort Erie and every municipality in between. Beyond these impressive financial figures, the stories of some of our community grant recipients that start on page 6 are nothing short of inspiring.

Our ability to support so many worthy and deserving local causes and charitable projects is due to the tremendous generosity and support of our Fund Holders and Donors. The depth and breadth of our donor directed grants may be found on page 16. Further, our vision of “realizing community dreams through philanthropy” comes alive through our named Funds starting on page 25.

This past year we were able to realize the second grant dispersal from the David S. Howes Fund. Transformative to the Foundation and to charitable sector throughout Niagara, the David S. Howes Fund virtually doubles the granting capacity of NCF to support a cross-section of the region’s highest needs. This year we received 39 individual grant requests representing projects totaling \$3 million dollars. After rigorous review by our Grants Committee and in consultation with David’s family and the Howes Foundation Trustees, the Foundation’s Directors approved 16 projects representing just under \$600,000 of funding. Combined with the inaugural round of grants from this Fund, an astonishing \$963,000 has been injected into the community in just two short years. You will find the details of the 2019 slate of approved projects on page 19.

When the Foundation’s Spring Annual General Meeting rolls around in April of 2020, Rosanne Marsh (Port Colborne), Chair of our Community Leadership Committee Janet St. Amand (St. Catharines) and former Board Chair Bob Watson (Welland) will complete their terms as Directors on the Foundation’s Board. To say that these three have gone above and beyond just offering their own “little bits of good” would be a considerable understatement. Their service and support of the Foundation is merely an extension of the people they are: always freely giving of their time and expertise. As an organization and as a community, we offer our collective gratitude to Rosanne, Janet and Bob for their unwavering leadership and commitment to the Foundation and to Niagara!

As we reflect on a successful 2019, the realities of 2020 demand our attention and focus as a community. At the time of publication, the fallout of COVID-19 – economically and socially – has already had a dramatic impact on every aspect of society. We know from previous economic downturns that now, more than ever, our charitable partners rely on the vital funds the Foundation provides to meet the needs of the people they support. With our 20th anniversary on the horizon and as we have done over the first 19 years of our existence, we are committed to support the charitable sector today, tomorrow and for the next 20 years... and beyond.



Ruth Todd
Board Chair



Bryan J. Rose
Executive Director

PRIORITIES, STRATEGIES, PLANS

HIGHLIGHTS

2019 was a transformational year for the Foundation. Here are some of highlights of the Foundation's impact in the Niagara Region:

- Welcomed Doug Hamilton, Board Chair & Dr. Barry Wright, CEO of the Canada Summer Games Niagara 2021 as our keynote speakers for the Foundation's Annual Leaders Breakfast. Over 400 ticket sold!
- Made the second annual disbursements from the David S. Howes Fund created in 2017. Having received 39 applications valued at \$3 million dollars in asks, 16 project representing \$593,000 were awarded funding.
- In total, awarded over \$2 million in grants bringing the total amount granted since 2001 to over \$15 million.
- Approved 23 new endowment funds bringing the Foundation's total assets from \$55.9 million to \$63.7 million, representing a 13.9% increase.
- Committed \$100,000 in partnership with the Fair Finance Fund – a social finance fund for Ontario's local food and farm enterprises that have values that support local food systems, local economies and the planet. The fund offers an ongoing investment opportunity for community-minded investors to support food that is grown, raised and processed in their own backyards.
- Confirmed annual compliance with the Imagine Canada Standards Program.
- Staff Team participated in Cultural Sensitivity & Inclusion programing.
- Engaged in a partnership with both the Hamilton and London Community Foundations as part of the Federal Government & Community Foundations of Canada's Social Enterprise Investment Readiness Program (IRP). Our consortium was allocated \$1 million dollars to disperse to Social Enterprise projects in each of our three catchment areas. Initiative to be completed in 2020.

We realize that collaborative partnerships with funders and other organizations will go a long way toward ensuring that our grant recipients, their clients and our donors receive quality service and support from the Foundation. Here are some examples of how the Foundation has continued our partnerships in 2019 with others:

Great Lakes One Water (GLOW) Initiative

The Great Lakes One Water (GLOW) Initiative is part of a bi-national, Great Lakes-wide collaboration funded by the Great Lakes Protection Fund, led by the Council of Michigan Foundations. Along with the Niagara Community Foundation, the founding collaborators include the Durham Community Foundation, the Toronto Foundation and the Small Change Fund. As the project evolves, we are expanding our table of collaborators with the goal of connecting many diverse partners to raise awareness about the impact of flooding and mitigation tools made available through natural infrastructure, and build the right networks that allow residents to transform small individual change into having a significant positive environmental impact throughout our region.

Niagara Prosperity Initiative

The Niagara Prosperity Initiative (NPI), funded by Niagara Region, is a partnership of public, private and voluntary organizations working to reduce poverty in Niagara. In 2019, funding was renewed to continue to support two Convener positions. This enables us to bring organizations and volunteer community groups together to share resources, implement best practices and collaboratively access funds to support a variety of poverty-reduction initiatives and programs to support the needs of children and families throughout the Niagara. Staff from the Foundation also assisted with the review of the grant applications for \$1.5 million in NPI funding.

Niagara Connects

The Foundation has been a partner with Niagara Connects since the organization's inception. This network brings people together to gather, share and learn from data, to support evidence-informed action planning for a stronger future. Niagara Connects offers a range of products, including the *livinginniagarareport.com* and *niagaraknowledgeexchange.com* tools; Data Navigator consulting services; social network mapping; and facilitation of collaborative conversations on emerging issues of common concern. The Foundation continues to utilize the priorities highlighted in the triennial *Living In Niagara* quality of life report. This report continues to be an instrumental tool used by governments, businesses, charitable organizations and non-profit agencies, to identify emerging issues and opportunities in Niagara.

External Investment Managers Program

The Foundation is always looking for new ways to help donors in achieving their philanthropic goals and to work with professionals in the financial, estate and investment world in mutually beneficial relationships. In 2012, the Foundation created the External Investment Managers Program which allows assets gifted to a newly created fund to be invested outside of Foundation's Consolidated Investment Fund in a portfolio managed by the donor's recommended investment firm.

This program is available for advisors who have been licensed as a portfolio manager actively involved in discretionary investment management of segregated portfolios for a minimum of three years. The minimum donation required for a fund manager to participate in this program is \$1,000,000. Gifts under this amount will be considered on a case-by-case basis. There are currently five portfolio managers participating in this program.

2019 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

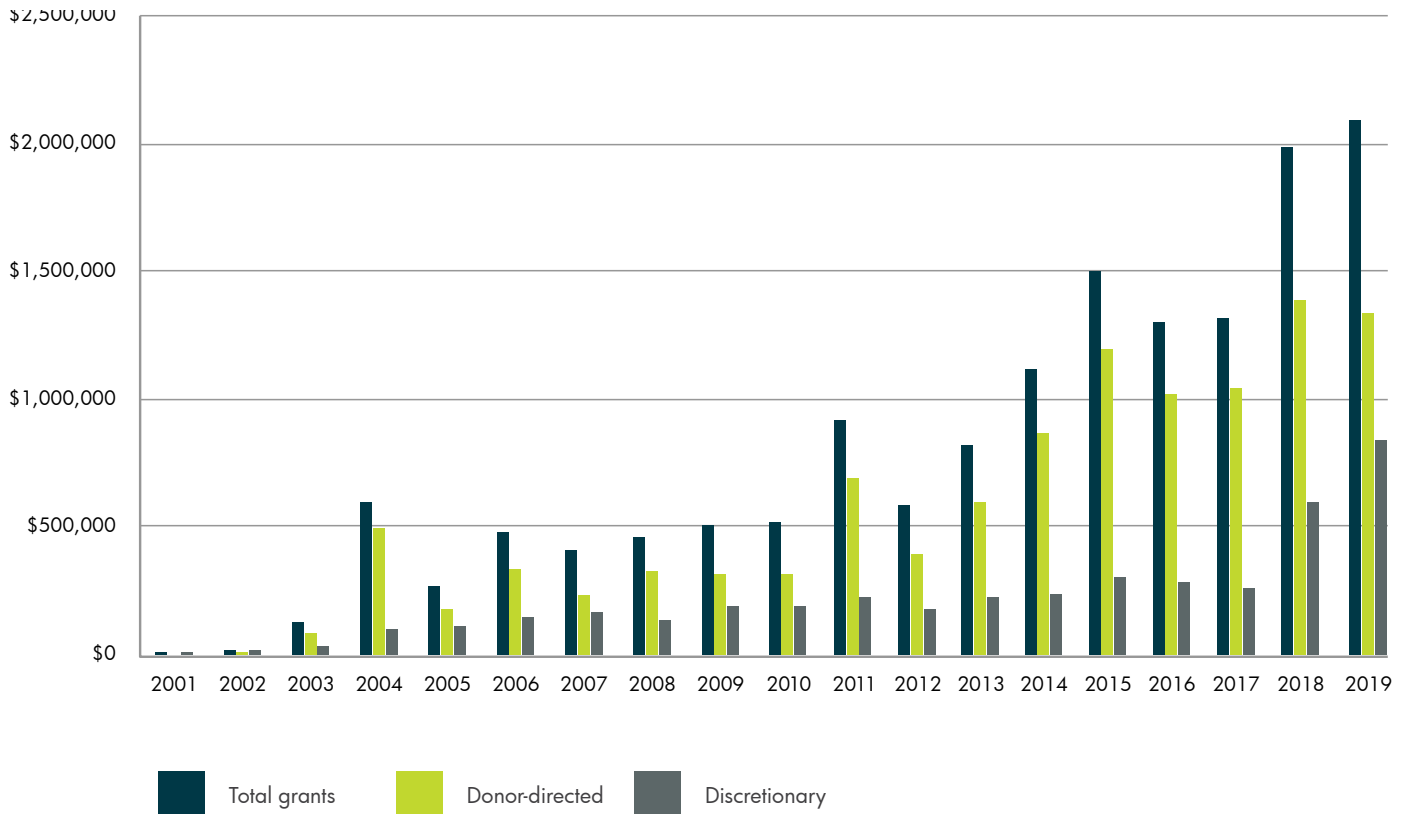
GIFTS RECEIVED: \$4,502,696

GROWTH IN ASSETS: 13.7%

GRANTS AWARDED: \$2,146,940

OPERATING EXPENSES (excluding special projects): 0.91%

GROWTH IN GRANTS 2001 - 2019





GRANTS enable community dreams

FRIENDS OF MALCOMSON ECO-PARK

A natural area in Niagara is more hospitable to native species of plants and wildlife, thanks to a \$4,000 Environmental Grant from the Niagara Community Foundation.

The money allowed the Friends of Malcomson Eco-Park to hire an environmental contractor to spray invasive species such as Common Buckthorn, Oriental Bittersweet Vine, Manitoba Maple, and Tartarian Honeysuckle in vulnerable areas of the 36-acre north St. Catharines forest. Once the invasive plants had died, volunteers from Port Weller School and the Peninsula Field Naturalists were able to remove the dead vegetation. Students from Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute, Governor Simcoe Secondary School and the Niagara College Eco-system Restoration program assisted with re-planting the cleared areas with native species such as Serviceberry, Spicebush, and Ironwood.

Birds such as bald eagles, barn owls, or belted kingfishers rely on the native species for habitat and food. So do migratory species such as warblers, vireos and shrikes. Close to 200 different species of birds have been spotted in the park, with a number of them considered endangered or rare.

The Friends are evaluating the success of the re-planting efforts and identifying the next areas of invasive species to tackle. The ongoing work is being financially supported by the City of St. Catharines, which owns the park, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

“Not only did the forest and its inhabitants grow healthier, the project means another generation of environmental stewards is learning how to care for the earth,” said Claire Theijsmeyer, co-convenor of the Friends of Malcomson Eco-Park.

Katie Wood, a teacher at Port Weller School agrees. “Students are learning firsthand about the importance of biodiversity in our dwindling greenspaces. I loved seeing the excitement of my students as they discovered the different plants, birds and insects.”

As one student said: “When we grow up, we want to be able to go there and see all the plants and animals that belong.”

FOOD4KIDS: LIVING UP TO THEIR NAME

It can bring people together and provide great comfort.

But food can also divide and be a source of stress, especially when it's scarce.

That's why Amber Hughes established Food4Kids Niagara, the local branch of a provincial organization that picks up where school breakfast programs and food banks leave off. Food4Kids provides packages of healthy foods to help local elementary-age children and their families eat during weekends until school — and breakfast programs — start again on Monday.

Last year, the organization, with the help of a Niagara Community Foundation grant worth \$8,520, expanded its efforts to provide weekly hampers that would feed 82 children from 25 families throughout the summer.

The hampers feature all four food groups, and are assembled and delivered by a team of volunteers.

Each hamper contains fresh fruits and vegetables, and pantry staples, such as canned soups, Kraft Dinner, and breakfast goods. They also include dairy, bread, and ingredients and instructions for meals that come together quickly, with the opportunity for families to bond in the process.

"We find out from a lot of families that they don't get to cook together because there's often not enough food in the house to have a full meal," Hughes said. "Even the social time and transfer of skills — they're missing that if there's not enough food in the house."

A treat of the week is always included, too, "just to have something special" they can enjoy with friends.

The Niagara Community Foundation has been a pivotal funding partner for Food4Kids Niagara since it launched in 2018 to help alleviate the effects of poverty and hunger, and provide children with opportunities to grow, excel and thrive.

"We're just trying as hard as possible to break down any barrier to access to food," Hughes said. "I don't know if we could have started without the Community Foundation."

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

A cancer diagnosis can mean fear, anxiety, helplessness, and anger, but the Niagara Community office of the Canadian Cancer Society offers power to patients in the form of knowledge and support – now in a bright new space.

The newly-renovated wig room at the Society's Niagara Street office in St. Catharines is an oasis of calm and encouragement, for men, women, and children who may come in search of a head-covering but who are also offered comfort and knowledge.

A \$5,000 grant from the Niagara Community Foundation's community fund means the free and confidential services the Society provides are now available in a space that is functional, comfortable, and welcoming.

The renovations are already attracting attention and more referrals, donations, and help. Cancer patients can access wigs and support elsewhere in Niagara, but the Canadian Cancer Society's services are free. The medical information shared by peers on the cancer journey is vetted by a team of physicians, so it is accurate and easy to understand. The new computer is a way to help cancer patients become aware of the other supports and resources that are available to them – such as rides to appointments.

The wigs are made with natural hair and are provided by the Pantene Beautiful Lengths Program, and they are cleaned and styled by volunteers from Cappa School of Hairstyling.

Being able to choose a head-covering that makes them feel good is an important part of the journey. Going out in public feeling "normal" helps cancer patients regain a sense of themselves.

An added benefit? Publicity from the grand re-opening has prompted cancer survivors or their loved ones to donate even more wigs.



FRIENDS OF FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tired and worn-out furniture in the tween area of Fort Erie Public Library's Centennial Branch confirmed something for Ann McLaughlin.

First, it was a sign to the president of the Friends of Fort Erie Public Library that the space created to welcome tweens and teens when school was out for the day was as loved as it was used.

Second, McLaughlin knew the branch really needed new furniture to ensure the library would continue to feel like home to its young patrons, who meet there for activities, snacks and to socialize.

A grant for \$500 from the Niagara Community Foundation would help with that. The funding, which kickstarted an important renovation project, would be matched by the library itself to purchase sturdy and long-lasting couches and chairs, and further helped along with municipal money for new carpet. All in, the contributions would freshen a space used daily by dozens of 10-12-year-olds in a socioeconomically challenged area of the city.

The library provides a safe and welcoming environment for tweens who, in many cases, don't have a parent at home after school or in the early evenings, and who may not have many options for places to spend time socially or to do their homework.

"It's a magnet for young people, so keeping it updated and fresh is exactly what we want to support," McLaughlin said. "The point is to make the library feel like their home away from home and make kids feel like they're at home when they're at the library.

"The library is the community's living room, so this will make it warm and inviting."

NIAGARA COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE

Some of St. Catharines' most vulnerable citizens are getting better access to dental care, thanks to the legacy of philanthropist David Howes.

Niagara College's Dental Hygiene program is using a community grant from the David S. Howes Fund to give dental students practical experience as they offer free check-ups and dental hygiene to residents of the Southridge and Salvation Army shelters.

The \$15,000 grant was one of 16 grants worth a total of \$593,000 awarded to Niagara organizations in 2019, from the fund established in 2017 by the estate of Niagara businessman, community leader, and philanthropist, David Howes.

The dental initiative recruited dozens of students from the dental hygiene program to visit the two St. Catharines homeless shelters in teams of six, roughly once a month. The students were trained in providing oral care to people with addiction and mental health challenges. During the supervised shelter visits, over 100 homeless people were given oral hygiene demonstrations and coaching, had the health of their heads, necks, mouths checked for signs of decay or cancer, and were offered advice on nutrition and smoking cessation if they wanted it. One quarter of the clients were referred to a dentist or the free Niagara College Dental Clinic – and offered bus passes – for follow-up care.

The pilot project was such a success that it is continuing for another year with funding from the college, said Carolyn Triemstra, Niagara College's Dean of Community and Health Studies. It has also been expanded to include visits to the Hope Centre in Welland and the YWCA Women's shelter in St. Catharines, and to include participation from students in the college's paramedic and dental assistant programs.

In addition to helping the current shelter clients be healthier now, the initiative is designed to continue helping in the future.

"We are demystifying the realities of caring for the homeless and those with mental health and addiction challenges," said Ellen Schonewille, development officer, "and encouraging the students to continue this practice into their careers."

Triemstra said that may be one of the pilot program's most important accomplishments. Feedback from the project's first participants shows they were profoundly moved by the experience.

They are learning about a different population, about a client group they will be serving, Triemstra said. Many said the experience was "life-changing," and that before visiting a shelter they "had no idea."

"They are learning a client is a client is a client," she said. "The social benefit to our students is immeasurable."





NIAGARA FALLS ART GALLERY ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

Students can learn about the past with a hands-on activity in the present at the Niagara Children’s Museum, digging for dinosaurs or ancient artifacts at a mock archeological dig.

Constructed with \$6,000 in assistance from the Niagara Community Foundation’s Living in Niagara fund, the shaded dig area is marked out in a grid pattern, just as a real archeological dig would be. Varying collections of artifacts are buried in the dig areas based on the visiting teachers’ educational goals for their students. Students will dig, measure and map what they find, and sketch the artifacts.

The installation was completed in the fall of 2019, and the first student groups are booked to come in April, said Debra Attenborough, executive director of the museum. Depending on the grade of the students and the learning objectives of the visit, students will be digging up plastic skeletons in an anthropology dig, shards of pottery in an ancient civilizations dig, or bits of dinosaur bones cast in cement for a paleontology dig. The guided visits are accessible, and available in both English and French.

“The studies in paleontology, anthropology, and archeology are made possible by additional contributions from the City of Niagara Falls, Turkstra Lumber, and the Gilbert Family. Pulling other donors into significant projects is one of the ways the Niagara Community Foundation amplifies donors’ gifts,” said Foundation Executive Director Bryan Rose. “When a good idea is supported by funding from multiple sources, more can be accomplished, and more people can take satisfaction in being part of a community-boosting initiative.”

Attenborough agrees. Support from the Niagara Community Foundation “leveraged us a lot of extra money, and we were able to more than we had planned.”

Attenborough said teachers are excited by the hands-on learning opportunity, that combines art, science, math and history and she expects it will be popular.

WEST NIAGARA PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES

Seniors and people coping with life-limiting illness in West Niagara have a friendly place to visit now that West Niagara Palliative Care's new Smithville drop-in program is open.

The new program, operating monthly out of Smithville Christian Reformed Church, is open to seniors, people with life-limiting illness, and their caregivers. Visitors are offered healthy snacks, inspiring and informative talks, brain games, and companionship.

Companionship is one of the most important features of the program, said Sherry Cain, executive director of Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers, the organization that runs West Niagara Palliative Care. Social isolation and loneliness are hazards faced by people as they age, Cain said, and can contribute to poor health.

The Drop-In is made possible through an \$8,000 community grant from the Niagara Community Foundation.

The participants in the pilot project enjoyed themed activities such as a Christmas concert, Valentine's treats or St. Patrick's Day crafts. It is modelled after a similar program in Grimsby, but serves seniors in the more isolated areas of West Niagara. The pilot also included the offer of transportation, which Cain said is very important in a community where distance, and lack of public transit, make it easy for shut-ins to be cut off from the world.

There were also sessions for caregivers, with tips on how to take care of themselves while they are devoting so much time and energy to care for others.

Cain said the pilot was very well-attended and well-received, and may be expanded next year with a bereavement spin-off group.

"There are a good handful of regulars who depend on it and look forward to it," Cain said. "For some, it is their only psycho-social element in the month. If we could offer it weekly, we would."

TOWN OF PELHAM

Being the most vibrant, innovative and caring community in Niagara is an admirable mission.

To help achieve that cause, the Town of Pelham's Recreation, Culture and Wellness Department, along with community volunteer Colleen Kenyon, put out a call in the Spring of 2019 to high school students and seniors in the community. The two generations were to come together each week in conversation circles to discuss a new topic and share stories.

The gab sessions would be the foundation for a community drama initiative led by Kenyon, called Seniors and Youth Intergeneration Theatre or SAY IT! On Stage.

Those conversations started with a group of strangers — students on one side of the room, seniors on the other. But it wasn't long before the weekly meetups had their regulars, and those divisions between young and old morphed into profound relationships. All the while, Kenyon compiled their stories for a play that would be performed by conversation circle participants over two nights at the Meridian Community Centre in Fonthill later that year.

A \$5,000-grant from Niagara Community Foundation helped facilitate SAY IT! On Stage's first production, that put students and seniors in the spotlight or to work behind the scenes to pull off the performance. The grant paid for equipment, including microphones, along with wages for a lighting technician and a stage manager. It also covered stage makeup and improv workshops to help bring out everyone's inner actor.

When SAY IT! On Stage hit the theatre last December, more than 250 people took in the performance. Most important of all, though, were the relationships that continued between the two generations of actors after the final bow, and Kenyon's desire to do it all again in 2020 with another group of students and seniors.

"It was incredible," said Stephanie Yole, a culture and community enhancement programmer with the Town of Pelham. "The journey along the way was really what this was about, not just the final project. By the end, they developed incredible relationships and enjoyed the process so much."



LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF NIAGARA

Parents and teachers are both familiar with the summer slide. It's when reading or other academic skills decline when school is out for summer.

But what about students whose abilities lag behind their peers already when the school year ends?

Enter the Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region and its Sunshine, Learning, Achievement and More (SLAM) Camp, a full-day literacy camp for children ages 6 to 11 with learning disabilities, such as dyslexia.

Thanks to a Niagara Community Foundation grant of \$1,750, more children were able to attend SLAM Camp where they engaged in literacy activities in the morning and recreational and social activities in the afternoon.

The Foundation money covered one week of SLAM Camp in St. Catharines, Welland or Niagara Falls for 10 Niagara children last summer, giving students who might not have the means the opportunity to spend time in a supportive environment, where their individual literacy skills improved both statistically and clinically.

"These students are quite a bit behind their peers at the end of the school year, so the camps are meant to close that gap so in September, they're starting at the same point as their peers again," said Samantha Sendzik, learning disabilities association executive director.

Time spent at the camp doesn't just translate to better academic performance. Sendzik has countless stories from parents who have seen a transformation in their children in other invaluable ways.

"Time and time again, we get testimonials from parents who say 'They're a totally different kid. They want to read to me and I see a change in their mindset,'" Sendzik said. "That change in confidence is one of the biggest changes we see."

2019 GRANTS AWARDED

From our Community, David S. Howes Fund, Mini, Environment, Summer Camp and Strategic Initiatives grant programs

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Bethlehem Housing and Support Services	Support our new Housing Hero Ambassadors program by developing timeless digital marketing collateral, including customizable social media templates and ambassador outreach videos.	\$4,000
Bridges Community Health Centre	Support fund for Bridges CHC clients, who would otherwise not be able to afford, basic or emergency medical and health related products and services.	\$7,500
Brock University	Support the teaching and learning actions that will foster a culture of truth, reciprocity, reconciliation and decolonization at Brock University and in the Niagara community.	\$35,000
Canadian Cancer Society (Niagara)	Support renovation of wig room to be a more welcoming environment and include a resource space for clients to obtain support and information on their diagnosis and treatment.	\$5,000
Canadian Chamber Academy (Music Niagara)	Support the creation of a pilot project establishing a biennial Choral Festival in Niagara on the Lake and surrounding region.	\$4,500
Carousel Players	Provide support for three free performances of Flying Hearts, a Sensory Friendly dance/theatre performance with live music, welcoming children of diverse abilities and special needs and their families.	\$4,600
Cave Springs Camp Inc.	Purchase three adjustable adult change tables to accommodate the physical needs of physically challenged youth.	\$5,000
City of Niagara Falls - The Park in the City Committee	Support Schools In Bloom program that will allow new schools to participate and develop environmental/horticulture projects that are student driven.	\$4,000
City of St. Catharines - Friends of Malcolmson Eco-Park	Removal of invasive buckthorn and Manitoba maple trees, and bittersweet vines around waterfowl pond and in 2 other forest areas followed by native trees and shrubs plantings to restore habitat.	\$4,000
City of Welland	Purchase Concept 2 Ergometer machine to assist with year round training of rowing athletes in the South Niagara Niagara Rowing Club.	\$500
CNIB	Support program that teaches people with blindness and sight loss how to try, use, and access new accessible technologies that can dramatically reduce social isolation and enhance participation in the community.	\$5,000
Community Care of West Niagara	Support the development a Strategic Plan that will reflect the agency growth and and diversification.	\$6,000
Community Care of West Niagara	Support the building renovation project that will improve the safety and accessibility of building for clients and the community at large, while improving efficiencies in support of expanded programming.	\$30,000
Community Living St. Catharines	Revitalize the tired, old worn-out kitchens in 3 group homes to better serve the 14 individuals residing at these locations to encourage a sense of connection and socialization.	\$15,000
Design For A New Tomorrow	Support the development a 5 year Strategic Plan for the organization.	\$6,000
Epilepsy Niagara	Support leadership program for youth (and adults) living with epilepsy, designed to empower them to be strong ambassadors, self-advocates and role models while equipping them with necessary life skills.	\$8,000
Folk Arts Council of St. Catharines - Multicultural Centre	Train 10 newcomers on public speaking, confidence-building, and group facilitation in order to connect and collaborate with elementary and high schools in the Niagara Region and give presentations on the newcomer experience.	\$500
Food4Kids Niagara	Develop a Summer Food Program to address the issue of child hunger during the summer months when school is not in session and student nutrition programs aren't running.	\$8,000
Fort Erie Public Library	Purchase furniture for the tween area, to enhance the popular tween program and expand seating capacity.	\$500
Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT)	Over two years, support the continued operation of the only free after school program and youth resource centre in West Niagara and help build long term sustainability of the program.	\$90,000
Gillian's Place	Over two years - Support project that seeks to alleviate barriers to safe, affordable housing by partnering with Bethlehem Housing & Support Services to provide transitional housing and support for women and children fleeing abuse.	\$50,000
Grimsby Museum (Town of Grimsby)	Support project that will provide outdoor gallery space to the Grimsby Museum park including the installation of informational signs along side the artefacts already present in the park.	\$2,500

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Grimsby Public Art Gallery (Town of Grimsby)	Support Armchair Art History series, a non-academic survey of the development of world art that will provide knowledge and increase understanding and appreciation of art and art galleries.	\$500
Grimsby Public Art Gallery (Town of Grimsby)	Support workshop with two Yukon based artists, one Indigenous, one a recent arrival, to enhance understanding of traditional territories and indigenous cultures from across Canada with the experiences of Niagara residents and our local environment.	\$500
Heartland Forest Nature Experience	Support community engagement activities including tree planting, the installation of tree tags, and education and awareness of the role of trees and water quality.	\$4,000
Hospice Niagara	Support program that provides people living with terminal illnesses and their families informed choices about their end-of-life care, earlier in the illness trajectory to help reduce their anxiety during care transitions.	\$43,000
Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation	Support the replacement of the medication management system, allowing for a safer, technically advanced and more efficient way of documenting and distributing medications to inpatients.	\$25,000
Kiwanis Club of St .Catharines Central	Support the purchase of a Tow Horse statue to educate residents to the role played in the first three Welland Canals and the development of Canada, and create a cultural centre of gravity.	\$15,000
Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region	Support the one time tenant build costs for a new office space in the Branscombe Mental Health Centre.	\$35,000
Links for Greener Learning	Support the production of materials for the Eco-Chic Boutique social enterprise	\$5,000
NCDSB - Cardinal Newman Elementary School	Purchase six child friendly spin bikes, to place in the regular classroom setting providing students with an opportunity to optimize on the relationship between exercise and brain performance/mood.	\$3,400
Niagara College	Support the Dental Outreach Project that brings students from the Dental Hygiene program into the Southridge and Salvation Army homeless shelters to provide oral health care and education to residents.	\$15,000
Niagara Falls Art Gallery	Purchase new air conditioning/heating unit for children's art studio space.	\$500
Niagara Falls Art Gallery	Support creation of Mock Archeological Dig that will enable the Museum to develop integrated learning opportunities for elementary school students and increase capacity.	\$6,000
Niagara Falls Community Health Centre Inc.	Purchase materials for summer camp where youth cook, play games, team build, and attend community outings with goal of building life-skills, healthy eating habits, and self-esteem to improve social-emotional wellbeing.	\$500
Niagara Falls Community Outreach	Support expansion of free meal program with goal to increase served to 73,000 providing 2 meals a day for those in need in Niagara Falls.	\$13,000
Niagara Historical Society - Museum	Development of an arts, culture and heritage-based educational program for the mobile museum that will be offered to Niagara schools as well as local events and festivals.	\$25,000
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Support traditional Powwow held in St. Catharines	\$500
Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre	Supporte enhancements to existing database to improve internal processing/reporting and updates to website for external branding and to be more user-friendly.	\$6,500
Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA Inc.)	Eevise and print agency pamphlets that will be distributed to service agencies and institutions,hospitals and doctors offices, across the Niagara.	\$500
Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA Inc.)	Support the development a Strategic Plan that will include a component for succession planning and to further evaluate the viability of continuing with the current board governance model.	\$6,000
Niagara Worship Centre	Purchase new refridgerator to suport monthly outreach Hotmeal community soup kitchen.	\$500
Pathstone Foundation	Expand Pathstone's Hear & Now Walk-In Clinic extension program to address calls from community, clients and their families to offer more immediate access to mental health services.	\$15,000
Pelham Cares Inc.	Support the external waterproofing of the east section of facility, and remediation of mould from continuous water damage.	\$10,000
Port Cares	Purchase Transit Cargo Van for Reach Out Centre for the pick up and delivery of donations and emergency food deliveries.	\$20,000

2019 GRANTS AWARDED

From our Community, David S. Howes Fund, Mini, Environment, Summer Camp and Strategic Initiatives grant programs

For detailed information on our current granting priorities visit the grants section at niagaracommunityfoundation.org

Positive Living Niagara	Support project that will bring clients together over a two-day period to examine issues of self-confidence, assertiveness and reducing isolation by being involved in meaningful connections in community through work/volunteering.	\$5,000
Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls Inc.	Support the Volunteer program to meet the growing needs of the agency and improve the volunteer experience.	\$25,000
REACH Niagara	Support half day workshop to bring the community together to discuss initiatives aimed at marginalized population where speakers will address initiatives to enhance care in the Emergency room as well as OW/ODSP supplements.	\$500
Red Roof Retreat	Support redevelopment of staff orientation manual and training resources.	\$500
Scientists In School - Niagara Region Branch	Support the Adopt a Low-Income School initiative in the Niagara Region which allows schools in financial need participate in the Scientists in School program.	\$5,000
St. James & St. Brendan Anglican Church	Purchase tools for the volunteers planting and maintaining gardens at Mariners Park in downtown Port Colborne.	\$500
St. John Ambulance - Niagara Falls Branch (St. John Council for Ontario)	Purchase 20 training uniforms for MFR volunteers to ensure effective training and health and safety services to community members in 2019 and in the years ahead.	\$500
St. John Ambulance - Niagara Falls Branch (St. John Council for Ontario)	Support the Mental Health First Aid Training of St. John Ambulance instructors that then will be offered to citizens and organizations.	\$15,000
Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN)	Support project that aims to understand leading practices in SMUN's radical service delivery model in order to extend and augment services to the benefit of the Niagara community in the future.	\$12,000
Strategic Initiatives Grants	Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) that supported 2 Niagara schools participate in the program.	\$5,000
Strategic Initiatives Grants	Leadership Niagara Bursary to support 3 individuals from charitable organizations in Niagara.	\$4,500
Strategic Initiatives Grants	Legacy Partners Program supported Community Care of Niagara West. Governance Coaching Program supported Cave Springs Camp, Habitat for Humanity and Red Roof Retreat.	\$7,661
Summer Camp Grants	Provided bursaries to 17 organizations to support 217 children to attend summer camp	\$20,100
Town of Lincoln	Support 1st annual National Play Day event at the Jordan Lions Park that will promote a child's right to play.	\$500
Town of Lincoln - Jordan Historical Museum	In an effort to assist our visitors with mobility issues, purchase and install comfortable benches in the exhibition space, in order to enhance their experience in our museum.	\$4,000
Town of Lincoln - Jordan Historical Museum	Support the construction of a new, purpose-built Interpretive Centre for the community museum by addressing the need for appropriate shelving to house collection.	\$25,000
Town of Pelham	Support new program where seniors and students together create a community drama initiative, which highlights seniors' stories on thematic topics.	\$5,000
Township of West Lincoln	Plant additional trees in Wellandport Community park along the shoreline and to create an area for parking to protect and enhance the shoreline of the Welland River.	\$3,000
United Way Niagara	Over three years - Program to support seniors across Niagara in financial need with health, medical and care items.	\$45,000
West Niagara Palliative Care Services o/a Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers	Support Older Adult Drop In Program providing connection, education, activities and access to resources for residents in West Niagara to help reduce social isolation	\$8,000
YWCA Niagara Region	Over two years, support program to help victims of human trafficking with housing and support services.	\$100,000
Women's Place of South Niagara Inc.	Over 3 years support the expansion of the Niagara Falls shelter from 20 to 40 beds to support women and their children fleeing domestic violence.	\$100,000
YMCA of Niagara	Support youth focus groups (age 9-14), to capture a representative voice of this demographic to inform future options for youth outreach programming.	\$3,800
Youth Resources Niagara	Support the opening and operation of youth residential programs one for girls 12-17 in partnership with FACS Niagara.	\$15,000

2019 DONOR DIRECTED GRANTS

These grants are based on terms of the fund agreements between the donor and the Foundation with respect to beneficiary organizations.

Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.....	\$840.64	Community Animal Allies of Niagara.....	\$6,000.00
Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.....	\$541.27	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$500.00
Amici Camping Charity.....	\$3,000.00	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$100.00
Angels Rest Dog Rescue.....	\$2,500.00	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$7,489.32
Angels Rest Dog Rescue.....	\$1,000.00	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$1,000.00
Animal Assistance Society of the Niagara Region.....	\$1,500.00	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$6,363.79
Animal Assistance Society of the Niagara Region.....	\$500.00	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$609.18
Arthritis Society Ontario Division - Niagara Peninsula Office.....	\$564.58	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.....	\$655.00
Beamsville Church of Christ.....	\$50,000.00	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold (Niagara Nutrition Partners).....	\$601.64
Benevolent Society of Grimsby and District.....	\$9,968.25	Community Care of West Niagara.....	\$3,000.00
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$3,532.53	Community Care of West Niagara.....	\$6,632.95
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$3,540.88	Community Care of West Niagara.....	\$85.39
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$591.22	Community Care of West Niagara.....	\$1,129.26
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$500.00	Community Living - Grimsby Lincoln & West Lincoln.....	\$2,072.80
Big Brothers Big Sisters - Grimsby Lincoln, West Lincoln.....	\$5,803.83	Community Living St. Catharines.....	\$404.99
Big Brothers Big Sisters - Grimsby Lincoln, West Lincoln.....	\$1,500.00	Conestoga College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Falls.....	\$704.87	Cystic Fibrosis Canada - Niagara Chapter.....	\$3,130.95
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara.....	\$778.25	Diocese of St. Catharines.....	\$1,235.79
Bob Gale Recreation Fund.....	\$5,000.00	Doctors Without Borders Canada.....	\$1,025.76
Boxrun Charitable Foundation.....	\$1,260.82	Dog Guides Canada.....	\$7,378.12
Brock University - Office of Development and Alumni Relations.....	\$1,000.00	Dog Guides Canada.....	\$840.64
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$600.00	Durham College - Financial Aid and Awards office.....	\$1,000.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$700.00	Durham College - Financial Aid and Awards office.....	\$1,000.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$1,500.00	Durham College - Financial Aid and Awards office.....	\$1,000.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$700.00	Durham College - Financial Aid and Awards office.....	\$1,000.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$814.00	Durham College - Financial Aid and Awards office.....	\$1,000.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$527.59	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$88.64
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$250.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$969.20
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$344.28	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$653.06
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$300.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$6,982.16
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$700.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$6,982.16
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$2,000.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$399.74
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$700.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$397.53
Bruce Trail Conservancy.....	\$1,235.78	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$176.97
Burlington Rotary Community Hospice Inc. (Carpenter Hospice).....	\$1,013.65	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$98.32
Canadian Cancer Society.....	\$3,130.95	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$1,000.00
Canadian Cancer Society (Niagara).....	\$6,000.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$272.43
Canadian Red Cross.....	\$253.41	FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.....	\$1,000.00
Canadian Red Cross, Niagara Area Branch.....	\$1,025.76	FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.....	\$100.00
Canadian Red Cross, Niagara Area Branch.....	\$500.00	FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.....	\$1,500.00
Carleton University - Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$958.03	Fort Erie Conservation Club.....	\$481.55
Carleton University - Awards and Financial Aid.....	\$1,041.97	Fort Erie Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....	\$2,000.00
Cave Springs Camp Inc.....	\$1,129.26	Fort Erie Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....	\$1,000.00
Cave Springs Camp Inc.....	\$1,187.70	Fort Erie Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....	\$1,000.00
Centennial College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00	Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT).....	\$750.00
Centennial College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00	Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT).....	\$870.13
Central United Church of Port Colborne.....	\$6,959.78	Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks.....	\$485.48
Chorus Niagara.....	\$9,176.13	Gillian's Place.....	\$840.64
Chorus Niagara.....	\$100.00	Gillian's Place West Niagara	
Chorus Niagara.....	\$4,122.09	West Niagara Second Stage Housing & Counselling Inc.).....	\$1,500.00
Chorus Niagara.....	\$3,500.24	Grace Community Church.....	\$344.28
Chorus Niagara.....	\$2,901.92	Grimsby Auxiliary Marine Rescue Unit (GAMRU South Shore Search and Rescue.....	\$750.00
Church of the Transfiguration.....	\$10,210.08	Grimsby Life Centre Ministries.....	\$1,500.00
City of St. Catharines.....	\$2,000.00	Grimsby Life Centre Ministries.....	\$9,968.25
CityKidz Ministry - Hamilton Branch.....	\$9,968.25	Grimsby Museum (Town of Grimsby).....	\$750.00
CNIB.....	\$840.64	Grimsby Museum (Town of Grimsby).....	\$388.01
Community Animal Allies of Niagara.....	\$1,000.00	Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga.....	\$405.46

Habitat for Humanity ReStore - Grimsby.....	\$750.00	Newark Neighbours Food & Thrift Shops.....	\$500.00
Hamilton Health Sciences.....	\$5,390.32	Niagara Action for Animals.....	\$840.64
Hamilton Health Sciences.....	\$760.24	Niagara Action for Animals.....	\$8,000.00
Hamilton Naturalists' Club.....	\$1,500.00	Niagara Artists Company (Niagara Artists Centre).....	\$359.42
Heart and Stroke Foundation.....	\$564.58	Niagara Artists Company (Niagara Artists Centre).....	\$535.63
Heart and Stroke Foundation.....	\$840.64	Niagara Artists Company (Niagara Artists Centre).....	\$816.96
Heart Niagara Inc.....	\$16,001.81	Niagara Catholic District School Board.....	\$429.37
Heart Niagara Inc.....	\$500.00	Niagara Chapter - Native Women Inc.....	\$1,229.21
Hobbitstee Wildlife Refuge.....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Children's Centre.....	\$2,100.00
Hospice Niagara.....	\$1,235.78	Niagara Children's Centre.....	\$1,025.76
Hospice Niagara.....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Children's Centre.....	\$1,000.00
Hospice Niagara.....	\$9,176.13	Niagara Children's Centre.....	\$14,421.95
Hospice Niagara.....	\$100.00	Niagara Children's Centre.....	\$5,000.00
Hospice Niagara.....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Children's Centre School Authority.....	\$78,242.72
Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation.....	\$2,000.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation.....	\$1,235.78	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,500.00
Humber College - Financial Aid - Scholarships and Awards.....	\$700.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Humber College - Financial Aid - Scholarships and Awards.....	\$250.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$50.00
Jack.org.....	\$368.91	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty.....	\$1,129.26	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation.....	\$760.24	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Kidsport Canada (Niagara Chapter).....	\$201.42	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$700.00
Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara.....	\$500.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$750.00
Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara.....	\$1,343.17	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,500.00
La corporation de l'ecole polytechnique de Montreal.....	\$309.48	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$750.00
Lambton College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,500.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue.....	\$500.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Lincoln County Humane Society.....	\$5,000.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Lincoln County Humane Society.....	\$3,130.95	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Lincoln County Humane Society.....	\$840.64	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Lincoln County Humane Society.....	\$5,000.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Lincoln County Humane Society.....	\$1,000.00	Niagara College Foundation & Alumni Relations.....	\$1,000.00
Lincoln Public Library.....	\$8,291.19	Niagara Falls Community Outreach.....	\$5,000.00
Lincoln Public Library.....	\$3,000.00	Niagara Falls Humane Society.....	\$2,500.00
Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.....	\$750.00	Niagara Falls Humane Society.....	\$500.00
Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.....	\$9,968.25	Niagara Falls Humane Society.....	\$1,970.74
Literacy Council of Niagara West.....	\$3,000.00	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services.....	\$964.90
Literacy Council of Niagara West.....	\$2,072.80	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services.....	\$1,000.00
March of Dimes Canada.....	\$3,279.37	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services.....	\$1,945.98
Mayholme Foundation.....	\$82,220.30	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services.....	\$370.26
McMaster University.....	\$1,500.00	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services.....	\$1,219.15
McMaster University.....	\$700.00	Niagara Health Foundation.....	\$1,000.00
McMaster University.....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Health Foundation.....	\$1,402.11
McMaster University.....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Health Foundation - GNGH Site.....	\$2,000.00
McMaster University.....	\$5,000.00	Niagara Health Foundation - Port Colborne Site.....	\$2,522.74
McMaster University.....	\$1,500.00	Niagara Health Foundation - Port Colborne Site.....	\$609.18
McMaster University.....	\$2,000.00	Niagara Health Foundation - St. Catharines Site.....	\$818.42
McMaster University.....	\$1,500.00	Niagara Health Foundation - St. Catharines Site.....	\$964.90
McNally House Hospice.....	\$870.13	Niagara Health Foundation - Welland Site.....	\$451.52
McNally House Hospice.....	\$129.92	Niagara Health Foundation - Welland Site.....	\$1,487.40
McNally House Hospice.....	\$70,021.47	Niagara Historical Society - Museum.....	\$10,000.00
McNally House Hospice.....	\$5,471.35	Niagara Historical Society - Museum.....	\$168.73
McNally House Hospice.....	\$3,130.95	Niagara Historical Society - Museum.....	\$500.00
Mission Services of Hamilton Inc.....	\$9,968.25	Niagara Land Trust.....	\$1,219.45
Mission Services of Hamilton Inc.....	\$253.41	Niagara Life Welland Centre o/a Elisha House Pregnancy& Family Support Centre.....	\$7,190.24
Mohawk College.....	\$1,500.00	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation.....	\$481.73
Mohawk College.....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation.....	\$2,901.92
Mohawk College.....	\$1,500.00	Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre.....	\$2,500.00
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.....	\$840.64	Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre.....	\$2,000.00
Muscular Dystrophy Canada.....	\$10,785.28	Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA Inc.).....	\$840.64
Nativity of the Holy Mother of God.....	\$47,513.06	Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA Inc.).....	\$446.99
NCDSB - Holy Name Catholic School.....	\$100.00	Niagara Resource Service for Youth (The RAFT).....	\$9,176.13
Nelles Manor Heritage Home.....	\$750.00	Niagara Symphony Association.....	\$100.00

Niagara Symphony Association.....	\$3,682.86	Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church.....	\$47,513.06
Niagara Symphony Association.....	\$9,176.13	Terry Fox Foundation (Niagara on the Lake Chapter).....	\$201.43
Niagara Symphony Association.....	\$1,000.00	The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie.....	\$842.37
Niagara Symphony Association.....	\$2,901.92	The Salvation Army Community & Family Services.....	\$1,025.76
Niagara Youth Orchestra.....	\$2,901.92	The Salvation Army Niagara Orchard Community Church.....	\$500.00
Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service.....	\$4,500.00	The Salvation Army St. Catharines Community & Family Services.....	\$804.80
Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service.....	\$688.67	The Salvation Army St. Catharines Community & Family Services.....	\$500.00
Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.....	\$4,368.98	The School of Restoration Arts at Willowbank.....	\$500.00
Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.....	\$935.53	The War Amps of Canada.....	\$9,968.25
Northend Church (Ontario Mennonite Brethren Conference).....	\$2,000.00	Town of Lincoln - Jordan Historical Museum.....	\$2,072.80
Northend Church (Ontario Mennonite Brethren Conference).....	\$1,200.00	Town of Pelham.....	\$20,000.00
Ontario Brain Injury Association.....	\$5,000.00	Trent University.....	\$1,000.00
Ontario Lung Association - Branch serving Niagara.....	\$1,025.76	Ukrainian Canadian Congress Charitable and Educational Trust.....	\$47,513.06
Open Arms Mission of Welland Inc.....	\$7,190.24	Ukrainian Canadian Social Services (St. Catharines) Inc.....	\$47,513.06
Osteoporosis Canada - Niagara Chapter.....	\$840.64	United Way Niagara.....	\$5,000.00
Owl Foundation.....	\$500.00	United Way Niagara.....	\$1,000.00
Pancreatic Cancer Canada.....	\$50,000.00	United Way Niagara.....	\$1,487.40
Parkinson Society Central & Northern Ontario.....	\$2,100.00	United Way Niagara.....	\$50.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$1,000.00	United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton.....	\$405.46
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$1,235.78	University of British Columbia.....	\$700.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$956.13	University of Guelph.....	\$500.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$2,100.00	University of Guelph.....	\$500.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$244.93	University of Guelph.....	\$1,500.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$639.09	University of Ottawa.....	\$700.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$2,000.00	University of Toronto.....	\$1,500.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$10,000.00	University of Toronto.....	\$1,000.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$9,176.14	University of Toronto.....	\$1,500.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	\$146.46	University of Toronto.....	\$1,500.00
Pelham Public Library.....	\$436.24	University of Waterloo.....	\$1,500.00
Pets Alive Niagara.....	\$3,500.00	University of Waterloo.....	\$1,500.00
Port Nelson United Church.....	\$506.83	Urban Wildlife Care.....	\$1,000.00
Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls Inc.....	\$500.00	VON Canada - Ontario Branch - Niagara Site.....	\$2,901.92
Queen's University.....	\$5,000.00	Welland and District Humane Society (S.P.C.A.).....	\$5,000.00
Queen's University.....	\$10,000.00	Welland and District Humane Society (S.P.C.A.).....	\$1,000.00
Queen's University.....	\$1,000.00	Welland and District Humane Society (S.P.C.A.).....	\$5,000.00
Red Roof Retreat.....	\$3,500.00	Welland and District Humane Society (S.P.C.A.).....	\$2,500.00
Red Roof Retreat.....	\$100.00	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation.....	\$5,000.00
Red Roof Retreat.....	\$201.43	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation.....	\$2,100.00
Red Roof Retreat.....	\$370.26	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation.....	\$2,527.08
Regional Niagara Upper Canada Lodge (Regional Municipality of Niagara).....	\$3,300.00	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation.....	\$827.19
Regional Niagara Upper Canada Lodge (Regional Municipality of Niagara).....	\$7,055.78	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation.....	\$5,000.00
Ridley College.....	\$100.00	West Lincoln Community Care.....	\$527.29
Rotary Club of Lincoln Foundation.....	\$395.49	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation.....	\$129.93
Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Charitable Trust.....	\$485.76	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation.....	\$550.00
Saint Elizabeth Foundation (Journey Home Hospice).....	\$4,200.00	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation.....	\$200.00
Salvation Army Community and Family Services - Hamilton/Wentworth.....	\$506.83	West Niagara Agricultural Society.....	\$2,157.55
Shaw Festival Theatre, Canada.....	\$9,176.13	Whispering Hearts Horse Rescue Centre.....	\$1,000.00
Shaw Festival Theatre, Canada.....	\$2,000.00	Wilfrid Laurier University.....	\$750.00
Sleeping Children Around the World.....	\$7,509.70	Wilfrid Laurier University.....	\$5,000.00
Sleeping Children Around the World.....	\$202.73	Women's Place of South Niagara Inc.....	\$500.00
Southridge Shelter / Brock University Dept. Rec and Leisure.....	\$344.29	Women's Place of South Niagara Inc.....	\$1,211.91
Special Olympics Ontario - Niagara-on-the-Lake.....	\$1,029.22	YMCA of Niagara.....	\$1,000.00
St. George's Anglican Church.....	\$500.00	YMCA of Niagara.....	\$1,000.00
St. Giles Presbyterian Church.....	\$1,421.65	YMCA of Niagara.....	\$374.41
St. John Ambulance - St. Catharines Branch.....	\$100.00	York University.....	\$500.00
St. John the Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church.....	\$47,513.06	York University.....	\$250.00
St. Mark's Historic Properties Foundation, c/o St. Mark's Church.....	\$562.73	YWCA Niagara Region.....	\$5,000.00
St. Therese of Lisieux Church.....	\$426.06	YWCA Niagara Region.....	\$2,000.00
St. Therese of Lisieux Church.....	\$5,045.48	YWCA Niagara Region.....	\$775.69
Stamford Lane United Church.....	\$2,000.00		
Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN).....	\$600.00		
Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN).....	\$587.34		
Strive Niagara (AFSSN).....	\$750.00		
			\$1,320,657.36

CELEBRATING **our donors**

THE DAVID S. HOWES FUND

In 2017 the David S. Howes Fund was created following a \$19 million dollar gift from the David S. Howes Foundation. Per David's wishes, grants from the Fund will support post-secondary, facilities, research, health care services, education and humanitarian issues throughout Niagara.

Transformative to the Foundation and to charitable sector throughout Niagara, the David S. Howes Fund virtually doubles the granting capacity of NCF to support a cross-section of the region's highest needs. This year the Foundation received 39 individual grant requests representing projects totaling \$3 million dollars. After rigorous review by our Grants Committee and in consultation with David's family and the Howes Foundation Trustees, the Foundation's Directors approved 16 projects representing just under

Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation

\$25,000 to support the replacement of their medication management system, allowing for a safer, technically advanced and more efficient way of documenting and distributing medications to in-patients.

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region

\$35,000 for the one time tenant build costs for a new office space in the Branscombe Mental Health Centre.

Community Care of West Niagara

\$30,000 to go towards CCWN's building renovation project that will improve the safety and accessibility of building for clients and the community at large, while improving efficiencies in support of program expansion.

Community Living St. Catharines

\$15,000 to revitalize the outdated and inefficient kitchens in three group homes to better serve the 14 individuals residing at these locations to encourage a sense of connection and socialization.

Niagara Historical Society & Museum

\$25,000 for the development of an arts, culture and heritage-based educational program for the organizations "mobile museum" that will be offered to Niagara schools as well as local events and festivals.

United Way Niagara

\$45,000 over three years to in support of the *Seniors Health & Well-Being Fund* to help seniors across Niagara in financial need with health, medical and care items.

Brock University – Centre for Pedagogical Innovation

\$35,000 to support the teaching and learning actions that will foster a culture of truth, reciprocity, reconciliation and decolonization at Brock University and throughout the Niagara community.

YWCA Niagara Region

Over two years, \$100,000 to provide programing in support of victims of human trafficking with housing and support services.

\$600,000 of funding. As was done last year, other community funds were used to "top-up" some of the projects for this round.

Combined with the inaugural round of grants from this Fund, an astonishing **\$963,000** has been injected into the community in just two short years. We have been extremely impressed by the quality of the grant applications submitted and the tremendous impact of the work being done on the ground by countless charitable organizations in support of those in our community who rely on these vital programs and services. We are confident that David would have been proud to see the breadth and depth of organizations and their initiatives painstakingly selected. Our only regret is not being able to fund all of the projects we know are worthy and deserving.

Gillian's Place

In partnership with Bethlehem Housing & Support Services, \$50,000 over two years to alleviate barriers to safe, affordable housing for transitional housing in support of women and children fleeing abuse.

Port Cares

\$20,000 to purchase a transit cargo van for Port Cares' Reach-Out Centre for the pick-up and delivery of donations and emergency food deliveries.

Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls

\$25,000 to bolster their volunteer program to meet the growing needs of the agency and improve the volunteer experience.

Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT)

\$90,000 over two years to help fund the continued operation of the only free after school program and youth resource centre in West Niagara and help build long term sustainability of the program.

Hospice Niagara

\$43,000 towards programming that provides people living with terminal illnesses and their families informed choices about their end-of-life care, earlier in the illness trajectory to help reduce their anxiety during care transitions.

Kiwanis Club of St .Catharines Central

\$15,000 in support of the purchase of a Tow Horse statue to educate residents to the role played in the first three Welland Canals in the historical and cultural development of the Niagara region and the rest of Canada.

St. John Ambulance - Niagara Falls Branch (St. John Council for Ontario)

\$15,000 to help fund Mental Health First Aid Training of St. John Ambulance instructors that then will be offered to local citizens and organizations.

Town of Lincoln - Jordan Historical Museum

\$25,000 to support the construction of a new, purpose-built Interpretive Centre for the community museum.



CELEBRATING **our donors**

HAVING A CHANCE TO CONTINUE LONG AFTER THE MUSICIANS ARE GONE

The music of Momentum Choir has a chance to continue long after the current musicians are gone, with the establishment of the choir's new endowment fund with the Niagara Community Foundation.

The choir, which recruits, trains, and performs with adults living with a disability, was established in 2007, under the leadership of its founding director, music therapist Mendelt Hoekstra. The choir wows audiences with the elation and enthusiasm of its performances, and it gives members a feeling of pride and satisfaction to use their musical talent to entertain and inspire audiences. It's not unusual for audience members to be moved to tears of joy when they see what the musicians are able to accomplish.

"Parents who saw the value of Momentum Choir in their adult children's lives wanted to be able to make meaningful contributions with lasting impact," Hoekstra said. "They encouraged Momentum's board of directors to establish an endowment fund. Choosing the Niagara Community Foundation as the home for that fund was an easy decision for the board to make," Hoekstra commented, especially with the way Executive Director Bryan Rose met multiple times with the board and even came to a Momentum rehearsal to see the musicians at work." Hoekstra stated "the goal is to grow the **MOMENTUM CHOIR FUND** with additional gifts – large and small – so that the annual revenue from the fund helps sustain the choir's mission of teaching, encouraging, and loving people through music."

The fund's donors, present and future, "want to see this organization continue for many years," Hoekstra said. With an endowment fund in place, they can help make that happen. "They are not only thinking of their own child, they are thinking of all the others who will be benefitting."

LIVING A LIFE IN A POSITIVE WAY

Rainer Hummel, President of Hummel Properties in St. Davids clearly leaves an impact on all who he is involved with in business and community. He literally lights up when referencing his children- grown up daughter Raiana, a successful business woman and mother to his three grandchildren, and his two younger children Lexa and Axel. He wants his children and grandchildren to be active and understand the responsibility of giving back to community as he felt at 30 he was late in doing this. Initially, he had a focused view on building himself while he wants his children to have a broader view of giving back earlier in life. “We have to do more as a family. We need to show that our family, children and grandchildren, have contributed to our community and how important it is to help others.”

This is what led him to create the **HUMMEL FAMILY FUND** in 2017. He selected the Niagara Community Foundation to manage and direct his donation due to their ability to invest his initial capital and use the interest to be directed to his specific area of interest for future generations. Through the Hummel Family Fund his intentions are to assist young people entering the skilled trades (plumbers, electricians etc.) at Niagara College. He did give back to the community but always felt that others gave more.

Rainer was born in Uruguay but has lived in Niagara-on-the-Lake since he was 3 years old. While this establishes him as a long time Town resident he has often been viewed as a “newcomer”. He is deeply rooted in his German Mennonite heritage. His pride in his Russian and German ancestors’ comes from their strength and resilience which allowed him to succeed and to set a great example for his family. Through their challenges, those who survived worked very hard and persevering, with the ultimate goal of a successful future for their family and future generations.

Rainer attended school in NOTL but often spent much time helping out on the farm and by 14, working construction. He gained his strong work ethic working alongside his Mother on their farm. In these early years, Rainer remembers being very shy and early signs of independence appeared as he couldn’t stand being told what to do. He links the uniqueness of NOTL to the intrinsic qualities of history and architecture. The more he learned about the Town, the more inspired and active he became.

In giving back to the community, Rainer first became involved with the Virgil Businessmen’s Association (VBA) witnessing the amazing energy and focus for philanthropy.

Over the years his relationship with the Town shifted from confrontational to a balanced mutual respect. He got involved with the Chamber of Commerce-committees; four year term as President and was awarded the Christopher Newton Award for Extraordinary Business Vision (2008) and Citizen of the Year (2019).

While Rainer has accomplished much over the years he is looking forward to continuing to assist with different initiatives. Rainer would like to be remembered through the eyes of his family and his children/grandchildren that he was a Dad who didn’t quit, lived life in a positive way, worked hard and contributed to his community.

THE TANSEY-FITZSIMMONS FUND

Murray Fitzsimmons was a generous man, who loved a good laugh and a good political joust. But he also spent his career as a financier, so he valued the careful handling of financial resources. That’s why setting up a fund in his name after his death in March 2017 was easy for his wife, Rosalie Tansey, to do.

The couple, long-time friends who married after their respective spouses passed away, made Niagara their home, enjoying the region’s beauty and vibrancy, especially the Shaw Festival. They were generous to causes such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation, or the Canadian Cancer Society, and Murray left money to both the Shaw Festival and the Niagara Health System in his will. But when a neighbour told Rosalie about the Niagara Community Foundation, she was immediately impressed with its local emphasis and financial rigour. She knew Murray would have been impressed too.

Meeting with Executive Director Bryan Rose made it clear that a gift in Murray’s name would be a fitting way to honour Murray’s legacy – a permanent way to support causes that are important for the health and vitality of a region that both Murray and Rosalie loved.

Rosalie’s only regret? “I wish Murray had lived to know about the Niagara Community Foundation. He would have wanted to participate,” she said.

Thanks to Rosalie’s decision to honour Murray’s spirit and generosity, he will.



MARKING A SPECIAL OCCASION

With a milestone birthday on the horizon, lifelong Niagara citizen Wade Stayzer found himself asking what he could do to make a difference in his community. The Beamsville resident had already volunteered his time as a board member with the Niagara Community Foundation, Family and Children's Services Niagara, Niagara Health, the 2021 Canada Games, and Niagara College.

In keeping with his community involvement, Stayzer chose to mark this particular occasion by establishing a family fund with the Niagara Community Foundation and encouraging anyone who wants to help him celebrate "the big 5-0" to make a donation as an investment in community leadership in Niagara.

The **STAYZER FAMILY FUND** will also provide an opportunity for his children, Emery and Jacob, to contribute as they're able and build a legacy with their father and his wife Jenn – as a family.

That sense of philanthropy and passion for bettering his community was instilled in Stayzer around a much earlier birthday. As a boy, he was influenced while growing up in a community minded family in Wainfleet, watching his larger than life grandfather give his time as a volunteer firefighter, serving on the school board, and as a Lion.

"It's important for business leaders to give back and help build a better community," Stayzer said. "It's a part of who I am – it's in my DNA."

Setting up the Stayzer Family Fund was quick and easy, he noted. Monthly contributions will grow the fund in the years ahead, and, one day, nurture the next generation of community leaders.

"If I'm working another 10 years, I should be able to help this fund grow to being a \$50,000-fund," Stayzer said. "It's really easy to do. There's something for everybody with the Niagara Community Foundation. If you're passionate and want to make a difference in the long run, I encourage you to explore it."

IF YOU CAN HELP SOMEBODY, DO IT

Angelo Nitsopoulos has a philosophy: If you have an extra dollar, give it to someone who needs it. “Give it to charity; give to someone on the street, help somebody,” Nitsopoulos said.

The owner of Heart of Niagara Hospitality put those words to action in 2019 when he started the **NITSOPOULOS FAMILIES’ FUND** with the Niagara Community Foundation. For years, Nitsopoulos has given his time to the Foundation; as a founder of the former Mayor’s Au Marché fundraiser and as a longtime volunteer with the organization; he’s also donated to numerous other causes and charities in the community.

But it was time for Nitsopoulos and his family to give financially to the Foundation after being inspired by David Howes, the late St. Catharines businessman and philanthropist whose own fund was transformative to both the Foundation and Niagara.

The Nitsopoulos Families’ Fund was created in honor of the five brothers with the intention of contributing annually to the growth of the philanthropic investment in their community. Their only stipulation: “Use the money where it’s most needed in Niagara.”

“As time goes on if we put more money in, it will grow,” Nitsopoulos said.

“I look at it as a start that will lead to something that will get bigger and better, and that’s to come.”

Ultimately, the fund is the families’ way of giving back to a community that Nitsopoulos said has given them so much throughout their lives and careers.

“Most of my business is done for our community, not just people coming from out of town,” the hotelier explained. “We work hard and we’re fortunate, so we want to give back. This is my town, my children were born here, my grandchildren were born here, so it’s my home. I’m passionate about my city.

If you can help somebody who needs it, do it.”





THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

Rashmi Biswas and Rick Besteman support charities both locally and globally, and care deeply about key issues including education, poverty reduction, and animal welfare. The recent loss of Rashmi's parents prompted them to reflect upon their own estate planning, which is why they created the **RASHMI BISWAS & RICK BESTEMAN FUND** with the Niagara Community Foundation.

Given that they are both in good health and hope to have a significant number of years to enjoy their work and leisure, they wanted to "make decisions now that would stand the test of time," said Rashmi. Establishing a "field of interest" fund now, with general charitable goals rather than naming specific recipient organizations, accomplished the task. They know that their estate will be able to support the causes that are important to them, without having to monitor individual charities.

"We really value education as a tool to help lift people into a place that will help prevent poverty, particularly in the Niagara region" Rick shared, describing the philosophy that also informs their professional lives.

"We want to ensure young people have opportunities," added Rashmi.

While they can't personally predict what will be the best use of future funds, Rashmi and Rick are confident the Foundation can.

"The Foundation is well-run, has good oversight, and is closely connected to the community," Rick said.

"We trust that the leaders of the Foundation will make sound decisions reflective of our intentions" added Rashmi.

Said Rick: "We know our wishes will be carried out."

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

CONTINUE TO GROW

The Foundation has a different face to each of our donors. Their funds can support a particular cause, community or charity and once a fund is opened anyone can make gifts of any amount, in any way, at any time. Donations can also be made in honour or memory of a loved one.

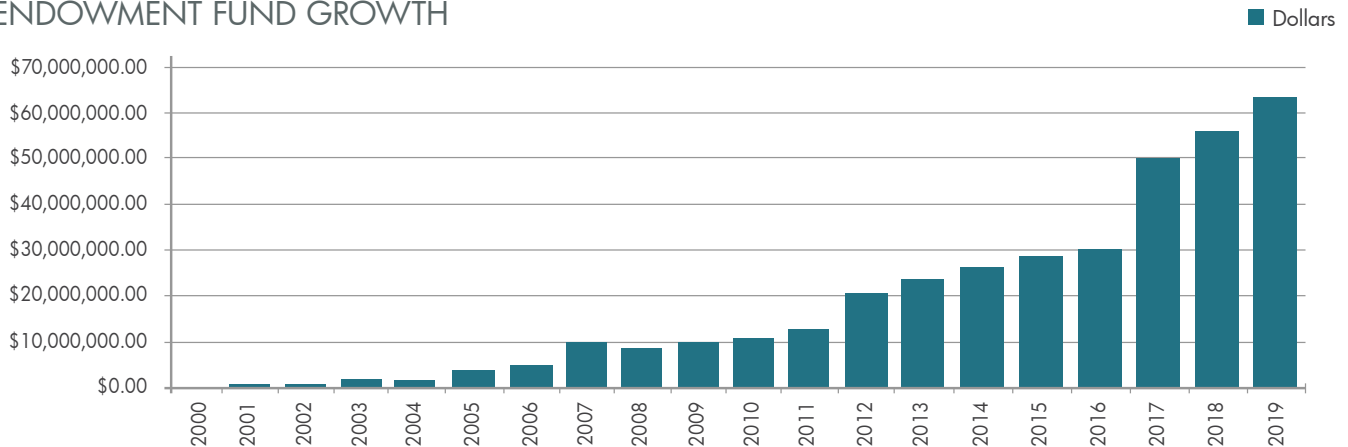
There are many ways to make a gift to the Foundation. These include cash, securities, bequests, special event proceeds, property, and insurance policies. Our role is to work with donors to ensure that their charitable intent is achieved through their gift.

There are a number of options for donors when considering how long they would like their fund to be active. Most of our funds are held in

perpetuity, where the capital is preserved and a portion of the annual earnings on the fund are allocated to charities. Funds can also be held for a specific length of time or established to have a fixed annual distribution. In these later two examples both the capital and the earnings are distributed.

However, with increasing demands for support, it is important to take the time to determine how to make 'the best gift', a gift that provides maximum benefits to the community that is within one's capacity to give. We strongly advise donors to speak to their family, lawyer, accountant or financial planner to determine the best way to make a gift that maximizes their tax and estate goals.

ENDOWMENT FUND GROWTH



Smart and Caring Community Funds

In 2012 we created a group of sector-based funds that support current and emerging community needs. We called these our Smart and Caring Funds in recognition of the vision of 'former' Governor General David Johnston, the patron of Community Foundations of Canada, to build smart and caring communities based on three pillars: innovation, philanthropy and volunteerism.

Our current funding priorities include: initiatives that align with priorities identified in the Living in Niagara Report, resources to help charities become more efficient and effective, and leadership development and training opportunities for the voluntary sector.

Donors interested in supporting future community needs are able to make a contribution to the Niagara Fund or one of the local community funds listed below. Grants from community funds are restricted to charities providing programs and services in those municipalities.

Donors can create a named fund within any of our community funds or our Smart and Caring funds with a gift of \$5,000, which can be gifted either on an annual or monthly basis.

Niagara Funds

- Alice Downie-Bacon Com. Fund
- Andrea Douglas Fund
- Beth & Murton Seymour Family Fund
- Branscombe Families Fund
- Canada GOATS Endowment Fund
- Charron Family Fund
- Crawford Smith & Swallow Fund
- Dr. T. W. & Muriel O'Mulvenny Fund
- Elvi Vicary Fund
- Fallsview Casino Resort Fund
- George & Doris Shepherd Family Fund
- Jack and Nora Walker Fund
- Janet St. Amand & Doug Herod Fund
- Jo & Norm Opperman Fund
- John & Jan Potts Fund
- JP Fund
- Judith Barker Fund
- June Munro Fund
- Marchand Kruczynski Family Fund
- Marv Kriluck Fund
- Meridian Credit Union Fund
- Niagara Fund
- Niagara Road Supervisors Association Fund
- Regional Chair's Smart and Caring Community Fund
- Rose Family Fund
- Waters & Meredith Fund
- Woodhead Family Fund

Fort Erie Funds

- Facca-Mindorff Family Fund
- Fort Erie Fund
- Little-Green Family Fund

Grimsby Funds

- Grimsby Community Fund
- Grimsby Benevolent Fund
- Happening at the Forty Fund
- Howard & Alice Clausen Fund
- Jim Howden & Ruth Moffatt Fund
- Pettigrew Family Fund
- Todd Family Fund

Lincoln Funds

- Holmes Barrett Family Fund
- Hopkins Hill Family Fund
- Lincoln Community Fund
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Fund
- Mark & Jean Brohman Family Fund
- Paul & Leslie MacPherson Family Fund
- Prudhomme-Beatty Family Fund

Niagara Falls Funds

- Americana-DiBellonia Family Fund
- Courtyard Marriott Hotel Fund
- DiCienzo Family Fund
- Ed & Jessica Friesen Fund
- Embassy Suites Hotel Niagara Falls Fallsview Fund
- Hay Family Fund
- Hilton Niagara Falls Fallsview Fund
- Niagara Falls Community Fund
- Ripley's Great Wolf Lodge Fund

Niagara-on-the-Lake Funds

- Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Fund
- Debi Pratt Fund
- Joan & Larry Bourk Fund
- Vanessa & Evan Brazeau Fund
- Vintage Hotels Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Fund
- Tansey-Fitzsimmons Fund

Niagara West Funds

- Bruce & Bonnie Wallace Family Fund
- Ericway Tire Community Fund
- Ken and Jennifer Southward Family Fund
- M. K. Rittenhouse Family Fund
- Niagara West Community Fund

Pelham Funds

- Adamson Family Fund
- Augustyn Berkhout Family Fund
- Pelham Community Fund

Port Colborne Funds

- Brend Butler Family Fund
- Dr. Jane Parr and Craig Spriegel Family Fund
- Dr. Scotty & Kay Wilson Legacy Fund
- Gary Talosi Thanks Port Colborne Fund
- Gordon Hurst Fund
- Hartley & Florentine Wallace Fund
- James & Landy O'Donnell Fund
- John and Darlene Tuck Family Fund
- Marsh Family Fund
- Port Colborne Community Fund
- Port Colborne Downtown Cruisers Association Fund
- Tom and Mary Cronin Fund
- Verna and Maurice Walker Fund

St. Catharines Funds

- Burgoyne Doolittle Fund
- Caplan Family Anniversary Legacy Fund
- Durward Jones Barkwell
- Investing in St. Catharines Youth Fund
- Jean Whitty Family Fund
- Newman Rigby Family Fund
- *Nitsopolous Families' Fund
- St. Catharines Fund
- Whyte Family Endowment Fund

Thorold Funds

- Thorold Community Fund
- Mario and Rachel De Divitiis Fund

Wainfleet Funds

- Robson Family Fund
- Wainfleet Community Fund

Welland Funds

- Angie & Gary Talosi Family Fund
- Groom Jensen Family Fund
- Neill Terry Family Fund
- Peter & Andrew Papp Family Fund
- Raymond & June Harper Fund
- Welland Community Fund
- Welland Mayor's Children & Youth Fund

Smart & Caring Community Impact Funds

Donors are passionate about causes that matter to them, ranging from education and the environment to children, culture, health and welfare. Since the Foundation supports all charitable sectors we have the ability to connect donors' passions with local organizations through the creation of Smart & Caring Community Impact Funds. These funds can be opened with \$25,000 which can be pledged over a five-year period. Once a fund is opened, donations can be added to any of the funds listed below. Named funds can be created within an existing Smart & Caring Fund with a \$5,000 donation.

Animal Welfare

- **Smart & Caring Animal Welfare Fund for Niagara**
- Earl & Ida Clarke Animal Welfare Fund
- LetPets Live Fund
- Niagara Falls Humane Society Shelter Enhancement Fund

Culture

- **Smart & Caring Cultural Endowment Fund for Niagara**
- Alice Crawley Endowment Fund for Women Artists' Fund
- Arthur Dalfen Fund
- Arts & Heritage Community Development Fund for the Old Town of NOTL and Village of Queenston
- Audrey Shimizu Memorial Fund
- Carol Leppert Music Fund for Steele Street School
- Carol Leppert Music Fund for Winger Public School
- Christopher John Slater Fund
- *Grimsby Public Art Gallery Collection Endowment Fund
- Grimsby Museum Endowment Fund
- Mayholme Foundation Fund
- *Momentum Choir Endowment Fund
- Music Niagara Endowment
- Niagara Children's Chorus Fund
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Library Michael Dietsch Fund
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum Fund
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library Fund
- *Niagara Pumphouse Arts Scholarship
- Niagara Symphony Association Endowment Fund
- Pelham Public Library Endowment Fund
- Regan Peacock-Fung Memorial Art Fund
- Robert Cooper Choral Scholars Fund
- Smylski-Attenborough Fund
- Valentina McLeod Fund

Children & Youth

- **Smart & Caring Children & Youth Fund for Niagara**
- Ann Fast Fund
- Anna Angelone Endowment Fund
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Endowment Fund
- Brend Butler Family Fund 4
- Brock Leaders Citizenship Society Fund
- CARM for Kids Fund
- David and Susanne DiLalla Howes Family Fund
- Education Foundation of Niagara Medical Needs Fund in Honour of Cindy Paskey

- Hammond Family Fund
- Investing in St. Catharines Youth Fund
- Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara Fund
- Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services Endowment Fund
- Ontario Endowment for Children & Youth in Recreation
- Pathstone Foundation Fund
- Gark Family Fund
- Robert A. Lavelle Memorial Fund
- Secord-Reid Family Fund
- Summer Camp Fund
- Touch a Truck Niagara Early Childhood Literacy Fund
- Welland Flatwater Fund
- Young Children Priority First - Kiwanis Fund

Education & Leadership

- **Smart & Caring Education & Leadership Fund for Niagara**
- Anonymous Fund
- Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie Fund
- Alice Downie- Bacon Designated Fund
- Ann Speedie Niagara Concerts Memorial Fund
- Aspiring Healthcare Leaders in Niagara Bursary Fund
- CFUW St. Catharines 100th Anniversary Scholarship Fund
- CFUW St. Catharines Endowment Fund
- CFUW Welland & District Charitable Trust Scholarship Fund
- Children of Niagara's Migrant Workers Award Endowment Fund
- Chuck & Judy Smith Bursary Fund
- *Credit Counselling of Regional Niagara Fund
- DiCienzo Family FT Fund
- Education Foundation of Niagara Bursary Fund for DSBN Academy Students
- Education Foundation of Niagara Bursary Fund for DSBN Students
- Education Foundation of Niagara Fund
- Education Foundation of Niagara Poverty & Emergency Relief Fund
- Ferrara Kennedy Student Award Fund
- Gene Luczkiw Spirit of Enterprise Endowment Fund
- George and Jackie Thomas Bursary
- Groch Family Fund
- Hummel Family Fund
- Jessica Potts Fund
- John-Michael Martin Memorial Fund
- Jordan Engineering Jane Cunningham Fund
- Kuska Family Memorial Student Awards Fund
- Larry and Olga Andrusiw Paramedic Award Fund
- Lycett Family Fund
- Margaret Robinson Fund
- Monika and Darren Pries-Klassen Fund
- Michael & Paula Mann Family Fund
- Niagara Engineering Week Scholarship Fund
- Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters Scholarship Fund
- Niagara Peninsula Energy Award Fund
- *Norman and Lisa Wills Fund
- Palmieri Family Fund
- Pope Francis Scholarship Fund in memory of Paul Colton
- Rotary Club of St. Catharines Fund
- *Stayzer Family Fund
- Sunday in the Parks Fund
- Zonta Club of Niagara Falls Fund

Environment

- **Smart & Caring Environment Legacy Fund**
- Bert Miller Nature Club Endowment Fund
- Conservation Niagara Fund
- Enbridge Aware Fund
- Fengate Realty Group Environment Fund
- Fort Erie Conservation Club Fund
- Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks Fund
- Harry Deline Fund
- Land Care Niagara Fund
- Nelson Aggregate Environmental Fund
- Niagara CAER Group Fund
- Niagara Land Trust Endowment Fund
- Regional Chair's Environmental Legacy Fund for Niagara
- Roll Surface Technologies Inc. Fund
- RV Anderson Associates Fund
- RWDI Air Inc. Fund
- Samuel L. Rudolph Memorial Fund
- Urban & Environmental Management Fund
- W. S. Tyler Canada Environmental Fund
- Walker Industries Earth 1st Fund
- Walter & Sons Excavating Environment Fund

Health & Well-being

- **Smart & Caring Health & Well-being Fund for Niagara**
- Barbara Gale Seniors & Youth Fund
- Bethlehem Housing and Support Services Endowment Fund
- Billes Family Future Housing Fund
- Brend Butler Family Fund 2
- Chris Lackenbauer Memorial Fund
- Colleen Kiers Memorial Fund
- Community Care - St Catharines Thorold Fund
- Community Care of West Niagara Endowment Fund
- Community Living St. Catharines Endowment Fund
- Ed and Rosalie Vasso Fund
- Headway Homes Fund
- Hospice Niagara Fund
- Howard V. Staff Memorial Fund
- Jessie and Oscar Thompson Memorial Fund
- Joan E Marlow Salvation Army Endowment Fund
- Joan E. Marlow YWCA Endowment Fund
- Joan Tovenati Fund
- John and Lillian Clark Fund
- Katey Marie Campbell Fund
- Mayflowers Fund
- McNally House Endowment Fund
- Morabito Family Fund
- Necklaces of Hope Foundation
- Niagara Indigenous Advancement Fund
- NOTL Healthcare Foundation Community Fund
- NOTL Healthcare Foundation Palliative Care Fund
- Niagara Survivor Services Fund
- Patrick & Nancy McNally Family Fund
- Rankin Cancer Run Foundation
- Red Roof Retreat Fund
- Upper Canada Lodge Auxiliary - Constable Family Fund
- Welland Hospital Foundation Endowment Fund
- Wellspring HOPE Fund
- Women's Place of South Niagara Endowment Fund

Spiritual

- **Smart & Caring Spiritual Fund for Niagara**
- Assunta and Cesare Bonelli Fund
- Church of the Transfiguration Education Fund
- St. Giles Presbyterian Church CEVO Fund

Donor Advised Funds

These funds appeal to donors interested in creating their own family foundation as they enable the donor to have ongoing participation in the selection of charities benefiting from their fund. Donors can also name successor advisors so that their legacy is continued by future generations. These funds can be established with a minimum donation of \$25,000.

- Andreana Family Trust
- Beatties Basics Anniversary Fund
- Bluevalley Foundation
- Brunatti-Dyment Fund
- Bush Family Fund
- Cornelius & Helen Vanden Top Charity Fund
- David S. Howes Fund
- Donald & Barbara Fraser Family Endowment Fund
- Gary & Mall Accursi Family Fund
- George Dart Funeral Chapel Fund
- Gerry Kowalchuk Family Fund
- Grocholsky Family Fund
- Ida & Bob Gale Sr. Community Fund
- Jordan Engineering Shared Blessings Fund
- Kerry and Barbara Cornelius & Family Fund
- Lynn and Kevan's Niagara Charities Fund
- Matthew Zimmerman Memorial Fund
- M&N Walker Foundation
- Marchand Kruczynski Family Fund
- *Martha Abra Fund
- Morgan Funeral Homes Community Fund
- *Moses F. Rittenhouse Trusts Fund
- Murray-Surtees Fund
- Peter Partridge & Poppy Gilliam Family Fund
- *Philip & Karen Court Family Fund
- Stephen Souter Memorial Fund
- Stewart Family Endowment Fund
- Sullivan Mahoney Endowment Fund

Donor Designated Funds

These funds provide on-going annual support to charities important to donors and their families. The minimum donation is \$10,000 per charity to be supported.

- Adrie's Hope Fund
- Anonymous
- Art & Val Fleming Fund
- Bob Gale Recreation Fund
- Brend Butler Family Fund 3
- Caughill Family Fund
- *Collins-Dingman Fund
- Cornelius & Helen Vanden Top Charity Foundation
- Dr. Jaroslav and Mrs. Edith Czerevko Family Fund
- Frederika & Benjamin Van Hoffen Charitable Foundation
- Hildebrand Lehn Family Fund
- Joan E. Marlow Fund
- Joseph Olascki Trust Fund
- Kiers Family Fund
- Lincoln County Fair Endowment Fund
- *Mary Urlocker Fund
- May Crane Fund
- NCF Operational Endowment Fund

- Niagara Children's Centre Fund
- Peter & Ann Koppel Family Fund
- R&K Fund
- Semley-McKeown Family Fund
- Smithville and District Lions Club Fund

- Tom & Annette Urlocker Family Fund
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- Tomlinson Family Fund
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- Vince and Margaret Pillitteri & Family Fund

- William and Mary Lu Ellis Fund
- Wills Family Foundation

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Members of the society have included the Foundation in their estate plan making a real difference in our community's future. We would like to thank the following people who have named the Niagara Community Foundation in their will, donated a life insurance policy or will be donating the proceeds from their RRSPs:

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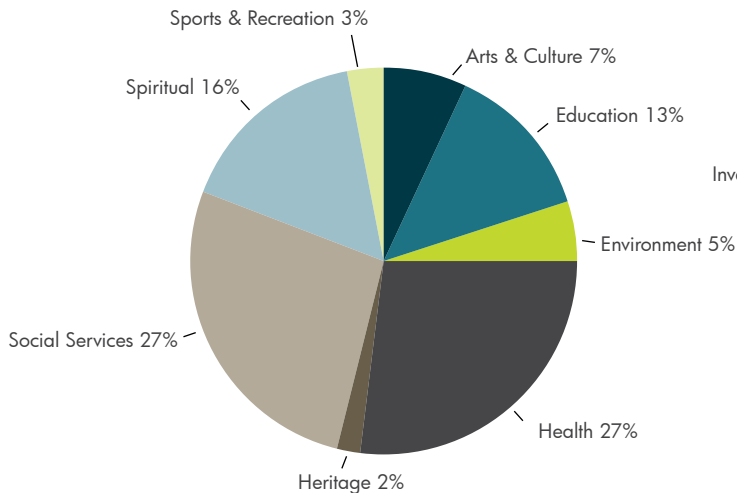
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the Year End December 31, 2019

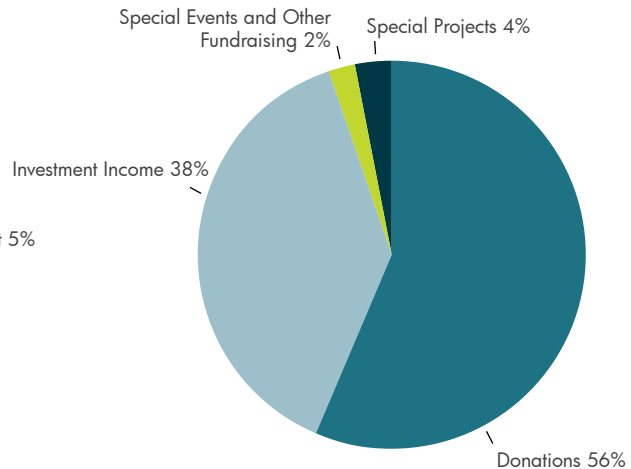
	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Assets	\$63,938,327	\$56,049,748	\$50,618,663	\$31,610,499
Gross Fundraising and Event Revenue	\$238,932	\$271,150	\$282,101	\$257,438
Total Donations	\$4,502,696	\$8,351,831	\$17,693,530	\$2,740,250
Total Revenue	\$11,747,066	\$8,918,937	\$21,511,634	\$5,011,267
Total Grants	\$2,146,940	\$1,984,261	\$1,300,524	\$1,309,871
Total Charitable Programs	\$167,967	\$125,743	\$139,595	\$124,952
Total Special Projects	\$242,872	\$147,980	\$91,098	\$51,171
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$214,269	\$236,669	\$218,630	\$246,539
Total Administrative and Governance Expenses	\$574,739	\$557,777	\$427,369	\$432,583
Total Endowments	\$62,899,434	\$54,492,103	\$49,440,071	\$30,649,093
% of Admin/Governance to Total Endowment	0.91%	1.02%	0.86%	1.41%
% of Fundraising Expenses to Total Endowment	0.34%	0.43%	0.44%	0.80%

To view the audited financial statements, please visit: www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org/about-us

ALLOCATION TO GRANTS & CHARITABLE PROGRAMS



SOURCE OF REVENUE \$11,747,066



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FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Governance

The Board’s role is to set policy and to question, scrutinize and monitor the management of the Foundation’s affairs. It is a role of governance as opposed to operational management. The Board’s primary responsibility is to oversee the Foundation’s management and ensures that the affairs of the Foundation are being conducted in a manner that achieves its goals, consistent with the Foundation’s mission. The Board meets five times throughout the year plus a special meeting for strategic planning. The Role of Board and the Scope of Authority policies are in place to delineate responsibility between board and staff. The Board has also adopted a Code of Ethics and Confidentiality policy for board, staff and volunteers.

Operations

The Foundation’s staff is led by the Executive Director, who reports to an independent board of directors. Operating costs include asset development, charitable activities, special projects, administration and governance. In 2019, NCF also received funds from Niagara Region to support two Convener – including one for the Niagara Prosperity Initiative and the other for EarlyON Child & Family Services. This funding enables us to bring community groups together to guide poverty reduction initiatives and support to local families.

Fund development, administration and governance expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 totaled \$574,739. This figure does not include special projects that were funded separately from normal operating revenue. The expense of development activities is not necessarily related to the donations received in any one year and gift delays result in costs preceding the receipt of gifts by several years (for example, gifts in wills and life insurance). Consistent with the community foundation sector, operating costs are evaluated by a ratio of total core operating expenses (excluding special projects) to total assets. For 2019, that percentage was 0.82% (down from 1.03% in 2018), which continues to be below the range of community foundations of similar size and stage of development. Each endowment fund is charged a pro-rated administration fee of a maximum of 1.25% which helps to offset these expenses.

Investment Fees and Returns

The Foundation’s investments are pooled with a number of other public foundations and charities in an investment pool with the Toronto Foundation (TF). This relationship has been in place since 2001 and

is re-evaluated on a regular basis by the Investment Committee. The endowments are invested in accordance with the investment policy established by TF’s Board and are part of the Foundation’s Investment Management Agreement with TF. Our Investment Policy is available at www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org. All portfolios are managed by professional investment managers and in accordance with the policy.

LONG TERM STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION

ASSET CLASS	PERMISSIBLE RANGE
Cash and cash equivalents	0% to 50%
Fixed Income Instruments	0% to 50%
Total Fixed Income	5% to 50%
Global Equities*	0% to 65%
Other Strategies**	25% to 50%
Total Equities & Other Strategies	50% to 95%

* Global Equities may include Canadian, US, International and Emerging Markets equities. They may be diversified by size (large cap, small and mid-cap), style (value & growth) and other factors such as high dividend stocks.

** Other Strategies may include benchmark-free and absolute return strategies.

The average investment fee paid for 2019 was 0.53% for funds in the TF investment pool. The investment fee is charged monthly to each fund on a pro-rated basis. The Foundation’s annualized five-year (2015 to 2019) rate of return is 6.1% (net of fees).

Social Impact Investing

In November 2012, the Board of the Foundation made a commitment to invest \$500,000 in the Community Forward Fund, a social finance investment fund. The initial draw on this investment took place in February 2014. As of December 31, 2019 the Foundation has invested \$468,000 in this fund. For 2019 the investment returns on this fund were 3.5% (unaudited as of March 2020). The Foundation’s Board took another step into the realm of Social Impact Investing entering into a \$100,000 partnership with the Fair Finance Fund – a new social finance fund for the Ontario food and farm sector. The Fund lends to social enterprises across the food system that provide demonstrable social, environmental and economic benefits. For 2019 the investment returns on this fund were 4.0%.

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FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

HIGHLIGHTS

As with all Social Impact Investment opportunities, the Foundation recognizes that although there might be a lower financial return compared to that of traditional investments, that there is an equally important social and environmental impact alongside of the financial return.

Risk Management

The Board has a comprehensive Risk Management Policy covering legislative and legal, fiscal performance, financial reporting, management of volunteers, effective management and governance, economic risk, and donor and volunteer stewardship. The Finance Committee reviews the Foundation's exposure to risk and mitigants to address perceived or actual risks annually. The Board regularly considers risk exposure as part of its deliberations. The price risk related to investments arises due to fluctuations as a result of changes in market prices whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual security or its issuer or factors affecting all securities traded in the market. Accordingly, the Foundation is exposed to the effects of the market fluctuations. While market risk cannot be eliminated, the Foundation's Investment Policy addresses this risk with parameters for both asset quality and diversification.

Operating Reserve Fund

In 2018, the Board made the decision to create an Operating Reserve Fund with the accrued surplus revenue from our Operating Fund year-over-year. Operating Reserves are liquid, unrestricted assets the Foundation can use to support operations in the event of an unanticipated loss of revenue or increase in expenses. The reality of market fluctuations have an impact on the Foundation's source of income and an Operating Reserve Fund provides comfort to stakeholders that the Foundation has the breathing room and the ability to respond to a rapidly evolving financial landscape. The Foundation's goal for our Operating Reserve Fund is six months of our annual Operating Budget to cover all major expenses (rent, pay-roll, etc.).

Accreditation

In 2012, the Foundation received accreditation through Imagine Canada's Standards Program. The Foundation was one of the first community foundations accredited in Canada. The program offers a Canada-wide set of shared standards for charities and nonprofits wishing to enhance their effectiveness in the fundamentals of governance, paid-staff management, financial accountability, fundraising and volunteer management. The program includes a

voluntary accreditation program for organizations wishing to publicly demonstrate they have successfully met the standards through a third-party peer review process. Each year, the Foundation is required to complete a compliance "check-in" report to maintain our good standing as well as going through a re-accreditation process every five years. NCF is one of 249 accredited charitable organizations across Canada.

Evaluation

The Board has adopted a comprehensive annual process to evaluate its performance. The results of the evaluation are reviewed at its November meeting where actions to improve board performance are implemented. Moving forward the evaluation will be reviewed at the April meeting. This process is done on a biennial basis with Foundation committees. Employees of the Foundation participate in bi-annual performance appraisals, which include on-going review throughout the year. The Executive Director's review is presented bi-annually to the Board by the Board Chair.

Compensation

The Board has established salary ranges for each of the Foundation employees. The ranges are determined based on reviewing similar positions within the community foundation sector across Canada as well as similar positions within Niagara. Ranges are adjusted regularly to reflect cost of living changes. Movement through the range is dependent on performance. For 2019, \$109,964 was expended for the Executive Director's salary.

Board Recruitment, Orientation and Training

The Bylaws of the Foundation set out the Board recruitment process. Nominees from across Niagara are identified based on current board attributes and future strategic needs. The Board is comprised of 17 members who are elected for a three-year term, which can be renewed once. The term can be extended if a Director is serving as the Vice-Chair, Chair or Past-Chair. New Directors take part in a formal orientation program. Board training takes place at each meeting and additional opportunities are provided throughout the year for members to participate in professional development provided by Community Foundations of Canada.

THANK YOU

TO OUR SUPPORTERS

The contribution of time and talents of our volunteers, donors and staff is the 'intangible wealth' of the Foundation. Starting in 2012 we began tracking the number of hours our volunteers contributed. Last year they contributed 1,695 hours, and based on \$15/hr hour, this gift works out to \$25,417 in support! Thank you so much for this amazing contribution of time and talent.

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