



COMMUNITY  
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GREY BRUCE

Annual Report 2016

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His Excellency The Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, visited Owen Sound on May 20, 2016. Community Foundation Grey Bruce showcased several projects by grant recipients including the Saugeen First Nation's Ki-n de'e' Forest Food Mapping Project for youth, introduced by Gregg Root to His Excellency, as pictured.



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# What is Community Foundation Grey Bruce?

*Established in 1994, Community Foundation Grey Bruce is a registered public charity.*

*We generate long-term resources by accepting donations, providing tax receipts, and creating endowed funds that are pooled and invested. The earned income is granted to charities and qualified non-profits in Grey and Bruce.*

*We support the widest possible range of organizations with initiatives important to the communities of Grey and Bruce.*

*We bring people together from all of our communities to stimulate new ideas, encourage participation, and strengthen community giving.*



## Board of Directors Report

**Kimberley West,  
Chairperson**

The past year has been a time of evolution and notable success. We are very proud of the impact that Community Foundation Grey Bruce is having for our region. Our grants to non-profits and charities in Grey Bruce will top \$640,000 this year. We are also proud to be administering the Canada 150 matching funding program that will assist communities in celebrating Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017. Our work is making for positive change in Grey Bruce.

We have seen the creation of many new education funds towards meeting our Smart & Caring Initiative of adding \$1 million in scholarships, bursaries, and awards. In early 2016, the Foundation was proud to launch its searchable website [www.payforschoolgreybruce.com](http://www.payforschoolgreybruce.com)—a one stop shop where Grey Bruce students can search through 497 scholarship opportunities with access to over \$688,000 in total support available locally. A highlight of the year was the

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visit of the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, to Owen Sound to talk about his life-long commitment to education and to congratulate the Foundation on its education initiative.

In June, Reconciliation Canada led our Board and other community leaders through a day-long workshop introducing the powerful message of reconciliation that will be a tool in strengthening our relationships with our First Nations in Grey Bruce. This experience had resonance for all those in attendance.

We welcomed new faces to our Foundation office in 2016. In May, after a national search, we were pleased to welcome Stuart Reid as Executive Director. Shortly thereafter, Brenda O'Neill joined the team as Administrative Assistant, completing our staff complement. I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors for their continued dedicated service during times of transition, always ensuring good governance and professional support for operations at the Foundation. We are most grateful to the numerous families and individuals who have committed to their community by establishing an endowment with us. We're here for good.



Canadian Mental Health's FAN Club promoting positive mental health

### Community Foundation Grey Bruce Condensed Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31, 2015

	2015	2014
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$113,005.	\$95,980.
Investments	14,666,725.	14,393,183.
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance	15,234.	17,537.
Accounts Receivable	16,679.	15,761.
Prepaid Expenses	1,243.	1,484.
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$14,812,886.</b>	<b>\$14,523,945.</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts Payable	13,053.	9,958.
Deferred Revenue	—	2,743.
	<b>13,053.</b>	<b>12,701.</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>	<b>\$14,799,833.</b>	<b>\$14,511,244.</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,812,886.</b>	<b>\$14,523,945.</b>

Audited statement, prepared by BDO Chartered Accountants, available on line at [www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com](http://www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com)

### 2016 Board



Kimberley West, Nicole Amos-Uotila, Joan Eaglesham, Donna Elliott, Kerina Elliott, Glen Henry, Justin King, Terry King, Maureen Solecki, Ronald Todd, Dave Waddington



## New Endowment and Education Funds

**Four new First Nation Education Scholarships** provide post-secondary scholarships and/or bursaries to students from:

- Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
- M'Chigeeng First Nation on Manitoulin Island
- Saugeen First Nation Band #29.
- Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, Manitoulin Island

**Georgian Sound Big Band Music Scholarship** - Awarded to high school students from Grey or Simcoe Counties who show achievement in music excellence and are accepted at university or college

**Grey Bruce Healthcare Chaplaincy Council Endowed Fund** supporting operations of the Grey Bruce Healthcare Chaplaincy Council

**Janice Bye Memorial Fund** - This endowed fund will support graduating high school students identified by Closing the Gap Healthcare with occupational, physical & speech language therapy and/or equipment that will assist in their post-secondary educational institute or workplace

**Kimberley J. West Endowment Fund** is supporting financial literacy for youth and young adult students

**Leith Summer Festival Endowed Fund** - An endowed fund was created for ongoing operations for the annual Leith Summer Festival held in the historical Leith Church

**Marilyn Helen Fortune Endowed Fund** - This fund supports the creation of residential hospice care in Brockton, the promotion of general palliative care and the provision of medical health and support services for the public in Brockton and surrounding area

**Marjorie Gingrich Grey Bruce Hospice Support Fund** - Fund holder Marjorie Gingrich has added an additional endowed fund to help the Grey Bruce Hospice pay for non-operational expenses

**Our Kids Grey Bruce** has created five new endowed funds to meet the increasing needs of their client base:

- **Our Kids Bruce Grey Chris Coulter & Family Endowed Fund**
- **Our Kids Bruce Grey Educational Support Endowed Fund**
- **Our Kids Bruce Grey Emerging Needs Endowed Fund**
- **Our Kids Bruce Grey Winter Warmth Endowed Fund**
- **Our Kids Bruce Grey Youth Recreation Endowed Fund**

**Owen Sound Little Theatre Aly Boltman Endowed Fund** Former Foundation ED, Aly Boltman, designated the Owen Sound Little Theatre as the recipient of grants from an endowed fund created in her honour

**Saugeen Cottagers Endowed Fund** - Bursaries awarded to students from Saugeen First Nation returning to complete their OSSD qualifications through academic and career preparation studies at Georgian College

**Saugeen Home Builders Trade Association Education Bursary Fund** - Grey or Bruce County students seeking post-secondary education through apprenticeship in the trades or workplace training are eligible for this bursary

**Coming Soon: Dr. James and Charmaine Leeson & Family Endowed Fund** - Supporting students studying medicine or nursing at a Canadian university.



*Musicians at Summer Music 2016 in Southampton*

## Did you know ...

that since inception in 1994, the Foundation has distributed a total of \$2,557,289 in grants to local charities. Grants, scholarships and bursaries totaling \$640,000 will be disbursed by the end of 2016.

## Truth & Reconciliation

On June 22, 2016, forty prominent community leaders from Grey Bruce gathered at Harmony Centre in Owen Sound to engage in a workshop run by representatives from Reconciliation Canada. Many Elders from area First Nations were joined by representatives from governments, faith communities, health organizations, educational institutions, and cultural agencies as well as staff and Board from Community Foundation Grey Bruce.

The day-long workshop aimed to open up the discussion around reconciliation for our First Nations peoples in the wake of the trauma and after-effects of the Residential School System in Canada. In small groups as well as the big circle, participants generously and

poignantly shared their concepts of what reconciliation meant in their lives. Individuals were challenged to think about the strengths they bring to bear as local leaders and how they could address reconciliation in their community work. Through storytelling and sometimes difficult conversations, everyone confronted their role and came away with back-pocket action plans about how they would act to influence reconciliation their community. New awareness and new networks were formed during this transformational day.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce will continue its work to convene discussion on the issue and will further strengthen and support our First Nations.

Staff



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Executive  
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Report

Stuart Reid

Although I have only been at the Foundation for half a year now, I can see what a profound impact this organization has on our community. It is very exciting to join the community foundation movement and learn about the ways that community philanthropy can inspire and benefit so many. I am very pleased to be of service to the generous fund holders and agencies that work with the Foundation to ensure a better quality of life for all residents of Grey Bruce.

I have been privileged to work with the Vital Signs team on the report released in October 2016. This examination of local and national data paints a picture of quality of life in Grey Bruce, drawing attention to issues that affect our region. The Vital Signs report will be a useful tool in setting agendas, forging new partnerships, and convening conversations about vitality and wellbeing. Visit the website to download your copy.

I would like to thank the talented staff at the Foundation that support our work, fulfilling the mission and direction as set out by our volunteer Board of Directors. As you will read in this report, we are a robust organization that continues to grow, developing more relationships towards a better Grey Bruce.

## 2013 to 2016 Fund Matching Program: A Success Story

Over the past three years, grants of up to \$10,000 have been available to new Endowed Funds at a rate of \$1 for every \$2 donated. Provided by the Betty MacKay Memorial Fund, this incentive has bolstered many new funds with added revenue and has encouraged fund holders to maximize the matching potential.

55 funds enrolled in the program. \$398,000 of the matching \$550,000 committed has been utilized by those funds to date.

## Pay for \$chool GREY BRUCE

[www.payforschoolgreybruce.com](http://www.payforschoolgreybruce.com) is an online user-friendly resource for locally developed student awards. The site was designed to help Grey Bruce students find financial support for all avenues of post-secondary education.

Students can search by keywords, education pathway and eligibility categories. Awards can be shared with friends and family by email, Facebook or Twitter, or bookmarked for future visits.

## Important Dates 2016 • 2017

- November 4, 2016 - Random Act of Kindness Day
- November 29, 2016 - Giving Tuesday
- March 2017 - Not-for-profit sector workshops in Grey and Bruce Counties
- April 30, 2017 - Spring grant deadline
- July 1, 2017 - Capital Grant letter of intent due
- September 30, 2017 - Fall grant deadline

## Salute to our Ambassadors

There is a group of important volunteers who keep the mission of Community Foundation Grey Bruce alive in their local communities—they are known as the Ambassadors. Each Ambassador has been trained in how to talk about the Foundation to their neighbours and community residents and is armed with printed material, Foundation contact info and general enthusiasm for their role. Contact the Foundation if you would like to be an Ambassador in your area.

## Join the Vital Conversation

Community Foundation Grey Bruce released its first Vital Signs on October 4th, 2016. This report makes use of local knowledge and data to measure the vitality of our community and explores how we are taking action to improve the quality of life in Grey Bruce.

To download your copy, visit

[www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com](http://www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com)

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