



COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
GREY BRUCE

# COMMUNITY REPORT

We're here for good.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The past year at Community Foundation Grey Bruce (CFGB) has been defined by change, bringing both challenges and opportunities to community philanthropy. As we enter 2025 amidst economic uncertainties, CFGB remains steadfast in its mission to retain community assets locally, build wealth, and improve lives for generations to come.

In 2022, CFGB launched a Social Impact Investing Fund with 1% of total assets (\$250k) to invest locally. This initiative has supported affordable housing, sustainable tourism, and a cultural hub in Owen Sound. These investments demonstrate our commitment to creating meaningful local impact.

Granting remains CFGB's core focus. In 2024, we distributed over \$860k to charities and non-profits, with plans to surpass \$1 million in 2025. Responding to feedback from local agencies, we increased the Community Grant maximum from \$3k to \$5k and raised allowable operational support from 10% to 25%. These changes aim to better support organizations recovering from the pandemic.

CFGB continues its rent supplement project for youth aged 16-24 in collaboration with YMCA Housing Services. Now in its third year, this initiative provides \$300 monthly supplements to 12 participants. Three individuals recently graduated from the program after securing meaningful employment.

CFGB remains active in the Lake Huron Forever initiative, fostering collaboration between Ontario and Michigan communities. Highlights include the One Water Gathering in Michigan (September 2024) and Goderich becoming the first Canadian city to sign the Lake Huron Forever Pledge (April 2025). Healthy freshwater ecosystems are vital to community well-being.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Clarke McLeod and Alanna Leffley for six years of dedicated service on our Board of Directors. Their contributions have greatly advanced CFGB's mission. Additionally, we welcomed Melissa D'souza Harris as Grants Coordinator in November 2024 and celebrated staff milestones, including Kate Baker's promotion to Manager of Finance and Operations.

As our lease nears expiration, CFGB is relocating to Parkway Plaza on First Avenue West in Owen Sound (July 2025). This move reflects our vision for growth, enhanced capacity, and deeper community engagement while staying connected to Grey Bruce's downtown hub.

Change is constant, but CFGB remains a steadfast force for good in our communities. Together, we will continue building vibrant, healthy, and sustainable futures.

Rick Hill, Chair,  
Board of Directors

Stuart Reid,  
Executive Director



LYLE LOVE CUTS THE CAKE.

## SEASON OF GIVING GATHERS FOUNDATION FAMILY

In November of 2024, CFGB gathered together as staff, past and present Board members, over 60 Ambassadors from across the region, and fund holders to kick off the Season of Giving and to celebrate the Foundation's 30th anniversary year with some cake, fellowship, and fun! We were thrilled to have our founders present, Ovid Jackson and Lyle Love, marking three decades of community philanthropy in Grey Bruce.

## SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL GRANTS

The Southgate Community Fund awarded multiple Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSGs) in 2024. NSGs are grassroots grant making to support people making positive changes in their community. NSGs empower community members to bring their neighbours together, create new connections, and make their community a better place to live. This year, one of the NSGs went to support the Cowtown Lunch Brunch in Holstein. Students from Egremont Community School joined the Cowtown Lunch Brunch to perform Christmas songs and musical numbers from the Wizard of Oz. Wonderful intergenerational interactions could be seen between the seniors and students.



COWTOWN LUNCH BRUNCH, 2024.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR LOCAL CHARITIES OFFERED AT 2025 NON-PROFIT WORKSHOP



Our annual Non-Profit Workshop was a day full of information sharing, storytelling, and networking at the Harmony Centre in Owen Sound. Guest speakers shared their expertise on an array of subjects, such as recent legislative changes in charity law, granting opportunities, welcoming diversity in non-profit organizations, and project impact evaluation. The day concluded with a panel discussion on the current volunteer crisis, looking at both volunteer recruitment and retention and the crucial role they play in the non-profit sector.



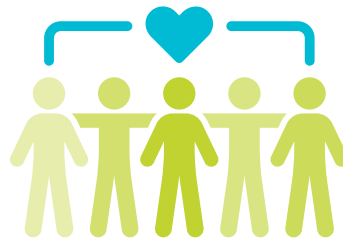
**LAKE HURON FOREVER**

## ONE WATER GATHERING BRINGS TOGETHER LAKE HURON ENTHUSIASTS

The annual conference of the Lake Huron Forever initiative, "One Water Gathering", convened more than 30 partners and friends from Michigan, Canada, and First Nations in Bay City in September 2024. It was a day of learning, exploration, and fellowship. Together, we explored project sites throughout the Bay area where initiative partners are restoring nature to former industrial sites, protecting water quality, and working towards a healthy future of Lake Huron and the communities which line her shores.

## NEW COMMUNITY FUND IN WEST GREY

The Saugeen River Country Community Fund gives residents of West Grey the opportunity to build a sustainable future by directing their charitable donations to a fund that grants locally, supporting the people in their own community. This fund supports grants toward social services, community activities, environmental conservation, arts & culture, sports & recreation, medical services, heritage preservation, and other charities that benefit residents within the Municipality of West Grey. The fund is administered by CFGB with the advice and support of a management committee made up of residents in West Grey.



## SHAAN BANDAY IS FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE SHARIFUR RAHMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



This fund was created in 2023, with a gift from an anonymous donor, in memory of Sharifur Rahman. The endowment generates scholarships to support Grey Bruce students enrolled in full-time studies, with a strong preference given to applicants who, either themselves or their parents, are newcomers to Canada. Banday's parents moved to Canada in 2005. He is completing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Waterloo and intends to return to the Grey-Bruce area to work and live.



## NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS

- Angus John McNevin Memorial Ship Master's Scholarship Education Fund
- Grey Bruce Veterinary Association Student Internship Bursary Fund
- John Tozer Endowed Fund
- Kathy Canning Special Olympics Alpine Skiing Endowed Fund
- M. Elizabeth McKinlay & David T. Morris Fund
- Owen Sound and Area Health Fair Fund
- Rosemary & Kenneth Mitchell Endowed Fund
- Saraby Sandblom Studio Fund
- Saugeen River Country Community Fund





## HELPING YOUTH IN TRANSITION OFFERS RENT SUPPLEMENTS

Now entering its third year, Helping Youth in Transition addresses the needs of youth, 16 to 24 years of age, facing homelessness in Grey Bruce, through a monthly rent supplement along with counselling and mentoring. The project partners include Community Foundation Grey Bruce, United Way of Bruce Grey, Grey Bruce Poverty Task Force, YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce, private donors, and other foundations. At the beginning of year two, three youth gained meaningful employment and were able to graduate out of the program, allowing others to be supported.

### SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT SUPPORTED BY SOCIAL IMPACT INVESTMENT IN TOBERMORY

In the Spring of 2024, The Meeting Place (TMP) in Tobermory launched its new e-bike rental services thanks to a Social Impact Investment from CFGB. There now exists a colourful bike shelter at TMP, where a small fleet of e-bikes can be rented by both visitors and residents alike. TMP, a registered community charity, was excited to engage in this social enterprise initiative that provides an emission-free mode of transportation. The service supports sustainable tourism, turning earned revenues back into supporting community services all year round.



## BOARD MEMBERS



Elizabeth (Betsy) Burrows



Michelle Forge



Selwyn (Buck) Hicks



Rick Hill



Robert (Bob) Kanduth



Terry King



Alanna Leffley



Neil McCutcheon



Clarke McLeod



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Sharon Vokes



## STAFF MEMBERS

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

**Stuart Reid**, Executive Director  
**Kate Baker**, Manager of Finance & Operations,  
**Annalise van Oord**, Administration & Communications Coordinator,  
**Melissa D'Souza Harris**, Grants Coordinator

## NEXT25 FUND SUPPORTS COMMUNITY NEEDS AS THEY ARISE

The Next25 Fund grants to the greatest community needs as identified by Vital Signs, the Foundation's community wellness check-in. We are striving to build the Next25 Fund to \$1,000,000 through donations and gifts that will be endowed – invested forever – generating income to grant for decades to come.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION.

December 31	2024	2023
<b>Assets:</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 245,096	\$ 265,185
Investments	23,492,356	20,792,225
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance	37,563	1,126
Accounts Receivable	48,383	51,206
Prepaid Expenses	1,243	3,036
	<u>\$ 23,824,641</u>	<u>\$ 21,112,778</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 13,455	\$ 15,005
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
Externally Restricted		
Endowments	18,134,397	17,691,651
Donor Restricted	4,729,144	2,704,862
Operating	947,645	701,260
	<u>23,811,186</u>	<u>21,097,773</u>
	<u>\$ 23,824,641</u>	<u>\$ 21,112,778</u>

Audited statement, prepared by MNP, available online at  
[www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com](http://www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com)

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## WITH APPRECIATION, WE THANK OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS



## GMAN C.A.R.E.S. ENDOWMENT FUND CARRIES ON GEOFFREY'S LEGACY

The GMAN C.A.R.E.S. fund was established in memory of Geoffrey Webster, who passed away on July 14, 2023, after a long and courageous battle with anorexia nervosa. GMAN C.A.R.E.S. stands for Geoffrey's Model for the treatment of Anorexia Nervosa and other eating disorders: Community, Awareness, Research, Education, and Support for patients and families affected by eating disorders. This fund will support a new charity dedicated to supporting early identification and intervention of youth with disordered eating in Grey Bruce.



## LIVING WELL, GIVING WELL GREY BRUCE OFFERS LEARNING ON LEGACY GIVING

Beginning in 2023, thirteen local charities have been sponsoring the Will Power Campaign - encouraging Canadians to include a charity in their will. In 2024, Community Foundation Grey Bruce collaborated with the others to create "Living Well, Giving Well in Grey Bruce", a new 30-minute weekly program on Rogers TV Grey County that focused on personal, estate and philanthropic planning. Each week, hosts Denise Reid and Fred Wallace engaged in dynamic and engaging discussion with guest speakers from the local charities.

