

A photograph of a woman and a young child walking on a sidewalk. The woman is wearing a black jacket over a floral top and red pants. The child is wearing a floral top and light-colored pants. They are walking away from the camera on a paved path lined with trees. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The background is filled with out-of-focus green and yellow foliage.

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# 2020 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

*"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."*

– Coretta Scott King (American Author, Activist & Civil Rights Leader)

It is difficult to come to terms and fully comprehend what our community, our country and the global village has had to endure in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of what has transpired since March of 2020 will echo for generations. As an organization committed to supporting the needs of Niagara, this past year has provided a multitude of challenges and even a few opportunities. When the community needed us, we rose to meet those challenges including deploying nearly \$300,000 in emergency funding as well as increasing our annual grant dispersal to flow additional funds to our local charity partners providing vital support to those most hard hit and most vulnerable by the pandemic.

2020 saw the Foundation make grants of over \$3 million dollars. This unprecedented amount brings our historical tally to over \$18 million dollars since our inception in 2000 to charitable organizations from Grimsby to Fort Erie and each municipality in between. The Foundation also participated in two Federal government programs – the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) and the Investment Readiness Program (IRP) – allowing us to deploy an additional \$1.5 million to Niagara's non-profits. Beyond the financial figures, the stories of some of our grant recipients that start on page 6 are truly 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" are highlighted through our named Funds starting on page 25.

This past year we were able to realize the third grant dispersal from the David S. Howes Fund with 24 grant requests representing projects totaling \$1.1 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 12 projects representing \$611,000 of funding. Combined with the first two years of grants from this Fund, an astonishing \$1.6 million has been injected into the community.

When the Foundation's Spring Annual General Meeting rolls around in May of 2021, Jessica Friesen (Niagara Falls), Scott Maskell (Fort Erie) and Chair of our Grants Committee Sharon Svob (Wainfleet) will complete their terms as Directors on the Foundation's Board. As a group they have technically given a combined 18 years of service. However, their true contributions to our organization and

the community at large far exceeds this metric. Their leadership and presence around our Board table will be missed.

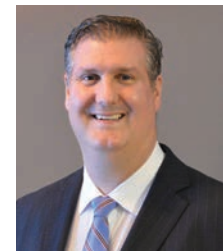
Transition of Board leadership is also taking place this Spring as Ruth Todd (West Lincoln) will complete her two years as the Chair of our Board. To have an individual of Ruth's caliber as a volunteer in your organization is an undeniable benefit and further, to have her extensive experience in a key leadership role is almost an embarrassment of riches. There is no doubt that her character, commitment, integrity and collaborative nature followed the example of the steadfast leadership from the Foundation's Board Chairs who came before her. As she passes the torch onto Vice Chair Damian Goulbourne (Welland), we express our gratitude to Ruth for all that she has done for the Foundation and for Niagara!

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of former Board Chair Bob Watson (Welland). Anyone who was fortunate to know Bob were keenly aware of his warmth, empathy, integrity and character. He gave so much of himself personally & professionally to make our community better. His interest and kindness towards everyone he associated with was genuine and sincere. To say Bob will be missed is an understatement and we will be forever grateful that his life touched our own.

In a year unlike any other in over 100 years, we are grateful to those who have so generously given of their time and talent to advance our cause throughout Niagara. Thank you to our donors, volunteers, grant beneficiaries, charitable partners and community leaders. The last few pages of the report provide an extensive listing of our volunteers and supporters. Their service and support of the Foundation and Niagara is merely an extension of the community we are and the compassion of our collective actions.



**Ruth Todd**  
Board Chair



**Bryan J. Rose**  
Executive Director

## PRIORITIES, STRATEGIES, PLANS

# HIGHLIGHTS

2020 was a challenging year for our community, our country and beyond. The Foundation rallied quickly and effectively to do our part to support the charitable sector here in Niagara in response to the pandemic. Here are some of highlights of the Foundation's impact in the Niagara region:

- Provided nearly \$300,000 of immediate funding to support Niagara's COVID-19 response including grants to the Niagara Health Foundation and the United Way Niagara's Emergency Response Fund.
- November marked the Foundation's 20th Anniversary with a collection of video vignettes.
- Disbursements from the David S. Howes Fund to 12 Niagara projects representing \$611,000 were granted funding.
- In total, awarded over \$3 million in grants bringing historical granted total to \$18 million+.
- Approved 18 new named endowment Funds increasing total assets to shy of \$65 million.
- Continued partnerships with two Social Impact Investment (SII) groups: Community Forward Fund and the Fair Finance Fund.
- Staff Team participated in Cultural Sensitivity & Inclusion programing.
- Participated in and deployed funding through two Federal Government Programs: Investment Readiness Program (IRP) and the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF).
- Two Strategic Initiatives Grants awarded in support of Niagara's BIPOC community to NCDSB & TOES Niagara and FACS Niagara & Future Black Female.

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 2020:

### Great Lakes One Water (GLOW) Initiative | Unflood Ontario

Over the past few years, the Niagara Community Foundation has been working with a bi-national Great Lakes-wide collaboration funded by the Great Lakes Protection Fund. Lead by the Small Change fund, NCF along with the Durham Community Foundation and Toronto Foundation have worked together to develop an educational and engagement campaign for Lake Ontario, to learn together about natural infrastructure and the positive impacts it can have to mitigate the impacts of flooding. The campaign is called Unflood Ontario. We look forward to launching the educational campaign in 2021 and expanding the Niagara table as the project evolves.

### 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 2020, funding was renewed to NCF to continue to support one Convener position. 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. The Foundation continues to utilize the priorities highlighted in Niagara Connect's 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.

### Governance Coaching Program (GCP)

A product of our Centre of Excellence, NCF has launched the revised Governance Coaching Program (GCP). Five charities were selected to work with a GCP consultant to improve selected priorities areas of their organizations including: board leadership, oversight, policies and processes, financial accountability and transparency, fundraising strategy and donor relationships, staff management and volunteer involvement. The organizations selected in 2020 were Horse Cents for Kids, Niagara Children's Centre, Niagara Falls Nature Club, Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre and Young Caregivers Association. The Niagara Community Foundation has always been committed to strengthening the charitable sector and the GCP program has made this possible.

## Investment Readiness Program (IRP)

The Niagara Community Foundation partnered with Community Foundations of Canada, alongside the Government of Canada to deliver the Investment Readiness Program (IRP), a program to help social purpose organizations advance their social enterprises to prepare to seek and accept investments. The goal of the IRP was to support these organizations move towards receiving social finance investment, including through the Government of Canada's Social

Finance Fund. In Niagara, the following organizations received a total of \$243,047 over the two rounds in non-repayable capital to advance their social enterprise work: Carousel Players, Habitat for Humanity Niagara, Heartland Forest, Links for Greener Learning, Niagara Furniture Bank, Niagara Peninsula Homes, The RAFT, and the YMCA of Niagara.



# 2020 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

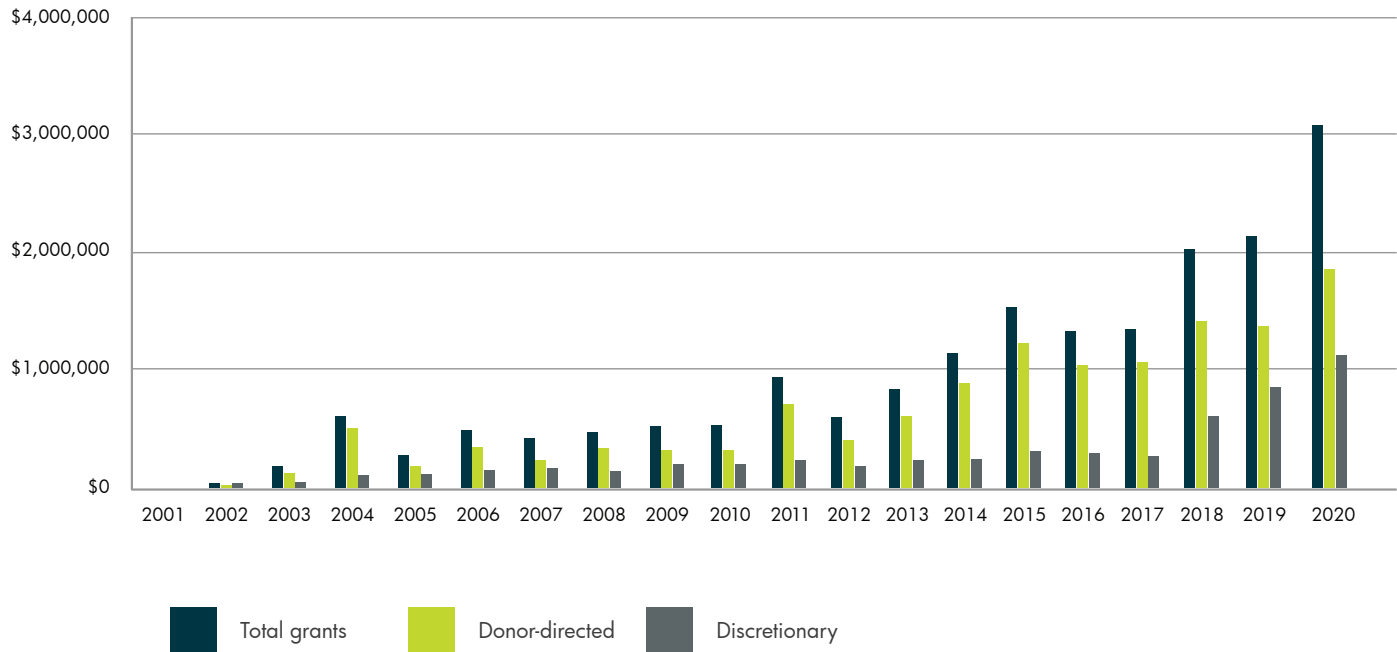
**GIFTS RECEIVED:** \$3,116,077

**GROWTH IN ASSETS:** 2.2%

**GRANTS AWARDED:** \$3,063,447

**OPERATING EXPENSES** (excluding special projects): 0.95%

## GROWTH IN GRANTS 2001 - 2020





# GRANTS enable community dreams

## WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

**A public library is a treasure trove of helpful information, and the Welland Public Library is no exception. It's also now a place you can learn how to create a garden and grow your own food – including “borrowing” the seeds to get you started.**

A \$500 mini-grant from the Niagara Community Foundation allowed the Welland library to invest in creating its seed library – a place where residents can borrow seeds to plant in their own yards or community gardens.

The idea is that gardeners save seeds from the plants they grow and return them at the end of the growing season to be loaned again next year. Gardeners learn a new skill, participate in healthy, outdoor activities, and produce healthy, home-grown food.

The 2020 shutdown forced by the pandemic meant the library was unable to offer its intended programs to teach the basics of planting, tending and seed-saving. It also meant that fewer would-be gardeners were reached, and only curbside pick-up of seed – late in the growing season – was feasible.

But Conor Echlin, Welland Public Library's manager of customer experience, said some gardeners did return to replenish seed and the seed library is still well-stocked, with the 2021 growing season offering another chance. The library has partnered with the Welland Horticultural Society, and the educational component will go online, giving the library the opportunity to share green-thumb knowledge virtually. Cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, kale, spinach, and more are just waiting to burst forth goodness in Welland's gardens.

## FOLK ARTS CENTRE

### **Young Syrian refugees who arrive in Canada after spending years in refugee camps in Turkey and Lebanon often have huge gaps in their education.**

They may have learned to understand and speak English just fine, but without knowing how to read and write, they face obstacles to work, health, and future well-being.

Zainab Awad, Mental Health Program Coordinator at the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre, said closing this education gap for refugees from war-torn countries is the most important factor that will lead to their success.

A \$28,000 community grant from the David S. Howes Fund is allowing the Folk Arts Centre – which offers many of Niagara’s settlement services – to give nine young Niagara students specialized English literacy instruction. The goal is high school diplomas, and plans for future education or training, that will help each of them reach their career goals.

Without this instruction, they are unable to earn high school diplomas. Because they are intelligent and hardworking with aspirations to careers that require education, literacy is fundamental. Without it, they are likely confined to precarious and often dangerous work, said Awad, which makes their physical and mental health prospects precarious too. Instead of being able to contribute to a strong community, the students can feel hopeless, and find themselves engaging in risky behaviour.

The funding supports a pilot project, but Awad said as long as Canada is accepting refugees who have been in camps without education, such specialized literacy instruction is always going to be needed. Her hope is that other community partners join to fund it as an ongoing initiative and that it is offered in other communities too. “This is so important, it is so essential.”

The program began online early in 2020 and the students are excited and grateful, said Awad. “It is giving them hope.”

## PATHSTONE MENTAL HEALTH

### **A plan to make face-to-face emergency counsellors available to more Niagara teens paid off early when the pandemic hit.**

Pathstone Mental Health, which serves Niagara children and youth up to age 18, wanted to make its nine walk-in clinics, supporting youth in crisis, even more effective by adding more hours and allowing video appointments.

A \$75,000 grant from the David S. Howes Fund allowed Pathstone to buy laptop computers and docking stations for staff and to extend its hours, said Kim Rossi, Pathstone’s director of philanthropy and public relations, as part of the agency’s ongoing efforts to break down barriers to care.

The tools are a life-saver, Rossi said, and that was true even before the pandemic hit – especially for youth who live outside urban centres. “Access to travel was an issue. You can’t hold off on a mental health issue until you can get to a clinic,” Rossi said. With video counselling, “you can have instant face-to-face contact with a counsellor.” In the eight months from January to August 2020, Pathstone took close to 70 calls from children and youth experiencing suicidal thoughts, but Niagara Regional Police report there was not a single death by suicide of children under 18 during that time.

Counsellors for kids in crisis are available at the walk-in clinics, or by phone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Referrals or appointments aren’t needed.

But the added ability to do video counselling means children who are referred to short-term counselling (six sessions or less) will be able to continue treatment, despite distance, bad weather, transportation problems, or a pandemic lockdown. There’s no loss of care or pressure on waiting lists from missed appointments.

“This grant allowed us to answer a call right now and to fulfill a need during the pandemic,” Rossi said, “and it will make us better for the future.”



## A GREENER FUTURE

**When the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered schools, restaurants, and businesses, it changed the way environmental groups do their work too.**

A Greener Future, awarded a \$1,500 environmental grant by the Niagara Community Foundation, quickly realized that instead of using the grant as intended – to invite more people to Niagara’s “Love Your Lake” beach clean-ups – it had to tell them to stay away.

So, instead of rallying Niagara citizens, the GTA-based agency, which has helped coordinate annual litter clean-ups at 13 Niagara locations since 2014, decided to conduct the 2020 beach clean-ups with lone volunteers. It still was able to make data collection a key element of the 2020 event, and reported 1,194 foam pieces, 1,915 pieces of plastic, and 692 cigarette butts collected from Niagara’s beaches. Strange items found included a fortune from a fortune cookie, a set of vampire teeth, and a New Testament Bible.

And instead of relying on volunteers to amplify the group’s message of environmental stewardship, A Greener Future’s executive director Rochelle Byrne paddled a stand-up-paddleboard from Kingston to Niagara-on-the-Lake’s Park Royal. The 430-km coastline journey called attention to plastic pollution and allowed Byrne and other staff and volunteers to pick up floating litter, continuing the organization’s mission of creating awareness of the harm caused to the environment by discarded plastic.

If you care about Lake Ontario, picking up litter is not enough, said volunteer Paul Whitaker. The data Love Your Lake collects helps hold producers accountable and encourages people to think about what they buy and throw away. “Clean-ups alone are not the solution. It is better to prevent litter from entering Lake Ontario than clean it up after the fact.”

For 2021, Love Your Lake intends to resume beach clean-ups with volunteers – but with personal protective equipment and safety protocols in place.



## BROCK UNIVERSITY

### **Adjusting to life at university comes with its own challenges for students.**

Throw a pandemic into the mix, which brings to a halt many of the rituals associated with post-secondary life, including living on campus and attending classes with peers, and the need for support becomes paramount.

A \$40,000 grant from the Niagara Community Foundation's David S. Howes Fund last fall ensured students at Brock University had access to vital mental health resources 24/7, via a year-long, university-wide subscription to the My Student Support Program App.

The David S. Howes Fund Grants Program provides funding that supports post-secondary, facilities, research, health-care services, education, and humanitarian issues.

The app, which launched at Brock in December, offers students real-time confidential counselling support over the phone or text in five languages, whenever and wherever they need it. They can also access topical articles, podcasts, videos, and infographics to help combat the isolation and loneliness many report feeling.

In addition, the app connects students to a virtual fitness program called LIFT.

But mental health challenges aren't all the pandemic has thrust upon students. Some are also dealing with food security issues exacerbated by precarious employment.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, one thing we wanted to ensure was we continued to support students and focused on ways we could help them," said Sonia Dupte, Brock's director of development and stewardship. "With face-to-face drop-ins (with counsellors on campus) not being feasible, this was another way we could support students."

It's also in keeping with Brock's consistent first-place ranking in Macleans Magazine for mental health support for students, Dupte noted.

"Students feel like they're doing everything by themselves. COVID-19 has been such a beast and opened a Pandora's box," she said. "In the David S. Howes Fund through the Niagara Community Foundation, we've found great partners to help fulfill this need for support for our students."

## YOUNG CAREGIVERS ASSOCIATION

### **Summer camp is a rite of passage for many children in Niagara.**

For those who are caregivers to members of their family, that time away from home to be a kid and take a break from their day-to-day demands is even more precious.

Summer camp offerings looked a little different last year for the Young Caregivers Association, which typically offers free, week-long day camp experiences to caregiver children throughout the region.

There were no trips to the splash pad or pool, no playing at the park. Instead, the camp experience, like much else in 2020, had to go online. A summer camp grant from the Niagara Community Foundation worth \$1,200 made that possible and ensured 72 local children could safely participate in camp activities for a few hours each day, including some with their family members.

The theme for the 2020 edition of Young Caregivers' summer camp was All Around the World, providing participants with physical activity, social connecting, and learning opportunities. There were cooking classes, talent shows, virtual movie nights and science activities spread over three weeklong camps and 15 additional mini programs for participants in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland, and Hamilton.

The funding from the community foundation enabled association staff to deliver materials to participants, including camp t-shirts and ingredients for those cooking classes. One delivery even featured water balloon supplies to replicate the splash pad experience at home with family.

"We have very creative staff who get it and get what kids want to achieve, and make it enjoyable for kids," said Michelle Lewis, Young Caregivers executive director. "It was really staff, with the help of the Niagara Community Foundation grant, who made it happen."



## BRAVO! NIAGARA

**When it became impossible to host a music festival during the pandemic, Bravo! Niagara turned its cancelled shows into a creative opportunity.**

It's \$5,000 grant from the Niagara Community Foundation couldn't be used to host and promote a concert as planned, so Bravo! Niagara's executive director Alexis Spieldenner enlisted the help of a local digital production company and ended up reaching an even bigger audience.

The festival, which was established in 2014 by mother and daughter duo Christine Mori and Spieldenner, seeks to present jazz and classical music concerts that connect communities through the power of music and inspire lifelong music appreciation. Along the way, they want to foster intercultural dialogue and education.

The 2020 programming was intended to include *Voices of Freedom: Sounds of Hope*, consisting of two concerts and four outreach events, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. Instead, Spieldenner worked with Niagara College film students and local production company Fourgrounds Media to record the concerts and share them on YouTube.

The 13-minute *Voices of Freedom* features acclaimed soprano Measha Brueggergosman with a haunting rendition of "Above My Head I Hear Music in The Air" and the Blackburn Brothers with world premieres of "Freedom Train," and of "Sister Wilma," which commemorates Niagara Falls historian Wilma Morrison, who died in April 2020 at 91.

"Menorah," by Canadian composer Christos Hatzis and commissioned by Bravo! Niagara, is performed by violinist Marc Djokic and pianist Christina Petrowska Quilico, while "Robi Botos: Romani Experience," commemorates the seldom-told story of the Roma genocide through the Holocaust.

The inspiring and moving concerts, which now have a combined total of almost 2,000 views, can be found on the Bravo! Niagara website along with the educational outreach events.

While Spieldenner longs for the day when Niagara audiences can gather to experience live shows again, she is grateful for the opportunity to "create something beautiful and lasting."

## PELHAM CARES

**When the pandemic's first wave took hold in Niagara, the role of local food banks became even more critical.**

The mandated shutdown of the economy forced many to rely on such assistance to get by. It also forced some serious juggling of logistics to safely operate a food bank.

Just ask Susan Mark at Pelham Cares, where, under normal circumstances, it's up to two part-time staff and a team of dedicated volunteers to ensure those in need get access to food.

During the pandemic, the number of people in the building had to be limited, said Mark, the Pelham Cares treasurer. That slowed down both the organizing and distribution of food.

Most of the organization's volunteers are also seniors, who weren't comfortable with their usual work of going to grocery stores to buy food for clients. The food bank switched to bulk purchasing instead where possible.

But that posed another conundrum. Where would the large orders of protein, such as frozen chicken, be stored? The food bank needed to purchase freezer space, yet its usual fundraising events, including a community dance, simply weren't possible in an age of physical distancing.

A grant worth \$5,000 from the Niagara Community Foundation solved that problem. A timely collaboration with Open Arms Wainfleet allowed Pelham Cares to install their new 20-cubic-foot freezer there.

The grant also covered travel costs for volunteers to drive to and from Wainfleet to retrieve the frozen food. In addition, Pelham Cares could pay its two part-time workers a weekly COVID-19 income supplement as they worked through a 31 per cent increase in demand for their services.

"We certainly appreciated the funding," Mark said. "The thing is, there's uncertainty about this year. With 2021, everyone thought we would go back to normal but we're certainly not. We're trying to be cautious and use the funds wisely because we could see another big spike in demand for our services."

## COMMUNITY LIVING FORT ERIE

**Beach days, regular hikes and daily walks used to be par for the course for many before the pandemic.**

During a global health crisis such outings took on new meaning and importance, especially for Community Living Fort Erie participants, who face barriers to community inclusion even when they're not trying to keep safe from COVID-19.

"All people deserve the opportunity to participate in their community and get out," said Margaret Fidler, manager of community development for Community Living Fort Erie. "Our mission is to promote inclusion, so we feel people should have the opportunity to participate in the same opportunities as everyone else."

That's why it was critical the organization receive a \$15,000 grant to purchase a van that could shuttle participants to and from activities in their community. Funding for the van came from the David S. Howes Fund Grants Program, which provides financial assistance to support post-secondary, facilities, research, health-care services, education and humanitarian issues.

The new wheels were originally intended to get participants out and about to restaurants and other local events and activities. But the van became a vehicle for combatting pandemic-induced isolation and loneliness instead. It's been used daily since it was acquired, getting Community Living participants to the beach on a summer day, helping them hit a local hiking trail, or taking them to popular spots for a stroll so they can safely reconnect with their community.

"The purchase of this van became even more important due to the pandemic," said Vickie Moreland, Community Living's executive director. "The van provides an opportunity for people to travel safely during this crisis. Being able to travel outside of the home has helped to alleviate feelings of isolation and hopelessness by getting people to outdoor spaces where they can still social distance and participate in low-risk activities because they have transportation available."



## NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Working at a community hub like the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library means Debbie Krause and her coworkers get to know the people of the town.**

As a result, they also get to know when a patron's personal situation shifts, especially in a community with a large demographic of older adults, where changes to one's health, including their cognition, can be pronounced.

"Because we're frontline, you do see people start to diminish," Krause said. "Dementia is a common topic of conversation and it's really hard to know how to support those people because they disappear, and their caregivers disappear because they're nervous about taking them out in public, and we lose them (as patrons at the library)."

For the longest time, all Krause and crew could do in those situations do was offer information about the local chapter of the Alzheimer Society.

Now, however, thanks to community grant worth \$5,000 from the Niagara Community Foundation, the library has acquired 10 cognitive care kits to lend to patrons. Three staff, including Krause, have also been trained to support the skills and abilities of those living with dementia in Niagara-on-the-Lake and their caregivers.

The kits, which are based on a Montessori approach for dementia, include puzzles, sorting and matching games with colours and numbers, workbooks and colour-by-number activities. They also feature large-print books.

They're activities someone might already be familiar with and emphasize engagement with loved ones over doing the activities correctly.

"It's about giving caregivers, the child or spouse of a person with dementia, a tool. The activities are the interaction and that takes the pressure off," Krause said. "Everyone's been touched by dementia. This is about creating positive interaction."

# 2020 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](http://niagaracommunityfoundation.org)

Autism Society Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter	Expand programs and services to Welland to decrease transportation barriers for participants with ASD and their families.	\$7,500
Boys & Girls Club of Niagara	Support critical capital improvements at the St. Catharines facility to ensure continued programming, renovations to include HVAC, air conditioning and bathroom fixtures.	\$11,000
Bravo Niagara! Festival of the Arts	Support Voices of Freedom Festival to include Sounds of Hope, a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, including concerts and educational initiatives.	\$5,000
Brock U/Niagara Penguins	Support awareness campaign to attract athletes, health professionals and donors to support organization that offers people with physical disabilities a chance to play sports.	\$4,000
Brock University	Implement My SSP portal for students to access text and telephone counselling.	\$40,000
Brock University - Leadership Niagara	Leadership Niagara Bursary to support three individuals from charitable organizations in Niagara.	\$4,500
Carousel Players	Create and distribute crafts and drama games to children in financial need across Niagara.	\$750
Chippawa Presbyterian Church	Purchase sewing machine, sewing machine table and materials to expand work on quilting and sewing items for individuals in need.	\$500
City of Niagara Falls - The Park in the City Committee	Expansion of project installations on school grounds that leave a positive environmental footprint at each participating school, while providing education value.	\$4,000
City of St. Catharines - Friends of Malcolmson Eco-Park	Removal of invasive plant from a 2nd 3 acre area of the forest, followed by planting native plants, continuing on the success of 2019 project phase.	\$1,000
Community Living - Fort Erie	Purchase furniture for outdoor space of the 2020 "Helping Hands Project" for residents at Maple Ave Group Home.	\$500
Community Living - Fort Erie	Purchase van to transport people with intellectual disabilities and complex behavioral needs to increase opportunities for participation in the community.	\$15,000
Eventide Home c/oThe Salvation Army Niagara Falls Honourable Ray & Helen Lawson	Purchase I-Pad tablet to be used by residents in the Tech Your Rec (recreation) Program.	\$500
Faith Tabernacle Pentecostal Assembly - Faith Welland Outreach	Provide support programs and supplies for youth and seniors in need.	\$17,450
Folk Arts Council of St. Catharines - Multicultural Centre	SProvide literacy and skills training to support newcomer youth that experience barriers to education, employment and success.	\$28,363
Fort Erie Public Library	Purchase Cognitive Care Kits that offer series of dementia-friendly activities, containing an assortment of prepared games and workbooks that encourage social engagement.	\$2,850
Gallery Players of Niagara	Create digital program notes to be emailed to all tickets buyers to engage audience and provide insight and learnings into each performance.	\$750
Gillian's Place	Transition front-line training program to an online training portal.	\$10,000
Horse Cents for Kids	Support After School Horsemanship Program that will provide at-risk youth, the opportunity to learn about and experience horses, improving their mental health and well being.	\$7,700

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Hospice Niagara	Purchase camera microphone to produce videos to enhance donor communication and community engagement.	\$460
Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation	Purchase eye-gazing technology and Smart Writing Board assessment tools for clients of the Augmentative & Alternative Communication Clinic.	\$21,600
I CAN Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Association of Niagara Inc.	Build infrastructure to provide a year round outdoor nature facility.	\$20,000
INCommunities	Support the one time costs to setup the remainder of dataset layers for the Niagara Food Asset Map portal.	\$8,850
INCommunities	Improve access to information and community services for seniors through enhanced resources and linkage to 211 helpline.	\$20,000
Links for Greener Learning	Buchanan Teaching Gardens and Environmental Center will be educating students and members of the community on gardening, cooking, eating healthy and climate change.	\$7,400
Nature Conservancy of Canada	Restoration of two ponds on Lathrop Nature Preserve to improve habitat connectivity and down-stream water quality.	\$8,000
Niagara (Hope) Furniture Bank	Purchase moving truck to collect mattresses to distribute to those in need in Niagara Region.	\$40,000
Niagara Catholic District School Board	Support Niagara Catholic District School Board and Tools of Empowerment for Success Niagara partnership program: What They See is What They Will BE Mentorship Program.	\$25,000
Niagara Children's Centre	Enhance the successful Family Engagement Program, by providing peer mentorship.	\$13,000
Niagara Health Foundation	Purchase portable Air Scrubbing equipment for high risk areas in multiple hospital locations.	\$37,409
Niagara Health Foundation	Purchase essential equipment including ventilators, beds and PPE as an emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$270,000
Niagara Jazz Festival	Support music and jazz in Niagara that inspires, educates & develops future jazz audiences, while combining live jazz with food, wine, culture & natural wonders.	\$5,000
Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre	Develop marketing plan to publicise the newly renovated centre now boasting reduced barriers to access to the arts for those who have financial, physical, mental disadvantages.	\$5,000
Niagara Resource Service for Youth (The RAFT)	Provide 1200 hours of Summer Camp for 250-300 low income youth living in four Niagara Region Housing communities.	\$45,000
Niagara Training & Employment Agency (NTEC)	Expand the growing of vegetables to supply not only to Project Share, but other similar food bank programs in the Niagara Region.	\$8,000
Niagara Worship Centre	Purchase flatware and supplies for the HOTMEAL program to help Niagara Falls residents in need.	\$500
Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library	Provide Cognitive Care Kits and appropriate training to support the skills and abilities of those living with dementia and their caregivers.	\$5,000
Open Arms Mission of Welland Inc.	Purchase a refrigerated cargo van box to to rescue more perishable food and distribute it to more people in need of healthy food in Niagara through partner agencies	\$8,100
Pathstone Foundation	Increase capacity at the 8 Hear & Now Walk-In Clinics located across Niagara.	\$5,000
Pathstone Foundation	Support the expansion of hours of service at the mental health walk in clinics across the Region	\$55,000

# 2020 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](http://niagaracommunityfoundation.org)

Pelham Cares Inc.	Support freezer purchase and other costs associated with responded to the increased need related to the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$5,000
Port Cares	Support ongoing provision of hot meals for children and adults who do not independently have access to healthy food due to the multiple, complex barriers they face.	\$18,170
Positive Living Niagara	Support the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network's strategic planning process to help solidify community engagement over the next 4 years	\$4,000
Positive Living Niagara	Support the creation of new 2021-2025 Strategic Plan for the agency to set a new course for the future.	\$4,000
Small Change Fund	Engage in shoreline cleanups along shores of Lake Ontario and include data collection and citizen science opportunities.	\$1,500
St Catharines Public Library	Purchase 10 hotspots and 10 unlimited data plans to be signed out by residents of Niagara Regional Housing, who can't access wifi and have been impacted by COVID-19.	\$7,400
Strive Niagara (AFSSN)	Support the Collective Kitchen Program that would enable families from priority schools to participate in the bi-weekly cooking classes called "25 portions".	\$500
Suitcase in Point Theatre Company	Support 40 minute immersive, sight specific, play that starts at Salem Chapel British Methodist Episcopal Church and ends at City Hall for the Emancipation Day flag raising ceremony.	\$5,000
Summer Camp Grants	Provided bursaries to 5 organizations to support children to participate in a summer camp program.	\$7,250
Tomorrow's Voices Foundation	Support marketing of agency to recruit members for the children's choir kids between the ages of 7 and 18 in Niagara.	\$1,000
Town of Lincoln	Tree plantings and rain garden to promote native species and stormwater quality at Jordan Hollow Cultural Park.	\$2,500
Trout Unlimited Canada (TUC), Niagara Chapter	Restoration to enhance reach among landowners and help mitigate flooding in the watershed.	\$8,000
United Way Niagara	Support to the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to provide food for food banks across Niagara.	\$25,000
Welland Public Library	Purchase seeds and supplies to launch a "seed library" at downtown location with the goal to protect genetic diversity in our food system and promote public access to seeds.	\$500
Westview Christian Fellowship - Westview Centre 4 Women	Creation of play area so children have the health benefits of playing outdoors.	\$12,000
YMCA of Niagara	Leadership Niagara Bursary to support 3 individuals from charitable organizations in Niagara.	\$15,000
YPI Canada	Fund Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) that supports 4 Niagara schools to participate in the program.	\$10,000
YWCA Niagara Region	Support the building of the new community room space at new 24 unit transitional apartment building to be used by residents.	\$36,000

# 2020 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 .....	\$1,067.64	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$832.86
Amici Camping Charity .....	\$3,000.00	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$19,853.03
Angels Rest Dog Rescue.....	\$3,000.00	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$6,506.66
Arthritis Society Ontario Division - Niagara Peninsula Office.....	\$717.05	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold (Niagara Nutrition Partners) ..	\$780.34
Autism Society Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter .....	\$500.00	Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold (Niagara Nutrition Partners)...	\$12,500.00
Beamsville Church of Christ .....	\$50,000.00	Community Care of West Niagara .....	\$10,670.83
Benevolent Society of Grimsby and District.....	\$9,553.92	Community Care of West Niagara .....	\$362.36
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$500.00	Community Care of West Niagara .....	\$1,653.23
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$7,083.26	Community Living - Grimsby Lincoln & West Lincoln.....	\$3,334.63
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services.....	\$4,545.16	Community Living St. Catharines.....	\$514.46
Big Brothers Big Sisters - Grimsby Lincoln, West Lincoln .....	\$9,336.98	Conestoga College - Financial Aid.....	\$1,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Falls.....	\$895.41	Cultural Communications Group Inc./Niagara Regional Native Centre.....	\$1,500.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara .....	\$1,007.04	Cystic Fibrosis Canada - Niagara Chapter .....	\$3,976.52
Big Brothers Big Sisters St. Catharines, Thorold and District.....	\$2,712.50	Doctors Without Borders Canada .....	\$1,302.77
Boxrun Charitable Foundation .....	\$2,411.46	Dog Guides Canada .....	\$1,067.64
Boys and Girls Club of Niagara - Night Light Youth Services.....	\$3,000.00	Dog Guides Canada .....	\$9,609.37
Bravo Niagara! Festival of the Arts .....	\$3,000.00	Durham College - Financial Aid and Awards office .....	\$3,000.00
Brock University - Office of Development and Alumni Relations.....	\$1,000.00	Early Childhood Community Development Centre .....	\$1,173.93
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$700.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$3,000.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$445.60	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$547.36
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$250.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$250.00
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$1,000.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$141.02
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$800.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$467.86
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$700.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	507.79
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$682.21	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$224.83
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$1,500.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$8,867.69
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$750.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$1,631.11
Brock University - Student Awards and Financial Aid .....	\$1,000.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$12,500.00
Bruce Trail Conservancy .....	\$2,227.06	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$8,867.69
Burlington Rotary Community Hospice Inc. (Carpenter Hospice) .....	\$1,287.39	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$1,231.63
Canadian Animal Blood Bank .....	\$1,500.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$260.64
Canadian Cancer Society.....	\$3,976.52	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$504.98
Canadian Cancer Society (Niagara).....	\$6,000.00	Education Foundation of Niagara.....	\$1,500.00
Canadian Chamber Academy (Music Niagara).....	\$275.97	Finding Them Homes - James Bay Pawisitive Rescue .....	\$1,500.00
Canadian Chamber Academy (Music Niagara).....	\$46.34	Fleming College - Financial Aid .....	\$1,000.00
Canadian Red Cross .....	\$321.85	Food4Kids Niagara .....	\$12,500.00
Canadian Red Cross, Niagara Area Branch.....	\$1,302.77	Fort Erie Conservation Club.....	\$611.72
Canadian Red Cross, Niagara Area Branch.....	\$500.00	Fort Erie Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....	\$1,000.00
Cave Springs Camp Inc. ....	\$1,653.23	Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT) .....	\$3,452.77
Centennial College - Financial Aid.....	\$2,000.00	Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT) .....	\$1,000.00
Central United Church of Port Colborne .....	\$9,197.33	Friends Of Fort Erie's Creeks .....	\$616.71
Chorus Niagara.....	\$5,352.82	Georgian College .....	\$1,000.00
Chorus Niagara.....	\$4,668.49	Gillian's Place .....	\$1,067.64
Chorus Niagara.....	\$11,703.64	Gillian's Place .....	\$5,000.00
Church of the Transfiguration .....	\$12,967.32	Grace Community Church.....	\$445.60
CityKidz Ministry - Hamilton Branch .....	\$9,553.92	Grimsby Life Centre Ministries .....	\$9,553.92
CNIB.....	\$1,067.64	Grimsby Museum (Town of Grimsby).....	\$498.50
Community Animal Allies of Niagara .....	\$3,500.00	Grimsby Public Art Gallery (Town of Grimsby) .....	\$112.54
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$1,000.00	Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga .....	\$514.96
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$1,500.00	Hamilton Health Sciences.....	\$965.55
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$1,000.00	Heart and Stroke Foundation.....	\$1,067.64
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$264.85	Heart and Stroke Foundation.....	\$717.05
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$8,084.00	Hearth Niagara Inc.....	\$30,674.60
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$335.13	Hearth Niagara Inc.....	\$500.00
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$1,509.11	Hobbistee Wildlife Refuge.....	\$1,500.00
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold .....	\$811.98	Hospice Niagara .....	\$2,227.06



Hospice Niagara .....	\$60,000.00	Niagara Children's Centre .....	\$1,000.00
Hospice Niagara .....	\$1,712.50	Niagara Children's Centre .....	\$1,302.77
Hospice Niagara .....	\$11,703.64	Niagara Children's Centre .....	\$27,808.37
Hospice Niagara .....	\$335.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid .....	\$1,500.00
Hospice Niagara .....	\$10,000.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid .....	\$750.00
Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation .....	\$2,712.50	Niagara College - Financial Aid .....	\$500.00
Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation .....	\$6,000.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid .....	\$750.00
Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation .....	\$2,227.06	Niagara College - Financial Aid .....	\$1,500.00
Humber College - Financial Aid - Scholarships and Awards .....	\$3,000.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid .....	\$1,000.00
I CAN Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Association of Niagara Inc. ....	\$2,000.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid .....	\$1,500.00
I CAN Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Association of Niagara Inc. ....	\$1,000.00	Niagara College - Financial Aid .....	\$2,000.00
Jack.org .....	\$468.58	Niagara College Foundation & Alumni Relations .....	\$1,000.00
Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation .....	\$965.55	Niagara Falls Community Outreach .....	\$21,361.52
Kidsport Canada (Niagara Chapter) .....	\$611.45	Niagara Falls Community Outreach .....	\$9,000.00
Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara .....	\$500.00	Niagara Falls Humane Society .....	\$500.00
Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara .....	\$1,706.24	Niagara Falls Humane Society .....	\$2,506.11
La corporation de l'école polytechnique de Montreal .....	\$393.07	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services .....	\$1,000.00
Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue .....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services .....	\$470.34
Lincoln County Humane Society .....	\$1,067.64	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services .....	\$1,548.38
Lincoln County Humane Society .....	\$7,500.00	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services .....	\$2,471.49
Lincoln County Humane Society .....	\$3,976.52	Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services .....	\$1,319.54
Lincoln County Humane Society .....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Health Foundation .....	\$1,847.51
Lincoln Memorial Cultural Centre:		Niagara Health Foundation .....	\$1,000.00
Home of the Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty .....	\$1,653.23	Niagara Health Foundation - GNGH Site .....	\$1,000.00
Lincoln Public Library .....	\$13,338.54	Niagara Health Foundation - Port Colborne Site .....	\$811.98
Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides .....	\$9,553.92	Niagara Health Foundation - Port Colborne Site .....	\$3,204.06
Literacy Council of Niagara West .....	\$3,334.63	Niagara Health Foundation - St. Catharines Site .....	\$1,039.43
March of Dimes Canada .....	\$4,165.21	Niagara Health Foundation - St. Catharines Site .....	\$1,319.54
Mayholme Foundation .....	\$120,150.26	Niagara Health Foundation - Welland Site .....	\$575.83
McGill University .....	\$400.00	Niagara Health Foundation - Welland Site .....	\$1,889.07
McMaster University .....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Historical Society - Museum .....	\$447.29
McMaster University .....	\$5,000.00	Niagara Historical Society - Museum .....	\$500.00
McMaster University .....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Land Trust .....	\$1,549.89
McMaster University .....	\$1,500.00	Niagara Life Welland Centre c/a Elisha House Pregnancy & Family Support Centre .....	\$9,131.97
McNally House Hospice .....	\$337.56	Niagara North Family Health Team (NNFHT) .....	\$5,000.00
McNally House Hospice .....	\$180.00	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation .....	\$4,668.49
McNally House Hospice .....	\$3,976.52	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation .....	\$611.95
McNally House Hospice .....	\$3,452.77	Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre .....	\$1,199.00
McNally House Hospice .....	\$1,305.00	Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre .....	\$228.80
McNally House Hospice .....	\$7,078.20	Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre .....	\$24,971.73
McNally House Hospice .....	\$1,680.00	Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre .....	\$2,000.00
McNally House Hospice .....	\$90,888.23	Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre ( CARSA Inc. ) .....	\$14,192.66
Mission Services of Hamilton Inc. ....	\$321.85	Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre ( CARSA Inc. ) .....	\$567.82
Mission Services of Hamilton Inc. ....	\$9,553.92	Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre ( CARSA Inc. ) .....	\$1,067.64
Mohawk College .....	\$1,500.00	Niagara Resource Service for Youth (The RAFT) .....	\$11,703.64
Mohawk College .....	\$1,500.00	Niagara Symphony Association .....	\$5,849.58
Mohawk College .....	\$1,000.00	Niagara Symphony Association .....	\$500.00
Momentum Choir .....	\$226.71	Niagara Symphony Association .....	\$11,703.64
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada .....	\$1,067.64	Niagara Symphony Association .....	\$4,668.49
Muscular Dystrophy Canada .....	\$13,697.84	Niagara Youth Orchestra .....	\$4,668.49
Nativity of the Holy Mother of God .....	\$62,597.10	Niagara Youth Orchestra .....	\$1,000.00
NCDSB - Holy Name Catholic School .....	\$100.00	Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service .....	\$4,600.00
NCDSB - Notre Dame College School .....	\$1,000.00	Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service .....	\$1,950.05
Newark Neighbours Food & Thrift Shops .....	\$500.00	Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library .....	\$1,188.42
Newark Neighbours Food & Thrift Shops .....	\$500.00	Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library .....	\$5,549.98
Niagara Action for Animals .....	\$4,500.00	Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Foundation .....	\$1,000.00
Niagara Action for Animals .....	\$1,067.64	Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Foundation .....	\$1,000.00
Niagara Artists Company (Niagara Artists Centre) .....	\$1,044.33	Northern College - Financial Aid .....	\$1,000.00
Niagara Artists Company (Niagara Artists Centre) .....	\$456.49	Ontario Brain Injury Association .....	\$5,000.00
Niagara Artists Company (Niagara Artists Centre) .....	\$680.28	Ontario Lung Association - Branch serving Niagara .....	\$1,302.77
Niagara Chapter - Native Women Inc. ....	\$2,359.37	Open Arms Mission of Welland Inc. ....	\$9,131.97
Niagara Children's Centre .....	\$15,122.16		

Osteoporosis Canada - Niagara Chapter .....	\$1,067.64	Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake .....	\$125,000.00
Owl Foundation .....	\$500.00	Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake .....	\$75,000.00
Owl Foundation .....	\$400.00	Town of Pelham .....	\$20,000.00
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$2,227.06	Trent University .....	\$700.00
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$241.54	Trent University .....	\$700.00
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$3,000.00	Ukrainian Canadian Congress Charitable and Educational Trust .....	\$62,597.10
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$2,000.00	Ukrainian Canadian Social Services (St. Catharines) Inc. ....	\$62,597.10
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$11,703.64	United Way Halton & Hamilton .....	\$514.96
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$311.07	United Way Niagara .....	\$7,248.18
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$811.67	United Way Niagara .....	\$1,000.00
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$3,000.00	United Way Niagara .....	\$1,889.07
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$1,059.40	United Way Niagara .....	\$5,000.00
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$10,000.00	United Way Niagara .....	\$5,000.00
Pathstone Foundation .....	\$1,000.00	University of Alberta .....	\$700.00
Pelham Public Library .....	\$609.44	University of Guelph .....	\$1,500.00
Pets Alive Niagara .....	\$1,599.00	University of Guelph-Humber .....	\$5,000.00
Pets Alive Niagara .....	\$401.00	University of Ontario Institute of Technology .....	\$1,500.00
Port Cares .....	\$1,000.00	University of Ottawa .....	\$5,000.00
Port Nelson United Church .....	\$643.70	University of Waterloo .....	\$1,500.00
Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls Inc. ....	\$1,000.00	University of Waterloo .....	\$400.00
Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls Inc. ....	\$11,000.00	University of Waterloo .....	\$1,000.00
Queen's University .....	\$1,000.00	University of Western Ontario .....	\$1,500.00
Queen's University .....	\$500.00	University of Western Ontario .....	\$1,000.00
Queen's University .....	\$10,000.00	University of Windsor .....	\$700.00
Queen's University .....	\$500.00	Urban Wildlife Care .....	\$1,000.00
Quest Community Health Centre .....	\$1,500.00	VON Canada - Ontario Branch - Niagara Site .....	\$4,668.49
Red Roof Retreat .....	\$611.45	Welland and District Humane Society (S.P.C.A.) .....	\$5,000.00
Red Roof Retreat .....	\$1,671.42	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation .....	\$1,050.58
Red Roof Retreat .....	\$500.00	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation .....	\$2,227.04
Red Roof Retreat .....	\$470.34	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation .....	\$3,252.56
Regional Niagara Upper Canada Lodge (Regional Municipality of Niagara) .....	\$8,963.04	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation .....	\$234.16
Regional Niagara Upper Canada Lodge (Regional Municipality of Niagara) .....	\$3,400.00	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation .....	\$500.00
Ridley College .....	\$300.00	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation .....	\$2,500.00
Rotary Club of Lincoln Foundation .....	\$502.44	West Lincoln Community Care .....	\$671.61
Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Charitable Trust .....	\$1,114.48	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation .....	\$1,680.00
Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Charitable Trust .....	\$5,000.00	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation .....	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army Community and Family Services - Hamilton/Wentworth .....	\$643.70	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation .....	\$180.00
Shaw Festival Theatre, Canada .....	\$2,000.00	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation .....	\$1,305.00
Shaw Festival Theatre, Canada .....	\$11,703.64	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation .....	\$337.56
Silver Spire United Church .....	\$400.00	West Niagara Agricultural Society .....	\$2,740.20
Sleeping Children Around the World .....	\$257.48	Whispering Hearts Horse Rescue Centre .....	\$2,000.00
Sleeping Children Around the World .....	\$9,895.76	Wilfrid Laurier University .....	\$5,000.00
Southridge Shelter / Brock University Dept. Rec and Leisure .....	\$445.60	Women's Place of South Niagara Inc. ....	\$1,550.24
St. George's Anglican Church .....	\$500.00	Women's Place of South Niagara Inc. ....	\$500.00
St. Giles Presbyterian Church .....	\$1,868.13	YMCA of Niagara .....	\$1,000.00
St. John the Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church .....	\$62,597.10	YMCA of Niagara .....	\$475.52
St. Mark's Historic Properties Foundation, c/o St. Mark's Church .....	\$714.72	YMCA of Niagara .....	\$400.00
St. Therese of Lisieux Church .....	\$541.12	York University .....	\$250.00
St. Therese of Lisieux Church .....	\$6,408.12	York University .....	\$700.00
Stamford Lane United Church .....	\$1,000.00	Youth Resources Niagara .....	\$2,000.00
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church .....	\$62,597.10	YWCA Niagara Region .....	\$12,500.00
Terry Fox Foundation .....	\$611.45	YWCA Niagara Region .....	\$2,000.00
The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie .....	\$1,070.08	YWCA Niagara Region .....	\$985.17
The Salvation Army Community & Family Services .....	\$1,302.77	YWCA Niagara Region .....	\$11,226.71
The Salvation Army Niagara Orchard Community Church .....	\$500.00	YWCA Niagara Region .....	\$3,000.00
The Salvation Army St. Catharines Community & Family Services .....	\$1,022.15	YWCA Niagara Region .....	\$8,643.29
The Salvation Army St. Catharines Community & Family Services .....	\$712.50		
The School of Restoration Arts at Willowbank .....	\$500.00		
The War Amps of Canada .....	\$9,553.92		
Town of Lincoln - Jordan Historical Museum .....	\$3,334.63		
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake .....	\$50,000.00		

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## OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

With great urgency, the Niagara Community Foundation provided nearly \$300,000 in funding to support our most vulnerable citizens amid the rapidly-changing situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The David S. Howes Fund – the Foundation’s largest fund – granted \$250,000 to the Niagara Health Foundation to help purchase essential equipment. This was topped up by an additional \$20,000 from the Niagara-on-the-Lake Healthcare Community Fund and the Niagara Falls

Healthcare Flow-Through Fund, for a total of \$270,000. Additionally, the Foundation responded quickly with a \$25,000 grant to the United Way Niagara Emergency Response Fund to purchase much needed food and supplies for our Niagara Region Food Banks. We are committed to continue our support to charities during the COVID-19 crisis. Our grant program will continue to be responsive and flexible.

## OUR PARTNER RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Niagara Community Foundation was proud to have partnered with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to provide support through the Government of Canada’s Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) in Niagara. Launched in May 2020, the ECSF, funded by the Government of Canada, administered by the Niagara Community Foundation, granted a total of \$1,284,606 to

52 charities and qualified donees. These grants supported vulnerable populations impacted by COVID-19. A total of 66 projects were funded, supporting children, youth, seniors, vulnerable workers, those requiring special care and supports and marginalized populations.

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### LIST OF CHARITIES

Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region  
ARID Group Homes  
Autism Society Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter  
Bethesda Community Services Inc.  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara  
Big Brothers Big Sisters St. Catharines, Thorold and District  
Brock U/Niagara Penguins  
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold  
Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold (Niagara Nutrition Partners)  
Community Care of West Niagara  
Community Living Welland Pelham  
Crohn’s and Colitis Canada  
Crystal Ridge Community Centre  
Easter Seal Society, Ontario  
Eventide Home c/oThe Salvation Army Niagara Falls Honourable Ray & Helen Lawson  
Food4Kids Niagara  
Gateway Resident & Community Support Services of Niagara  
Gillian’s Place  
Goodwill Industries Niagara  
Heartland Forest Nature Experience  
Holy Trinity Church  
Hospice Niagara  
Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Foundation  
Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara  
Let’s Talk Science/Parlons Sciences

Links for Greener Learning  
Mainstream: An Unsheltered Workshop  
March of Dimes Canada  
Matthew House Refugee Ministry of Fort Erie  
Merry Go Round Children’s Foundation  
Niagara Catholic District School Board  
Niagara Children’s Centre  
Niagara College  
Niagara Falls Community Outreach  
Niagara Health Foundation  
Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre  
Niagara Resource Service for Youth (The RAFT)  
Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service  
Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer  
Pathstone Foundation  
Project S.H.A.R.E. of Niagara Falls Inc.  
Shaw Festival Theatre, Canada  
Starlight Children’s Foundation Canada  
Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN)  
The Bridge Church  
The Hope Centre  
The Kidney Foundation of Canada  
Village of Hope  
Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre  
Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation  
West Lincoln Community Care  
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## **JAMES AND LANDY O'DONNELL FUND**

For years, Landy O'Donnell would visit Niagara Falls semi-annually with her husband James. Little did she know, however, that the real crown jewel of the region was Port Colborne on the shores of Lake Erie.

Landy discovered this in 2015 when she moved to the canal city to live with a friend after James's passing. She was drawn to Port Colborne's walkability, something she missed when her Oak Ridges neighbourhood was swallowed up by the sprawl of Richmond Hill over the years she and James lived there. But she would stay in the small town on Niagara's southern tier because of the people. She would be compelled to give back to her newly adopted community because of them, too.

It was only a year after moving to Port Colborne that Landy began contemplating bequeathing something to a local social organization while doing her estate planning. As a relative newcomer, however, she was hard-pressed to choose just one beneficiary. That's when Gary Talosi, who serves on the Port Colborne Community Fund committee with the Niagara Community Foundation, suggested making a donation to benefit her new hometown sooner. She could set up a fund in her and James's names, have the community foundation manage it for her, and see to it that her lump-sum gift would help many causes in Port Colborne in the years ahead — and while she was still alive to witness its impact.

Landy, who keeps busy by volunteering with several groups and initiatives in town, was sold. The **JAMES AND LANDY O'DONNELL FUND** was born in 2016.

"I don't really mind what it's used for as long as it's used for good," Landy said. "I've gotten so much from living here, I just wanted to do something for Port Colborne."

## IMPROVING FINANCIAL LITERACY

Niagara organizations that teach or encourage financial literacy now have access to a permanent source of funds, thanks to The **CREDIT COUNSELLING OF REGIONAL NIAGARA FUND**.

The non-profit organization, which served over 100,000 people during the more than 40 years it was in operation in St. Catharines, closed its doors in 2019 after merging staff and operations with Toronto Credit Counselling (which has an office in St. Catharines).

As a charitable organization, Credit Counselling of Regional Niagara had to ensure that any funds it held in reserves were handed over to another charity. Executive Director Bob Lawler said it made sense to find a way to keep helping Niagara residents who need information or support to handle their financial affairs well.

Over the years, Lawler said he and his staff saw many examples of the hardship and stress caused by the lack of financial literacy, so endowing the reserve funds with the Niagara Community Foundation was a good way to ensure that the financial coaching part of their mandate could continue.

Local non-profit groups can apply for grants from the interest earned from the roughly \$650,000 endowment, Lawler said, as long as their plans to use the funds align with financial literacy objectives. The money could have gone to any registered Canadian charity, but Lawler said it “made the most sense to have the funds preserved and the interest used. This way, it can go on forever.” Sounds like a good example of financial literacy!

## PHILIP AND KAREN COURT FAMILY FUND

When Karen Murray returned to the workforce after taking time off to care for her two young children, the job she chose ended up permanently affecting her perspective -- and her philanthropy.

Trained as a lawyer, Karen worked and volunteered for many years in homelessness outreach – first as an employee and then as a member and board chair for Niagara Regional Housing. That exposure to the many problems homeless people face, and the sometimes simple ways that a bit of extra funding could help, led Karen and her husband Phil to establish the **PHILIP AND KAREN COURT FAMILY FUND** with the Niagara Community Foundation.

Previously, the couple had established their own family foundation, so they could grant money to small programs with which they were familiar “that had trouble getting funding.” Karen and Phil didn’t want to fund initiatives in a long-term way, but wanted to be available to provide charitable help “with special projects or emergencies.”

The family managed it on their own, handling grant requests and navigating the charitable donation accounting landscape. But as their first-hand connections with the organizations and people working in homelessness outreach became more distant, the Niagara Community Foundation seemed like the logical next step.

Now the couple can continue contributing to the causes that matter to them, leaving the oversight to the experts. Karen said she still wants to be able to respond to requests for help, which is why a donor-advised fund made sense.



## COOPER FAMILY FUND

Grandmothers often hold a special place in our hearts. Trevor Cooper's two family matriarchs, Verna Smith and Josephine Cooper, lived to be 99 and 96 respectively, leaving an indelible imprint on the St. Catharines resident. So when it was time for Cooper and his wife Christine to update their estate, they decided to make a lasting impact on Niagara's senior community in return.

"We were very close with them both," Trevor said. "I watched them both go through a lot of things. Fortunately, they had resources others don't and they avoided issues others don't."

The couple established the **COOPER FAMILY FUND** with the Niagara Community Foundation to benefit causes and organizations that help with caring for local seniors. The fund took little time and work to set up, Trevor noted, making the decision to work with the community foundation even easier.

The Cooper Family Fund is a culmination of the charity work the couple already do, including Trevor's advocacy work with the Alzheimer Society of Niagara. In 2020, Trevor's company, Cooper Wealth Management, made a substantial donation to local charities, over and above his and Christine's personal donations.

All in, it gave the Coopers a sense of where the needs are in the community. Meanwhile, setting up a fund with the community foundation gives them a sense of comfort that the money will be used well to help older Niagarans.

"If I donate the money to the Niagara Community Foundation, it will stay here and benefit the local space," Trevor said. "If I give money to another charity, it sometimes disappears into the ether. I wanted this money to stay here and help the people of this community. The community foundation will make sure this will happen."



## STACK FAMILY FUND

Tom and Melissa Stack know well how much a bursary can help a college or university student, even if it's just enough to buy a textbook.

Both received such financial assistance when they went through school, and they've never forgotten how much it helped them. These days, with tuition costs on the rise, they also know that financial support for young minds is even more critical. It can make the difference between someone getting an education that will set them up for success in life or going without.

That's why they decided to establish the **STACK FAMILY FUND** through annual contributions to the Niagara Community Foundation. They're intent on helping young people get a post-secondary education.

"There's a large opportunity there, really, with school costs and making sure kids don't shy away from school because of affordability," Melissa said. "We know what it's like to struggle, so if we can impact and help someone else, that's why we want to give back."

But the couple's empathy for the youth of Niagara goes beyond the expense of going to school. Mental health resources are also important to the Stacks. So such causes will also benefit from their family fund.

The decision to establish a fund was helped along by the community foundation's established connections with local charities and social organizations.

"I love the partnerships they offer as well as the broad spectrum. They're very knowledgeable," Melissa said. "They can come up with the ideas and the different groups to donate to because they are the hub."

The couple also knew their legacy would be used responsibly.

"There can be skepticism when you donate to a charity — is the money going to the cause I want it to" Melissa said. "The Niagara Community Foundation takes that question right out of it. There's accountability."



## LONG-TERM GENEROSITY FOR A COMMUNITY

The legacy of a Vineland philanthropist lives on at the Niagara Community Foundation, with the creation of the \$500,000 **MOSES F. RITTENHOUSE TRUST FUND.**

The source of the funds was originally donated to Vineland residents around the turn of the twentieth century, when Vineland-born Moses F. Rittenhouse, a successful American businessman and entrepreneur, donated, among other things, a large tract of land and money to his hometown to build a school, library, and an experimental farm – in the area where the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre is today.

The school was eventually closed, the library moved, and some of experimental farm lands sold to the provincial government to make way for the Victoria Avenue overpass and interchange with the QEW. Doug Holmes, a long-time Vineland resident who attended Grade 8 at the original Rittenhouse School and had deep roots in the community, is one of the community leaders to steward the proceeds. For many years, the tennis courts and a library on First Avenue formed part of the Rittenhouse legacy. But with the recent sale of the First Avenue property to the owner of the Niagara Academy of Tennis, Holmes and the other trustees – Bill Hodgson and Doug Ransome – turned to the Niagara Community Foundation for help.

Working with Executive Director Bryan Rose and Foundation staff, the trustees agreed the best way to ensure the careful management, growth, and long-term generosity of the Rittenhouse legacy was endowing a fund in the Rittenhouse name with the Niagara Community Foundation.

The trustees will continue to advise the Niagara Community Foundation on applications to use the funds. The goal remains to support initiatives in Vineland and Vineland Station that match Moses F. Rittenhouse's original charitable activities: education, parks and recreation, libraries, community gardens, arts and culture, natural heritage conservation, and local agriculture and food.

Hodgson said seeing the Moses F. Rittenhouse Trust Fund come into existence was exciting, knowing "it will be used in perpetuity and it will do good things.



# 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.

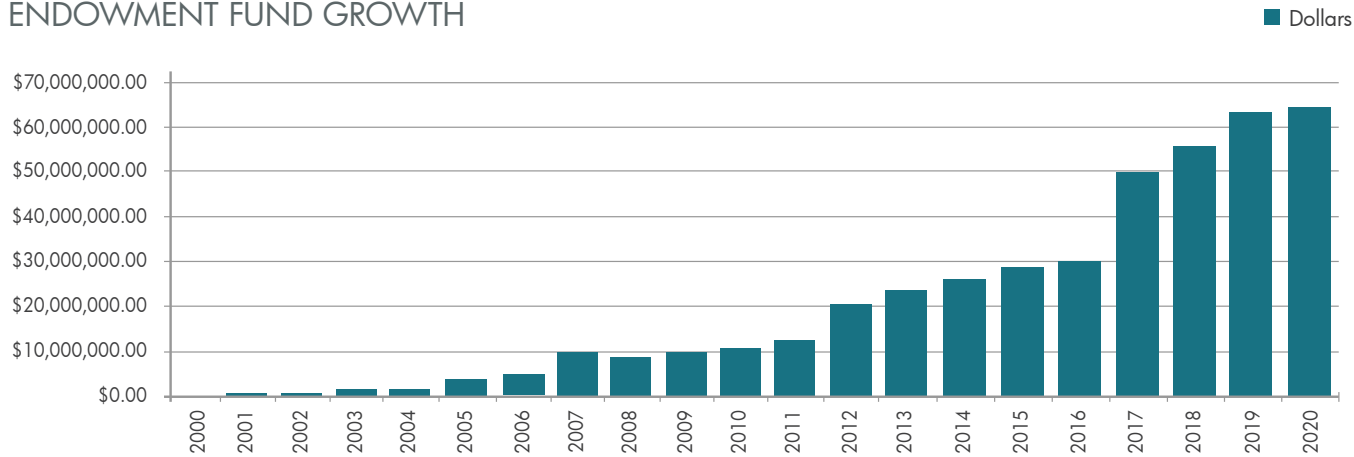
There are many ways to make a gift to the Foundation. These include cash, securities, bequests, special event proceeds, property, and insurance policies. Our role is to work with donors to ensure that their charitable intent is achieved through their gift.

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
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- 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
- \*Kerry and Todd Shoalts 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 Divititis 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
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- 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
- CARMi for Kids Fund

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- Education Foundation of Niagara Medical Needs Fund in Honour of Cindy Paskey
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- Investing in St. Catharines Youth Fund
- Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara Fund
- \*Lisa J. Badger-Gram Memorial Fund
- Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services Endowment Fund
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- Pathstone Foundation Fund
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- 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 Luczkiv Spirit of Enterprise Endowment Fund
- George and Jackie Thomas Bursary
- Groch Family Fund
- Hummel Family Fund
- Jessica Potts Fund
- John-Micheal Martin Memorial Fund
- Jordan Engineering Jane Cunningham Fund
- Kuska Family Memorial Student Awards Fund
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- Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters Scholarship Fund
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- Rotary Club of St. Catharines Fund
- Stayzer Family Fund
- Sunday in the Parks Fund
- \*Suzanne Curtin Fund
- Zonta Club of Niagara Falls Fund

## Environment

- **Smart & Caring Environment Legacy Fund**
- Bert Miller Nature Club Endowment Fund
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- Fengate Realty Group Environment Fund
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## Health & Well-being

### Smart & Caring Health & Well-being Fund for Niagara

- Barbara Gale Seniors & Youth Fund
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- 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
- \*Cooper Family Fund
- Ed and Rosalie Vasso Fund
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- Hospice Niagara Fund
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- 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

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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.

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- Stephen Souter Memorial Fund
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- Sullivan Mahoney Endowment Fund

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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.

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We extend our sincere gratitude to all Donors – including those not listed and wish to remain anonymous. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of these very important lists. If you discover an omission or error, please accept our deepest apologies and notify the Foundation Office. We will ensure that this is rectified in the 2021 Annual Report.

## MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFTS

During 2020, gifts were received by the Foundation in honour or in memory of the following individuals:

Mike Allinson	Molly Herman
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Sammy Arnold	Francis Jacobs
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## HERITAGE SOCIETY

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:

Debra Attenborough	Alan Jostman	Virginia Stewart
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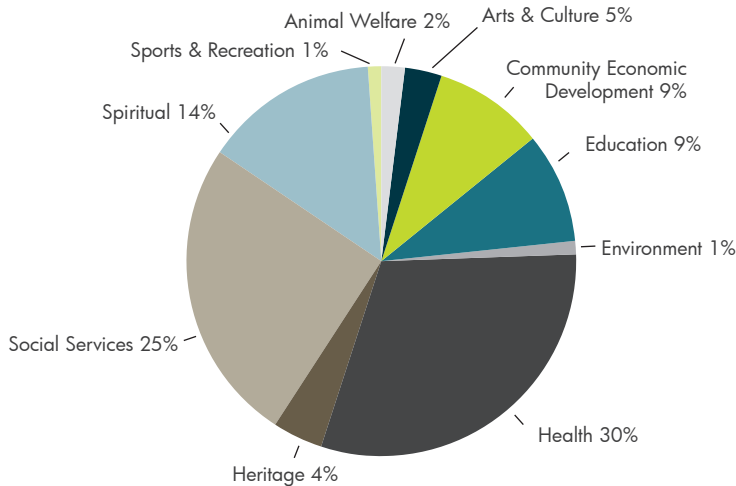
# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the Year End December 31, 2020

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total Assets	\$65,379,234	\$63,938,327	\$56,049,748	\$50,618,663
Gross Fundraising and Event Revenue	\$119,279	\$238,932	\$271,150	\$282,101
Total Donations	\$3,116,077	\$4,502,696	\$8,351,831	\$17,693,530
Total Revenue	\$7,417,934	\$11,747,066	\$8,918,937	\$21,511,634
Total Grants	\$3,063,447	\$2,146,940	\$1,984,261	\$1,300,524
Total Charitable Programs	\$154,642	\$167,967	\$125,743	\$139,595
Total Special Projects	\$65,340	\$242,872	\$147,980	\$91,098
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$240,553	\$214,269	\$236,669	\$218,630
Total Administrative and Governance Expenses	\$613,592	\$574,739	\$557,777	\$427,369
Total Endowments	\$64,265,146	\$62,899,434	\$54,492,103	\$49,440,071
% of Admin/Governance to Total Endowment	0.95%	0.91%	1.02%	0.86%
% of Fundraising Expenses to Total Endowment	0.37%	0.34%	0.43%	0.44%

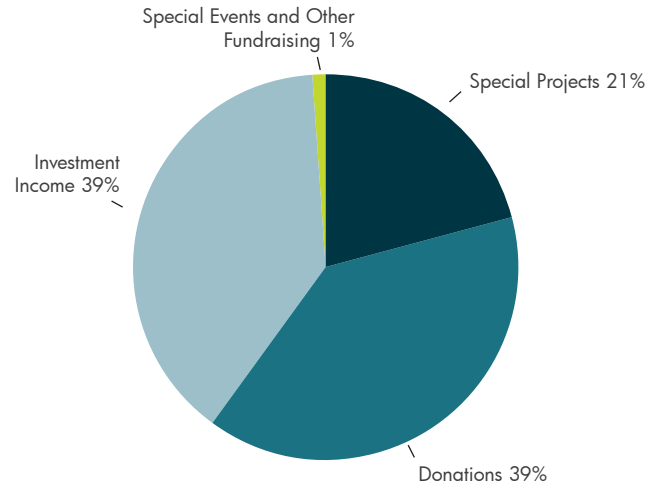
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## ALLOCATION TO GRANTS & CHARITABLE PROGRAMS



## SOURCE OF REVENUE

**\$7,417,934**



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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 build and ensure sound management of the Foundation. It oversees 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 Executive 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. Once again, the Foundation also received funding in 2020 from Niagara Region to support the Niagara Prosperity Initiative. This funding enables us to bring community groups together to guide poverty reduction initiatives.

Fund development, administration and governance expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 totaled \$560,061. 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). As a result, 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 2020, that percentage was 0.87% (compared to 0.82% in 2019, 1.03% in 2018 & 0.86% in 2017), which continues to be well 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% 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 Niagara Community Foundation's Investment Management Agreement with TF. Our Investment Policy is available at [www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org](http://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 2020 was 0.54% 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 (2016 to 2020) rate of return is 4.8% (net of fees).

## 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.

## Social Impact Investing

In November 2012, the Board of the Foundation made a commitment to invest \$500,000 in the Community Forward Fund (CFF), a social



finance investment fund. The initial draw on this investment took place in February 2014. As of December 31, 2020 the Foundation's commitment of \$500,000 was fully deployed. For 2020 the investment returns on the CFF were 3% (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 (FFF) – 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. Every penny invested goes directly to loans. This innovative fund supports the future of local food in Ontario, from seed to supper. For 2020 the investment returns on this fund were 4.0%.

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, on the recommendation of the Foundation's Finance Committee, 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 our 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 the Board and our Fund Holders 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.

## Evaluation

The Board has adopted a comprehensive annual process to evaluate its performance. The results of the evaluation are reviewed at its Spring meeting each year where actions to improve Board performance are recommended and implemented. 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 2020, \$112,728 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 1,623 hours, and based on \$15/hr hour, this gift works out to \$24,337 in support! Thank you so much for this amazing contribution of time and talent.

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by the compassionate actions of its members.”

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