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REPORT TO THE
COMMUNITY
2020

HELPING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS DEAL WITH THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19

Community Foundation Grey Bruce is proud to have partnered with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to deliver the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) in Grey and Bruce County. Launched on May 19, 2020, the ECSF will invest more than \$269,000 through the Community Foundation towards local charities and qualified donees supporting populations experiencing heightened vulnerability during this crisis.

Owen Sound Hunger and Relief Effort (OSHare) was the recipient of the largest grant that Community Foundation Grey Bruce has given. OSHare was awarded \$54,000 to provide lunch, dinner, and a personal connection for anyone who needs it from our community.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic in March, OSHare has served over 32,000 meals to individuals and families in our community.

This is a 300% increase in our daily meals served from before COVID 19. We are so thankful for the Emergency Community Support Grant from the Community Foundation Grey Bruce. This money will help to ensure that we can continue to meet the increased need for healthy meals in our community. **Thank you, Community Foundation,** for helping us to share at OSHare!"

- Colleen Trask Seaman,
Executive Director, OSHare

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Photo Courtesy of The Sun Times

A Message from the Foundation

Twenty-five years ago, Community Foundation Grey Bruce emerged out of a dream held by a few passionate individuals who envisioned an organization that would sustain our community through support to volunteers and charitable organizations across the two Counties. A quarter century later we are fulfilling that dream in a time of new challenges and opportunities. We launched the Next25 Fund to celebrate our anniversary and to bolster non-restricted funds enabling the Foundation to grant strategically to best address community needs as they are identified in our Vital Signs reports. At the conclusion of the first year of donations, that fund is sitting at approximately \$120,000 in donations.

During the past year, our Foundation took up the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge with a goal to shift the power to young leaders making positive social or environmental change in their communities. CFGB provided two grants of \$15,000 to support Vital Signs Youth Impact Grants, at schools in Grey and Bruce. RBC is also supporting two Vital Conversations with young people, 18 to 30 years old, in fall 2020.

COVID-19 has transformed the way we work together and our relationships with the sector we serve.

To gauge the impact on our community, CFGB sent out a 10-question survey asking about the pandemic's effect on local organizations and how these organizations were dealing with community needs. We had an online response rate of 39% encompassing input from 82 organizations. It was clear from the results that the demand for services provided through the charitable/not-for-profit sector had grown dramatically, at just the time that these organizations were not able to fundraise. We knew the position of many groups was precarious. We used the survey results to advocate for services and support organizations where we could through granting.

Given the challenge we knew the community faced, Community Foundation Grey Bruce was proud to have partnered with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to deliver the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) in Grey and Bruce County. Launched in May 2020, the ECSF will invest more than \$269,000 towards local charities and qualified donees supporting populations experiencing heightened vulnerability during this crisis.

In the past year CFGB also participated in the national Investment Readiness Program, a national initiative led by Community Foundations of Canada and funded by the Government of Canada that provided \$18.5 million across the country to seed and grow social enterprise. CFGB was designated as regional partner for Central Ontario, working with Georgian College and SENCO (Social Enterprise Network of Central Ontario). The program offered eligible organizations working to do good across Central Ontario the opportunity to access up to \$100,000 in non-repayable capital. The partnership will award more than \$755,000 to 10 social purpose organizations in Central Ontario. Our website has more information about these unique organizations and their inspiring work.

The past year, despite the impacts of the pandemic and uncertain markets, has seen our Foundation distribute more grants than ever. We have also had several new funds started and many families and individuals making a commitment to their community with a philanthropic plan.

We had some staff changes last year. Sarah Haefling moved to Essex County resigning her post as Community Outreach Officer in early 2019 and Christine MacGregor joined the Foundation in that role in March, just a few days before the office was shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We remain very grateful to the many people who support our cause: a committed Board of Directors, talented staff, and generous volunteers on who serve on committees and as Ambassadors. Special thanks to retiring Board members Kim West-Briggs and Martha Pedoniquotte for their service. Kim is concluding her second term on the Board and the Foundation continues to benefit from her passion.

As we say, the Foundation is here for good. We thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we are making a positive contribution to Grey Bruce, community wellbeing and resiliency.

Maureen Solecki, Chair

Stuart Reid, Executive Director

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Kelly Graham: In Memorium

Our community lost a great friend and a generous volunteer when Kelly Graham passed away on July 27, 2020. She worked her entire professional life as



a lawyer in the City of Owen Sound, serving many city residents and institutions as well as clients throughout Grey and Bruce Counties. Kelly was dedicated to her community and was very active as a volunteer, serving on the boards of a wide range of local groups including Grey Bruce Health Services, Community Care Access Centre, the Zonta Club and the Owen Sound Skating Club. Kelly was a long-serving Board member of Community Foundation Grey Bruce from 1998 to 2011 and also served as Chair from 2009 to 2010. Since retiring from the Board, she has remained engaged as legal counsel for the Foundation, most recently in the capacity of partner in the law firm of Boyce and Graham LLP.

The Community Foundation joins Kelly's family and friends in mourning a great friend and a passionate advocate for philanthropy.

There are
COMMUNITY FUNDS IN:

**Grey Highlands
Meaford
Owen Sound
Saugeen Shores
Kincardine**

New Funds

Bruce County Museum Endowed Fund

supports the operations of the museum and its programs.

Dr. Hilli Huff Palliative Care Education Fund supports education costs and expenses related to palliative care training and conferences for health care workers.

Elliott Family Fund supports community wellbeing and needs as identified in the Vital Signs report.

Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation Endowed Fund supports the work of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

Kelly Graham Legacy Fund supports the operations of the Foundation and the health and wellbeing of women and girls including career enhancement and success.

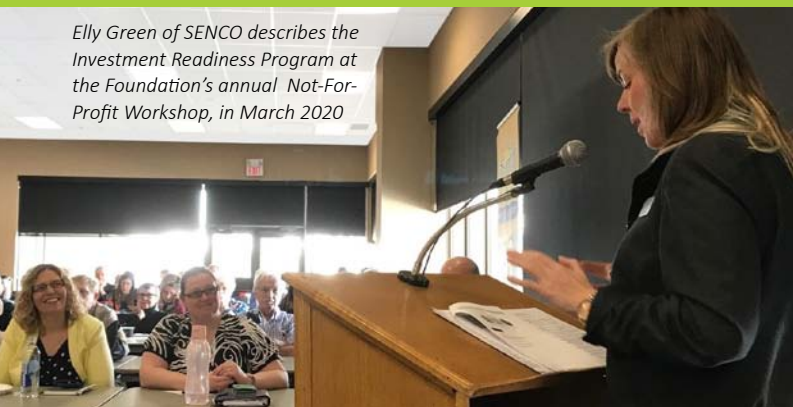
Kerina & David Elliott Family Fund supports gender equity in access to education, Indigenous issues, micro-finance assistance for challenged women.

Solecki Family Endowed Fund supports literacy, education, community vitality and resilience.

Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Scholarship Fund supports post-secondary students pursuing careers in environmental protection or clean water management.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce manages more than 160 funds.

Elly Green of SENCO describes the Investment Readiness Program at the Foundation's annual Not-For-Profit Workshop, in March 2020



*Ambassador Forum, November 2019, was held
at the Harmony Centre in Owen Sound*



Ambassador Recognition

Our Ambassadors work to build awareness of the impact of community philanthropy in their hometowns across Grey and Bruce Counties. The Ambassadors help the foundation maintain a profile and point of contact in municipalities across the region. In the past year, the Foundation has hosted two professional development forums for Ambassadors: in November 2019 at the Harmony Centre in Owen Sound and in June 2020, we convened on a virtual platform to share resources, discuss updates, and network.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce Balance Sheet

December 31	2019	2018
Assets:		
Current		
Cash	\$ 85,452	\$ 126,463
Investments	17,385,096	15,205,892
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance	5,743	7,820
Accounts Receivable	29,028	18,812
Prepaid Expenses	1,243	1,378
	<u>\$17,506,562</u>	<u>\$15,360,365</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances:		
Current		
Accounts Payable	\$ 43,020	\$ 10,186
Fund Balances		
Externally Restricted		
Endowments	15,408,230	14,737,684
Donor Restricted	1,796,409	377,894
Operating	258,903	234,601
	<u>17,463,542</u>	<u>15,350,179</u>
	<u>\$17,506,562</u>	<u>\$15,360,365</u>

Audited statement, prepared by BDO Canada LLP,
available online at www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and
Oliphant Fishing Islands Phragmites
Community Group received a grant to cut
invasive species within Oliphant's
sensitive coast



Next25 Fund

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, Community Foundation Grey Bruce established the Next25 Fund that will help us ensure the vitality of all communities in Grey and Bruce for another quarter century. The Next25 Fund will be unrestricted, so the Foundation has the latitude to grant strategically based on the greatest community need. The Next25 Fund is building to raise \$250,000 through donations and gifts to support a healthy community for decades to come.



A grant to
Meaford
Hospital
Gardeners
supported the
beautification
and maintenance
of the Memorial
Healing Garden



Wiidosendiwag/Walking Together Tour received
a grant to design, research, and translate
interpretive plaques

Community Foundation Grey Bruce was proud to accept
the Cultural Catalyst Award at the 2020 Owen Sound
Arts and Cultural Awards
(Photo Courtesy of Rob Gowan at The Sun Times)



REACH
Centre
expanded
their social
enterprise with
bracelet making

Investment Readiness Program

The Investment Readiness Program helps social enterprises across Canada grow, and builds their capacity to accept investment, and participate in Canada's growing social finance market. Community Foundation Grey Bruce in partnership with Georgian College and SENCO (Social Enterprise Network of Central Ontario) has offered eligible organizations working to do good across Central Ontario the opportunity to access up to \$100,000 in non-repayable capital through the Investment Readiness Program (IRP). This is part of a national initiative led by Community Foundations of Canada and funded by the Government of Canada has provided \$18.5 million across the country to seed and grow social enterprise.



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