



# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GREY BRUCE

We're here for good.

Since 1994, Community Foundation Grey Bruce has been building and managing endowed funds towards a sustainable future. The Foundation strategically grants to a wide variety of non profits and charities across Grey and Bruce. The Foundation is an active partner and collaborator in fostering community vitality.

Report to the Community 2017



*Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's Riverfest Extravaganza celebrated Canada150 and OwenSound160*

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# A Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director

Report to the Community 2017

## Building Community: Celebrating our past, contemplating future vitality

The past year has been marked by celebration in Grey Bruce — a time for contemplating the rich history of our region and the people who have shaped life here.

Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017 has been an important milestone in our collective history, with the power to bring people together as we remember the past, and dream big about the future of our communities. In 2017, our foundation awarded ten local projects with Canada 150 grants made possible through a collaboration between Community Foundation Grey Bruce, the Government of Canada, and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast. In total, \$50,000 was distributed to amazing projects that inspire a deeper understanding of the people and events that have created our region. We are particularly proud of the diversity and scope of the initiatives we supported: several of the projects address the issue of reconciliation and make creative connections with local First Nations communities and shared histories.

This past year, saw new funds established by families and individuals, many named for community leaders whose legacy is carried on by the good work that their funds support year after year. As the Community Foundation continues to grow, so does the treasure chest of stories about the individuals who have shaped our cities and towns, making a positive and lasting impact on many lives. It is our greatest pride to secure the legacy of many generous pillars in our community, working with family and friends to make certain that their goals for community betterment are carried out.

## Our Directors



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Released one year ago, our *Vital Signs* report has framed many of the Foundation's initiatives over the past year, including visits to municipal councils and service groups to speak about the report and the issues that emerge in terms of community development goals. *Vital Signs* continues to prompt innovative discussion, collaborations and partnerships that will improve life in Grey Bruce.

In terms of the Foundation's own organizational growth in the past year, great progress has been made in professionalizing and updating our office functions and administrative systems. A refreshed and clarified strategic plan has developed our priorities and vision for the years ahead. We are looking forward to the launch of our updated mobile-friendly website, enhancing online access to our services, and offering useful information on community philanthropy.

Of course, our Foundation is all about people. We would like to acknowledge and thank the staff, Board members, Ambassadors and volunteers for their dedication to our mission of spreading the good news about community philanthropy, endowment building, and convening discussion on community health and vitality. As our new tagline states, "We're here for good."

  
Joan Eaglesham, Chair

  
Stuart Reid, Executive Director

## Community Foundation Grey Bruce Condensed Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31, 2016

	2016	2015
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$117,319	\$113,005
Investments	15,361,841	14,666,725
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance	13,218	15,234
Accounts Receivable	11,828	16,679
Prepaid Expenses	1,243	1,243
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$15,505,449</b>	<b>\$14,812,886</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts Payable	16,243	13,053
Deferred Revenue	—	—
	<b>16,243</b>	<b>13,053</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>	<b>\$15,489,206</b>	<b>\$14,799,833</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,505,449</b>	<b>\$14,812,886</b>

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

## Our Staff



L to R: Doug Mitchell, Brenda O'Neill, Stuart Reid, Kate Baker and Wendy Bachiu

## New Endowment and Education Funds

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**Georgian Sound Big Band Music Scholarship** - provides awards for 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** - supports operations of the Grey Bruce Healthcare Chaplaincy Council.

**Milton Sellwood & Jean Semple Endowed Fund** - supports Canadian Cancer Society Grey Bruce Branch, CNIB Grey Bruce Branch, Grey County Kiwanis Music Festival, Grey Bruce Health Services Foundation, and Sick Kids Hospital Toronto.

**Clare "Flea" & Marj Christie Endowed Fund** - supports kid's access to play minor hockey in Owen Sound.



*Stuart Reid and the 2017 Dr. James & Charmaine Leeson & Family Scholarship recipient, Melissa Yeo*

**Dr. James & Charmaine Leeson & Family Endowed Fund** - provides scholarships for Grey Bruce students who are studying to be a Doctor of Medicine, Nurse or Nurse Practitioner.

**Jean Walker & Marjorie Mole Scholarship Fund** - provides bursaries to students from Grey Bruce studying community health care to be a Nurse or Nurse Practitioner.

**Lawrence Family Endowed Fund** - provides awards for deserving students from Peninsula Shores District School to pursue post-secondary education in a diversity of pathways including university, college, trades, or apprenticeship.

**Grey Granite Curling Club Endowed Fund** - supports recreation and sport for youth in Owen Sound, Georgian Bluffs, the former Township of Sydenham, and the former village of Chatsworth.

**Grey Bruce Community Health Award Endowed Fund** (created in memory of Perry Cockburn) - provides awards to students graduating from a Grey Bruce secondary school pursuing an education pathway related to community health.

**Bruce County Women's Institute Endowed Fund** - provides scholarships supporting Bruce County students on their education pathway.



*Grant Coordinator, Wendy Bachiu, and the Lester B. Pearson Public School champion curling team*

## Are you interested in creating your own endowed fund?

As a donor, you may want to set up your own named endowed fund. Whether it supports your favourite charity, assists with providing unrestricted grants for community betterment or offers scholarships, bursaries or awards for Grey Bruce students, the fund will reflect your passion for your community.

Each endowed fund is pooled with other endowments, then invested together to ensure the highest rate of return. The invested principal is never touched but the earned income is distributed as a grant the following year. A minimum of \$5,000 is required to create a donor advised endowed fund; the fund needs to reach \$25,000 in order to be able to grant its earned income. A scholarship or bursary fund invested in our dividend pool can disburse once its endowed fund reaches \$7,500.

We are happy to assist you in creating an endowed fund specific to your wishes.

Please phone 519.371.7203 today or email [stuart.reid@crgb.ca](mailto:stuart.reid@crgb.ca) for more information.



*A grant to the Grey Bruce One World Festival celebrates the region's diversity — past, present and future*



# Celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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2017 has been a year of celebration across Canada, marking 150 years since Confederation. With \$25,000 from the Community Fund for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> matched with \$25,000 from Community Foundation Grey Bruce, ten local projects received grants to tell our area's unique story.

- The Dramatic History of Nawash
- Blue Mountains Year of Canada Celebrations
- Canada 150 — Come Celebrate in Brockton
- Poets Laureate Legacy Project - Métissage, Owen Sound
- Grey Bruce Chinese Heritage & Culture Association - Home in a Distant Land
- Earth Film Festival, Owen Sound
- Walking Tour Towards Truth and Reconciliation in Brooke
- Historical Dinner and County Cultural Variety Show, Meaford
- Niimaywikwedong Reconciliation Garden, Owen Sound
- Point Clark Lighthouse Canada Day Festival

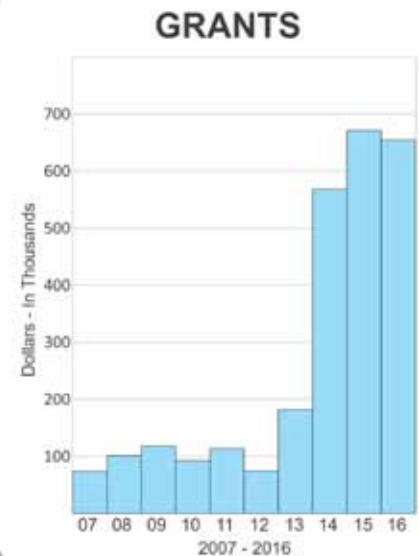
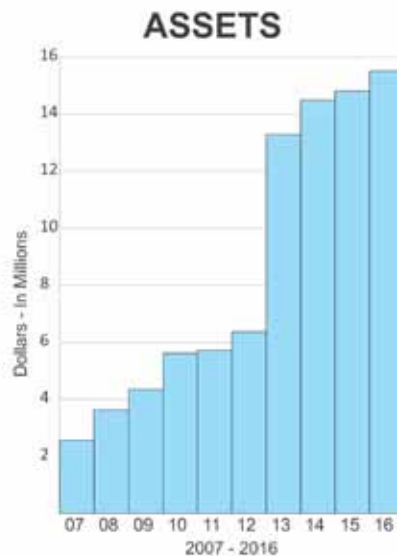
*Blue Mountains Public Library Staff  
L to R: Terri Pope,  
Madeline Smolarz,  
Emma Barker and  
Andrea Wilson*



*May Ip talks to students  
about the history of  
Chinese heritage in  
Grey Bruce*

Over the past 10 years, the assets of Community Foundation Grey Bruce have grown from \$2,573,000 to **\$15,500,000.**

Since inception in 1994, the Foundation has given out **\$3,212,058** in grants to the community.



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