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GREY BRUCE

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GRANT: Look Up Theatre's circus training program for youth

2014 • 2015
Annual Report



Executive
Director
Report

Aly Boltman

At my first employment review over breakfast, I was asked about my long term vision for the Foundation - a very good question. "I want to double our endowment funds" or "I want to be an effective Executive Director!" would have been easy answers.

Fuelled by good coffee, I reflected on all of my new ideas, mustered up a dose of bravery and said: "I want us to be the most forward thinking, boundary-pushing rural Community Foundation in Canada."

It's true that we face unique challenges serving a large rural catchment area. We may never have resources like some of the large city-based Foundations. But we have spirit, and a committed, unique population. And the recent growth of our endowments will help us meet our challenges.

Only time will tell what the future holds, but thankfully, I don't have to do all of the heavy lifting myself. I work with an incredibly capable board, a small but mighty staff, and a community whose compassion is greater than its needs. You are invited to share in this vision and grow with us every step of the way.

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 registered 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.

IMPACTFUL PHILANTHROPY An evening with the Right Honourable Paul Martin



Two years of hard work by our Asset Development Committee resulted in the memorable visit of the Right Honourable Paul Martin to Owen Sound in September, 2014. While many remember Mr. Martin for his work as the former Prime Minister, it is his accomplishments since leaving politics that have been so inspirational. Moderated by Ningwakwe George from Saugeen First Nation, the focus of the evening was to build awareness of the Foundation, promote philanthropy and provide information about our Smart and Caring Education Initiative plus Mr. Martin's Aboriginal Youth Education Program which provides mentorship, education, skill training, business planning and self-esteem to First Nations students - Canada's youngest and fastest growing population.



GRANT: United Way Bruce Grey - school backpack program

Eva Leflar Memorial Regional Tree Planting Program

The Eva Leflar Memorial Tree program, a partnership between Community Foundation Grey Bruce, the Eva Leflar Donor Advised Fund and the Leflar Foundation, resulted in a myriad of new, healthy trees planted across Grey Bruce in 2014. Nine municipalities and one Territory took part in the initiative, resulting in \$20,000 worth of new trees cleaning our air, beautifying our public spaces, and honouring an extraordinarily generous philanthropist.



*"With every deed you are sowing a seed,
though the harvest you may not see."*

~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Board of Directors



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Smart & Caring Education Initiative



The Smart & Caring Education Initiative is developing new opportunities for Grey Bruce youth for post secondary education. A website is in development that will interest those facing the financial burdens that come with supporting the post-secondary education goals of our students.

Aimed to launch in 2015 and funded by a generous grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation, the new website www.payforschoolgreybruce.com will create an online space for local youth to find funding including bursaries, scholarships and awards for all pillars of post-secondary education: university, college, apprenticeship and workplace training programs. Working closely with Dave Barrett from the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, we have already identified nearly 1000 available funding opportunities for local youth.

Make a difference in the lives of our local youth and increase their chances of success by creating your own endowed fund or a fund in your company's or family's name under the umbrella of the Smart & Caring Education Fund. The Foundation aims to add one million dollars to this education fund by the end of 2016, and with your help, we can meet this important goal!



Board of Directors
Chair Report

Donna Elliott

Our 20th anniversary year has been a very exciting and busy time. We have defined our 'membership', updated our by-laws to bring us into compliance with Industry Canada's new regulations for charitable organizations, and said a fond farewell to our former Executive Director Roberta Brignell. We have welcomed our new Executive Director, Aly Boltman who has "hit the ground running" as they say and put real meaning into the phrase fast learner. As well, we have welcomed three new Directors.

We were able to grant out more than half a million dollars - a wonderful legacy to be able to give back to the community. We had two granting intakes and brought our True Sport initiative to Grey Highlands and Brockton. For the first time, with the generous support of the Eva Leflar Donor Advised Group, we piloted a very successful capital program. Our new on-line grant application now streamlines the application process. And, to cap our 20th anniversary celebrations, we invited the Right Honourable Paul Martin to speak about philanthropy at an event in September.

It has been a very fulfilling two years for me and as I step down, it is my pleasure to welcome Kim West as the incoming Chair of the Community Foundation Grey Bruce.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce Condensed Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31, 2013

Assets:	2013	2012
Cash	\$508,291.	\$104,220.
Investments	12,729,101.	6,273,980.
Accounts Receivable	10,378.	14,778.
Inventories	1,244.	1,244.
Total Assets	\$13,249,014.	\$6,394,222.
Liabilities:		
Current	11,908.	17,406.
Fund Balances:	13,237,106.	6,376,816.
Total	\$13,249,014.	\$6,394,222.

Audited statement, prepared by BDO Chartered Accountants, available from the Foundation's office or online at www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com.



GRANT: Community Waterfront Centre opens a marine museum



GRANT: Lion's Head School, new community playground

Annual Grant Deadlines

April 30: Spring grant deadline
September 30: Fall grant deadlines
Watch each spring for announcements about new funding initiatives!



GRANT: New Meaford market chef program

What's Next for The Foundation?

Eva Leflar's \$6.5 million bequest, along with a very healthy market, made a big difference to the Foundation and communities in Grey Bruce. Greater than half a million dollars was granted out to local charities and not-for-profits this year including a pilot capital funding project that provided approximately \$130,000 to 15 vital groups with interests ranging from arts and culture to health and wellness, food banks to music studios for youth, lawn bowling to soccer.

Going forward in 2015, watch for:

- A new Rogers Cable TV show **Project Legacy**
- A regular column in Mosaic Magazine
- The new www.payforschoolgreybruce.com website
- Our new online grant application
- New funding initiatives

We welcome your input and ideas as we travel this new and exciting leg of the journey, energized by enthusiasm, strong resources, and an irreplaceable community.



GRANT: Children's art area at Kincardine Marine Heritage Festival

New at the Foundation



Lyle & Isabelle Love Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Endowed Fund

When Lyle & Isabelle Love discussed their plans to start an endowed fund with the Foundation, they decided to support skilled trade apprenticeships, having seen first-hand the need

for more skilled workers in this region. In Grey Bruce, the average age of a skilled tradesperson is 55 years old, but thankfully, many local students are now seeking apprenticeship opportunities. Lyle and Isabelle "trust that this fund will be a little help to students pursuing vital apprenticeship and workplace training programs." Their apprenticeship fund under the umbrella of Smart & Caring Education Initiative will support female apprentices for its first five years, after which time it will be open to both males and females.

McMillan & Roberts Family Fund

In November of 2008, John and Violet (nee McMillan) Roberts read that Community Foundation Grey Bruce was encouraging families to start a legacy fund that would encourage philanthropy through the family's generations. Instead of giving gifts at Christmas, the Roberts, along with the families of their eight children, decided to collect money to start a family fund. In January 2009, the first contribution was made and, with a donation each year since, the McMillan & Roberts Family Fund reached the granting threshold in 2014. Not only are the parents and offspring of the family contributing but now grandchildren are also donating to their family's fund. The McMillan & Roberts Family Fund supports annual scholarships to student(s) from St. Mary's School in Owen Sound in carpentry, plumbing or electrical apprenticeship programs, under the umbrella of the Smart & Caring Education Initiative.

Three Commemorative Funds

In commemoration of Community Foundation Grey Bruce's 20th anniversary, the Board of Directors announces three new named funds to honour the past Executive Directors of the Foundation. The hard work and caring spirit of the Executive Directors over the years has taken the Foundation from a small local community fund to a large foundation serving all of Grey and Bruce Counties with assets of over \$14 million as the Foundation's 20th anniversary is celebrated in 2014. The Ernestine McKenna Endowed Fund, the Laura Bouchard Endowed Fund and the Roberta Brignell Endowed Fund will continue to support the past work put forth by these capable women in the Foundation's name.

Ask Us

- How to participate in a Matched Funding program
- How capital gains are waived with your donation
- The advantages of donating invested securities
- How to donate a life insurance policy or include the Foundation in a will



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