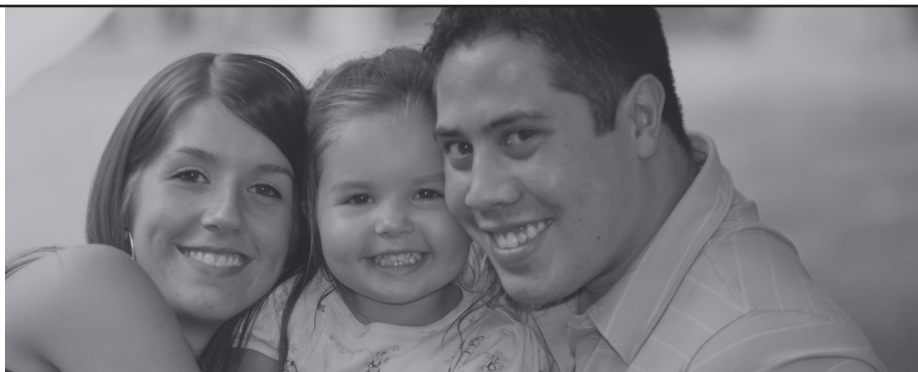


WindsorEssex Community Foundation



2015-2016 Annual Report



“Inspiring philanthropy to benefit our community today and forever.”

Our Mission: *“To build a better Windsor-Essex Community by: attracting and managing legacy funds, making grants to support community programs, and bringing partners together.”*



Our History The WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF), originally founded in 1983 as Heritage Windsor, is a perpetual community trust for philanthropic purposes. It exists to manage donors’ legacy funds and make grants to support local community programs. Through grant making activities, the WECF is able to establish partnerships to assist a broad range of community organizations. Over the past 33 years, the WECF has accumulated over \$12.3 million in assets and has granted \$5.9 million to a wide array of charitable programs, making a significant contribution to the lives of many in our community and building partnerships that last a lifetime. The WindsorEssex Community Foundation is a member of Community Foundations of Canada, joining 191 other community foundations across the country.

Our Approach We are unique in building community vitality:

- We focus on donors as community builders by matching their interests and strengths with community needs to provide innovative solutions.
- We take the broadest view of what community is, allowing us to grant across the broad spectrum of organizations in Windsor and Essex County.
- We always look to the future to help build a resilient, sustainable society.

We are a great place to leave a legacy!

A Message from the Chair & Executive Director

Your community makes you and you make your community.

As your local community foundation, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation is proud to continue to work with you to build our community. We are fortunate to see new funds added to our portfolio this year as people and organizations chose to invest in their community through the Foundation. This year, we were able to grant over \$180,000 and our impact continues to grow as we invest in our local organizations and the work that they do. We are proud of our impact through our donor advised and designated funds, scholarships and agency partnerships. We continue to work with our local non profits to build long lasting partnership and legacy funds. The Foundation’s grant programs provide support to our issue areas and promote philanthropy through our Community Impact Grants, Fast Track Grants and KidStart Grant programs.

As we grow our presence in WindsorEssex, we are also growing our programs. This year, the Inspiration 100 program flourished and will soon meet its goal of assembling 100 local community philanthropists committed to community! The Young Philanthropists group created their own legacy, the Youth Endowment Fund at WECF. Random Acts of Kindness Day continues to reach more and more people in our community, promoting kindness and building our sense of community in Windsor and across Essex County.

This year, the Vital Signs Report was distributed across Windsor Essex and we continue to have more and more people complete the survey. Thank you! We expanded opportunities to give through our new Vitality Legacy Fund. When considering your options for giving in memory of a loved one, choose the Vitality Legacy Program. Their inspiration will live on forever.

We appreciate the outstanding support we received from our Board members, volunteers and the community to make this another successful year. We thank our sponsors, fund holders, and donors who supported our specific programs, initiatives and funds. Please join us in supporting our community and make Windsor Essex a great place in which to live, work, play and grow!



Lisa Kolody
Executive Director



Fred Quenneville
Chair

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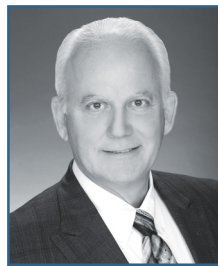
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President, Essex Law Association
Resident of Essex County
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Representative, Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce



Our Leadership

Part of the way the WindsorEssex Community Foundation builds a better Windsor-Essex is by providing leadership, bringing non-profit groups together, and inspiring philanthropy. Below is a list of programs and activities of the WindsorEssex Community Foundation.

VITAL SIGNS



Vital Signs is a community report that's published annually by the WECF as an insert in the Windsor Star. The report combines survey results from the local community with provincial and national data to present an all-encompassing report on the quality of life in Windsor-Essex. The report is made available every October, and digital copies can be viewed on the WECF's website www.wecf.ca. Special thanks to our main sponsor PricewaterhouseCoopers and partners: The Windsor Star and Community Foundations of Canada.

INSPIRATION 100™



Inspiration 100 was launched in 2015 as an idea of Marty D. Solcz with the goal of assembling 100 community-minded people to commit to giving \$2,500 per year for 10 years, or \$20,000 upfront to create an endowment fund at the WECF totaling over \$2.5 million. All proceeds earned from investment of the fund are to be granted back to the local community. The inaugural meeting of Inspiration 100 took place in June 2016. If you have a genuine interest in becoming a member of Inspiration 100, contact the WECF to receive more information.

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY



For the fifth year in a row, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation brought Random Act of Kindness Day™ to the Windsor-Essex community. On November 6, 2015 the WECF joined many people and groups across the region as they celebrated kindness by engaging in various activities throughout the day. It is with the support of the WFCU Credit Union—our main sponsor—that we were able to lead such a successful day. Special thanks to the Kitchener-Waterloo Community Foundation.

VITALITY LEGACY PROGRAM



The WECF has launched the Vitality Legacy Program, an endowment fund at the WECF that allows individuals the opportunity to make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one to benefit various fields of interest in Windsor-Essex. The donation is never spent, ensuring your loved one's legacy lives on and your donation helps to fund charitable organizations today and forever.

THE YOUNG PHILANTHROPISTS



The WECF introduced the Young Philanthropists, a group of local philanthropic-minded youth who are passionate about making Windsor-Essex an even better place to live, work, play and grow. The Young Philanthropists meet monthly to engage in skills-building workshops, fundraising activities, and volunteering. The group held their own bake sale and Peer-to-Peer Campaign and have raised over \$2,000 to establish their own Youth Endowment Fund where proceeds will benefit youth-serving charities across Windsor-Essex.

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Our Impact

WINDSOR YOUTH CENTRE

The Future Is Mine

A photography exhibit brought to you by Up2U in collaboration with The Windsor Youth Centre



Last November the WECF provided a Community Impact Grant to the Windsor Youth Centre to support the Up2U Program--a relapse support group that operates within the community for youth. Up2U hosts weekly meetings with 15+ youth attending on a regular basis. One program participant is maintaining regular attendance at St. Clair College and another who experienced chronic homelessness has now maintained stable housing. The WECF is proud to support the Windsor Youth Centre and their on-going work to assist local youth.

DOWNTOWN MUSIC INITIATIVE



The Downtown Music Initiative (DMI) received a Fast-Track Grant from the WECF to support the DMI Strings Program. The WECF was able to assist the DMI with the purchase of 26 violins for their youth. The WECF is proud to support the DMI Strings Program and help improve accessibility to music education for local youth.

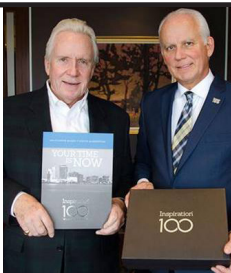
DOWNTOWN WINDSOR COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE



The WECF presented a Fast-Track Grant to the Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative to support the We Love Windsor Furniture Bank. The furniture bank provides and distributes quality used furniture and household items to Windsor-Essex individuals and families in need, including newcomers, refugees, single parents, and students. The WECF is proud to support the Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative.

Foundation Activities

- Vital Signs
- Inspiration 100
- Community Cup Pro-Am Golf Tournament
- Random Act of Kindness Day
- Vitality Legacy Program
- The Young Philanthropists
- Community Impact Grants
- Fast Track Grants
- KidStart Grants
- Donor Funds





2015-2016 Grants

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation granted \$181,218 this year!

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

Community Impact Grants (CIGs) provide up to \$15,000.00 in funding for projects or programs, that forge partnerships, tackle important issues, and those that will make a lasting impact on the Windsor and Essex Community. CIGs fall into seven categories: Health and Human Services; Arts, Culture & Heritage; Recreation & Sport; Environment; Education & Literacy; Children & Youth; and Community Development. CIGs open for applications once a year.

The Foundation is proud to support the following organizations:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Windsor Essex County Humane Society
- Windsor Classic Chorale
- Windsor Youth Centre
- Family Services
- The Windsor Essex Health Unit
- Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation
- Open Doors Windsor
- Greater Windsor Track & Field Club

FAST TRACK GRANTS

Fast Track Grants provide up to \$1,000 in funding. Applicants for this grant are those that require funds quickly to cover unexpected expenses. Fast Track Grants are open for applications on an on-going basis throughout the year.

- Community Garden Collaborative
- Skate Amherstburg
- Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative
- Windsor-Essex Safety Patrol Association
- Downtown Music Initiative

KIDSTART GRANTS

KidStart Mini-Grants are offered in partnership with the WECDSB and the GECDSB. KidStart Grants provide funding up to \$500.00 to individual classrooms at the elementary level in order for students to undertake a special project in the community.

Greater Essex County District School Board

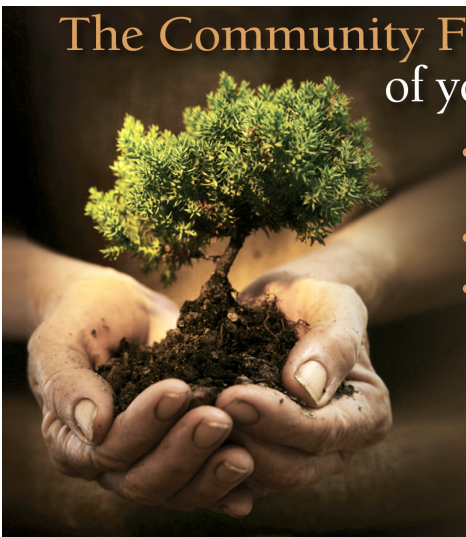
- AV Graham Public School
- Northwood Public School
- Amherstburg Public School
- Talbot Trail Public School
- Colchester North Public School

Windsor- Essex Catholic District School Board

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

The Community Foundation can help you make the most of your charitable giving by:

- Giving you the benefits of a private foundation without the administration.
- Connecting you with programs that interest you.
- Building your legacy by providing maximum tax savings and investment management.



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DONOR DESIGNATED GRANTS The Dorothy and Sydney Lawton Fund

- The Italian Canadian HandiCapable Association

DONOR DESIGNATED GRANTS Facca Endowment Fund

- MS Society of Canada
- Crime Stoppers
- IRIS House
- Essex Food Bank
- The Ontario Lung Association
- St. Anthony of Padua Mission Aid
- World Vision Canada
- St. Vincent De Paul
- The Downtown Mission of Windsor
- Catholic Christian Outreach
- Windsor-Essex Hospital Foundation
- Parkinson Canada
- Sandgate Women’s Shelter of York Region
- Windsor Regional Science, Technology & Engineering Fair
- Scleroderma Society of Ontario
- Lupus Canada

The Freed-Orman Families Fund

- The University of Windsor
- United Way/ Centraide Windsor-Essex
- Alzheimer Society of Windsor and Essex County

Chad Ranni Memorial Fund

- Drouillard Place
- New Song Church
- Rotary Club of Essex

MRH Foundation Fund

- Access County Community Support Services

The Joan and John Vollmer Fund

- Alzheimer Society of Windsor and Essex County
- The Downtown Mission of Windsor

The John Atkinson Memorial Fund

- Windsor Essex County Cancer Centre Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP FUND GRANTS Father Matt Sheedy Scholarship Fund

- University of Windsor

Gale and Irene Taylor Scholarship Fund

- University of Guelph

AGENCY FUND GRANTS Toldo Arts Foundation Endowment Fund

- Windsor Symphony Orchestra

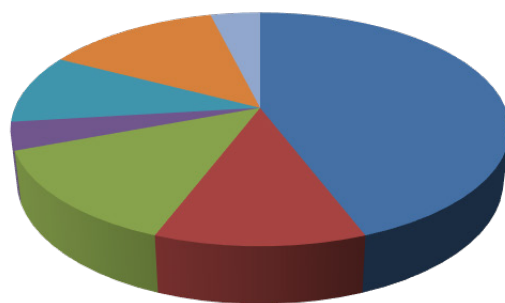
FLOW THROUGH DONATIONS

- Windsor Symphony Orchestra
- Canterbury ElderCollege

SPONSORSHIPS

- City of Windsor Annual Mayor’s Walk
- Windsor Essex Football League

GRANTS AWARDED BY SECTOR 2015 - 2016



- Health & Human Service
- Children & Youth
- Education & Literacy
- Recreation & Sport
- Arts, Heritage & Culture
- Community Development
- Environment





Funds at the WindsorEssex Community Foundation

AGENCY FUNDS

Agency Funds allow area charities a safe and efficient way to establish their own endowment fund while benefiting from our investment and administrative expertise.

BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Bursary and Scholarship Funds allow donors to make lasting gifts recognizing student potential. The scholarship funds provided are directed to the college or university of the student's choice.

COMMUNITY FUND

Community Funds are composed of many gifts, large and small, each symbolizing a lasting investment in our region. Grants from these funds are awarded through our Community Impact and Fast Track grant programs, allowing us to respond flexibly to our communities' immediate needs and priorities. CIGs fall into seven categories: Health and Human Services; Arts, Culture & Heritage; Recreation & Sport; Environment; Education & Literacy; Children & Youth; and Community Development.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds allow fund-holders to work closely with the foundation's grant making review committee to select projects and organizations that mean the most to them. They operate much like private foundations, but without the cost and administrative work for the donor.

DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS

Donor Designated Funds allow donors to make lasting gifts to their favourite charities. With the establishment of a fund, donors select one or more charitable organization, local or national to benefit from their fund.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

Field of Interest Funds allow donors to identify a specific area of interest that they wish to support. Local grant recipients are determined by the foundation's grant making review committee, ensuring that the fund remains responsive to the community's needs while supporting the donor's interest.

MANAGED FUNDS

Managed Funds are established with the Community Foundation in order to benefit from the foundation's professional investment management.

FAST TRACK GRANTS

Fast-Track Grants provide up to \$1,000 in funding. Applicants for this grant are those that require funds quickly to either cover unexpected expenses that are preventing operations. Fast Track Grants are open for applications on an on-going basis throughout the year.

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Funds List

ATHENA Scholarship Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2004

BERL Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2012

Constable John Atkinson
Memorial Scholarship Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2016

Class Action Community Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2011

C.M. (Bus) Lossing
AKO Endowment Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 1999

Chad Ranni Memorial Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2009

Dorothy and Sydney Lawton Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2002

Essex Nature Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2001

Essex Nature Managed Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2016

ERCA Managed Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2014

Facca Endowment Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2010

Father Matt Sheedy
Scholarship Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 1983

Freed-Orman Families Fund
ESTABLISHED 1996

Friends of Athletics Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2009

Friends of Ojibway Prairie
Managed Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2016

Gale & Irene Taylor
Scholarship Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 1999

Girard/ Riberdy Endowment Fund
ESTABLISHED 2016

Great Canadian Flag Project
ESTABLISHED IN 2015

Harding Electric/Morris and Ruth
Harding Memorial Scholarship Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 1999

Hitchcock Family Foundation Fund
ESTABLISHED 2015

Inspiration 100
ESTABLISHED 2015

Island of Green (Essex Region
Conservation Foundation)
ESTABLISHED IN 2009

James L. Scorgie Leadership Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2007

Joan & Clifford Hatch Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 1997

Joan and John Vollmer Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2014

Joe & Hazel Lacey Memorial Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2009

Kiwanis Music Festival Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2001

MRH Foundation Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2013

Riverfront Development Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 1983

Solcz Group Inc.
Community Fund for Children
ESTABLISHED IN 2008

Sunshine Point Camp
ESTABLISHED IN 2001

Toldo Foundation Arts Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2013

Toldo Foundation Arts
Matching Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2014

University of Windsor
Scholarship Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 1997

Vitality Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2016

Windsor Classic Chorale Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2008

Windsor Community
Health Centre Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2001

Windsor Family Credit
Union Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2010

Windsor Public Library
Foundation Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2009

Windsor Symphony
Society Managed Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 1993

Windsor Symphony
Society Matching Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2004

WindsorEssex Community Foundation
Operating Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2007

WindsorEssex Community
Impact Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 1989

Windsor/Essex County
Sports Hall of Fame Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2013

Youth Endowment Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2016

Youth Sports Support Fund
ESTABLISHED IN 2009

New Funds

Great Canadian Flag Project
EST. SEPTEMBER 2015

Hitchcock Family Foundation Fund
EST. NOVEMBER 2015

Inspiration 100 Endowment Fund
EST. DECEMBER 2015

Constable John Atkinson Memorial
Scholarship Fund
EST. APRIL 2016

Girard/Riberdy Fund
EST. MAY 2016

Essex Nature Managed Fund
EST. JUNE 2016

Friend of Ojibway Prairie Managed Fund
EST. JUNE 2016

Young Philanthropists' Youth
Endowment Fund
EST. JUNE 2016



WindsorEssex Community Foundation

Statement of Financial Position

As at June 30, 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	107,080	164,778
Prepays and other assets	15,374	27,411
Investments (note 3)	13,536,279	12,745,596
Property, plant and equipment (note 4)	11,469	7,309
	13,670,202	12,945,094
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 5)	12,328	19,458
Managed funds (note 6)	3,274,233	3,133,951
	3,286,561	3,153,409
Net assets		
Community Fund Unrestricted	1,155,626	1,263,491
Endowment Fund (notes 7 and 8)	8,028,144	7,310,775
Restricted Fund (note 7)	1,199,871	1,217,419
	10,383,641	9,791,685
	13,670,202	12,945,094

WindsorEssex Community Foundation

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended June 30, 2016

	Community Fund Unrestricted \$	Endowment Fund \$	Restricted Fund \$	Total \$
Balance - June 30, 2014	1,526,511	6,194,770	1,225,647	8,946,928
Net (expenses) revenue	(263,020)	1,091,005	16,772	844,757
Transfers in (out)	-	25,000	(25,000)	-
Balance - June 30, 2015	1,263,491	7,310,775	1,217,419	9,791,685
Net (expenses) revenue	(107,865)	717,369	(17,548)	591,956
Balance - June 30, 2016	1,155,626	8,028,144	1,199,871	10,383,641

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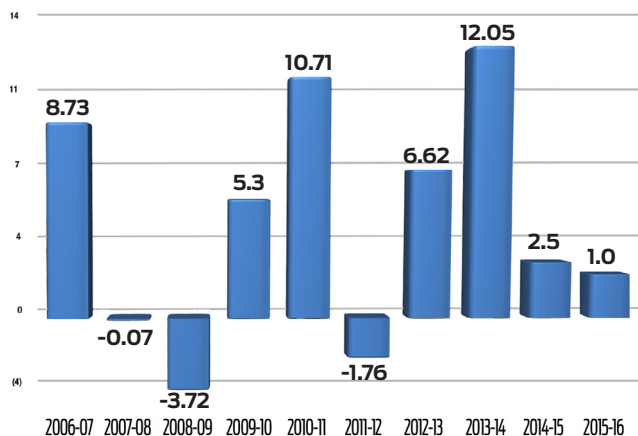
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Statement of Revenue and Expenses

For the year ended June 30, 2016

	Community Fund Unrestricted \$	Endowment Fund \$	Restricted Fund \$	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue					
Donations (note 8)	93,070	821,715	-	914,785	1,332,382
Investment income	53,075	122,889	22,218	198,182	328,315
	146,145	944,604	22,218	1,112,967	1,660,697
Operating expenses					
Advertising and promotion, net	9,424	-	-	9,424	31,176
Amortization	2,716	-	-	2,716	2,346
Automotive and travel	2,260	-	-	2,260	3,218
Bank charges	1,954	-	-	1,954	1,969
Education and training	3,556	-	-	3,556	7,755
Insurance premiums (note 9)	6,273	-	-	6,273	6,584
Investment and management fees	16,213	35,704	6,766	58,683	51,293
Licenses, memberships and dues	4,461	-	-	4,461	4,116
Office supplies and miscellaneous	21,631	-	-	21,631	26,765
Other: Board and committee work	5,025	-	-	5,025	8,080
Professional fees	19,886	-	-	19,886	19,943
Rent	24,185	-	-	24,185	34,643
Wages and employee benefits	159,870	-	-	159,870	157,588
	277,454	35,704	6,766	319,924	355,476
Other expenses					
Administrative (recovery) fees	(75,262)	57,652	12,000	(5,610)	(3,598)
	(56,047)	851,248	3,452	798,653	1,308,819
Grants and bursaries					
Grants and bursaries made by the organization from restricted and unrestricted assets	51,818	133,879	21,000	206,697	464,062
Net revenue	(107,865)	717,369	(17,548)	591,956	844,757

Fund Returns by Year 2006-2016



Fund Returns include assets from our own fund families; donor designated, donor advised, field of interest, and agency funds.

Our objective is to provide a balance between current income and long-term capital growth through a diversified portfolio consisting of both income and equity investments (50% bonds, cash, and short-term equivalents and 50% equities).

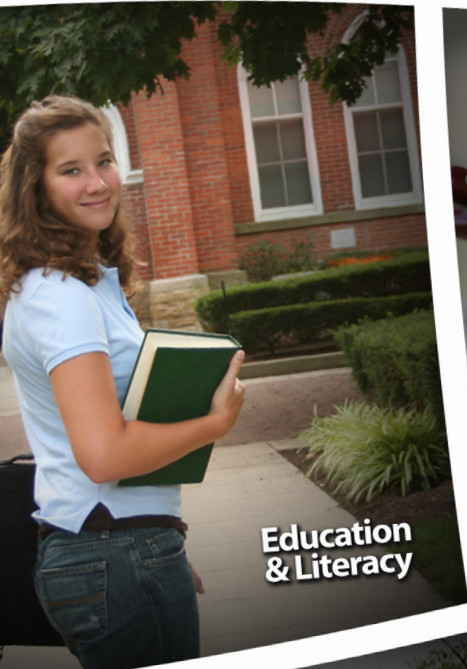
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Health & Human Service



Children & Youth



Education & Literacy



Recreation & Sport



Arts, Heritage & Culture



Community Development



Environment

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