

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017













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GG 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 34 years, the WECF has accumulated over \$15.4 million in assets and has granted \$6.4 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 190 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. This year, we were able to grant over \$500,000 and our impact continues to grow as we invest in our local organizations and the work that they do. This year we partnered with Community Foundations Canada to access matching funds to support the Community Fund for Canada's 150th. This included grants totaling \$174,000 for our community to celebrate our history and heritage as proud Canadians. The Foundation's Grant programs continue to 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 Windsor-Essex, we are also growing our programs. This year, the Inspiration 100TM program flourished and we are even closer to reaching our goal of 100 members. The Young Philanthropists group created their own legacy, the Youth Endowment Fund, which continues to grow. Random Act of Kindness Day® reached 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 hosted a Vital Conversation on Sport and Belonging. We continue to expand 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 through investing our time and resources in Windsor-Essex to make this community a great place in which to live, work, play and grow!



LISA KOLODY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Our Leadership

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation is helping to build a better Windsor-Essex through its many programs and activities:

Vital Signs®



Vital Signs® is a national program led by community foundations and coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada that leverages local knowledge to measure the vitality of our communities and supports action towards improving our quality of life. Started by the Toronto Community Foundation in 2001, today close to 100 communities across Canada and around the world use Vital Signs to mobilize the power of community knowledge for local impact.

The 2016 Vital Signs® Program was made possible through the generous support of our partners: The Windsor Star, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Community Foundations of Canada.

WindsorEssex Community Foundation



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 to build an endowment within the WECF totaling over \$2.5 million over time. Inspiration 100 is a trademarked association and members meet annually to disburse grants to local charities.

Random Act of Kindness Day®

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For the sixth year in a row, the WECF brought Random Act of Kindness Day® to the Windsor-Essex region. On November 4th, 2016, the WECF joined the community in engaging in small and simple acts of kindness across Windsor-Essex. Each year, more and more individuals, groups and organizations are participating and helping to make this day a success. Random Act of Kindness Day® was originally started by the Kitchener-Waterloo Community Foundation.

Vitality Legacy Program



The Vitality Legacy Program was launched last year with the creation of an endowment fund within the WECF that allows individuals to make monetary donations in memory of a loved one to benefit various areas of interest and support countless local charities. Every donation is held in perpetuity, ensuring your loved one's legacy will continue to support local charities today and forever.

The Young Philanthropists



The Young Philanthropists are a group of local philanthropic-minded youth who are passionate about making Windsor-Essex an even better place to live, work, play and grow. This is the second year the program has run, and the youth are continuing to grow the Youth Endowment Fund to eventually support local youth-serving charities across Windsor-Essex in perpetuity. This year the youth partnered with the Downtown Mission of Windsor, the YMCA of Windsor and Essex County, and Drouillard Place.

Community Cup Biennial Pro Am Golf Tournament



The Community Cup Biennial Pro Am Golf Tournament took place in September 2016. This premier event featured a full day of golf with each foursome playing with a professional player, a beautiful reception, and an entertaining live auction. The tournament raised \$80,000 to support the WECF Community Fund, which supports our annual grant programs. Thank you to our generous sponsors!

























Our Impact

The Great Canadian Flag Project

The Great Canadian Flag Project (GCFP), originally founded in 2012, is an endowment fund managed by the WindsorEssex Community Foundation. Holding the funds in an endowment fund ensures each donation made to support the GCFP is kept in perpetuity, and only the proceeds from investments will be used for the purposes of designing, erecting, and maintaining the structure. To date, funds for this project have been raised using a grass roots approach. The WECF thanks the committee for their vision and perseverance to bring the flag to our beautiful waterfront, the Canadian Government for the grant to make it a reality, and the members of the Windsor-Essex community who donated in support of this great landmark. To learn more about the Great Canadian Flag Project go to www.greatcanadianflag.com.



The Community Fund for Canada's 150th Grant Program







This year, the WECF was proud to partner with Community Foundations of Canada, the Government of Canada, and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to bring the Community Fund for Canada's 150th Grant Program to Windsor-Essex. Throughout 2017, we were able to give out \$174,000 in grants to special projects that we supported through the Community Fund, helping to foster a greater sense of belonging and celebrate the historic 150th anniversary of confederation. For a full list of Canada 150 Projects supported locally, check out the WECF website at www.wecf.ca.



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

















2016 - 2017 Grants

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation granted \$520,049 this year!

Community Impact Grants (CIG) / Community Fund for Canada's 150th Grant Program

Community Impact Grants (CIG) provide up to \$15,000 in funding for projects or programs that forge partnerships, tackle important issues, and have a lasting impact on the Windsor-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 per year. This year we were proud to partner with the Community Fund for Canada's 150th Grant Program in order to disburse \$174,000 worth of grants to local charities and communities in honour of this special celebration. Grantees included:

Art Gallery of Windsor Canterbury ElderCollege Chimczuk Museum Inc.

Community Support Centre of Essex County Essex County Field Naturalists' Club

Harrow & Colchester South Chamber of Commerce

Navy League of Canada Windsor Branch The Corporation of the County of Essex

The Corporation of the Municipality of Learnington VIBE Arts

The Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Town of Amherstburg

University of Windsor

Veterans Voices of Canada Association

Windsor Spitfires Foundation Windsor Symphony Society

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.

Autism Services Inc. LaSalle Windsor Special Olympics Sandwich First Baptist Church

Windsor Residence for Young Men YMCA of Western Ontario

KidStart Grants

KidStart Mini-Grants are offered in partnership with the GECDSB and the WECDSB. KidStart Grants provide funding up to \$500 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

A.V. Graham Public School Frank W. Begley Public School Prince Edward Public School Hetherington Public School

Parkview Public School Tecumseh Vista Academy Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board

St. Angela Catholic Elementary School St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School





2016 - 2017 Grants

Flow Through Grants

Canterbury ElderCollege Hiatus House Windsor Symphony Orchestra

Community Foundation of Canada Welcome Fund for Syrian Refugees Multicultural Council of Windsor-Essex

Agency Funds Sunshine Point Camp Fund Sunshine Point Camp

Toldo Foundation Arts Matching Fund Windsor Symphony Orchestra

Windsor Symphony Society Matching Fund Windsor Symphony Orchestra

Toldo Foundation Arts Fund Windsor Symphony Orchestra

Donor Designated Grants

The Dorothy and Sydney Lawton Fund Italian Canadian Handicapable Association

Friends of Athletics Fund

Greater Essex Track and Field Club

Scholarship Fund Grants

Father Matt Sheedy Scholarship Fund University of Western

Gale and Irene (Knister) Taylor Scholarship Fund University of Western

Donor Advised Grants

Chad Ranni Memorial Fund Rotary Club of Essex

Class Action Community Fund Kiwanis Club of Windsor

Facca Endowment Fund

Catholic Christian Outreach Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation

The Freed-Orman Families Fund

Alzheimer Society of Windsor-Essex United Way/Centraide of Windsor-Essex University of Windsor

Hitchcock Family Foundation Fund

University of Western University of Windsor Windsor Essex Cancer Centre Foundation

Honey Family Foundation Fund

Corporation of the Town of Kingsville South Essex Community Council

The Joan and John Vollmer Fund

Alzheimer Society of Windsor-Essex LaSalle Hangout for Youth London Health Sciences Centre- Cardiac Clinic Welcome Centre Shelter for Women Windsor Downtown Mission

Joe and Hazel Lacey Memorial Fund House of Sophrosyne

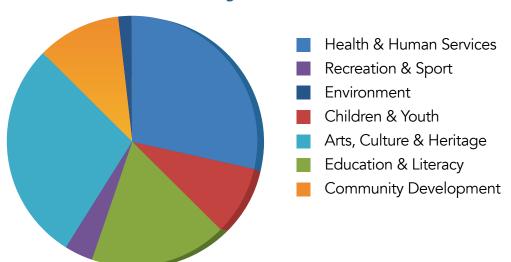
Field of Interest Funds

Riverfront Development Fund Corporation of the City of Windsor

Community Fund

Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund

Grants Awarded by Sector 2016 - 2017









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 FUNDS

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 staff 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 FUNDS

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 staff and grant 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 by Agencies with the Community Foundation in order for the Agency to benefit from the foundation's professional investment management and administrative expertise.

New Funds

Hocktoberfest Legacy Scholarship Established December 2016



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 in 1996

Friends of Athletics Fund

Established in 2009

Friends of Ojibway Prairie

Managed Fund

Established in 2016

Gale & Irene (Knister) Taylor Scholarship Fund

Established in 1999

Girard/Riberdy Endowment Fund

Established in 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 in 2015

Hocktoberfest Legacy Scholarship Fund

Established in 2016

Honey Family Foundation Fund

Established in 2013

Inspiration 100[™] Endowment Fund

Established in 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

Riverfront Development Fund

Established in 1983

Solcz Group Inc.

Community Fund for Children Established in 2008

Sunshine Point Camp Fund

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 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 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





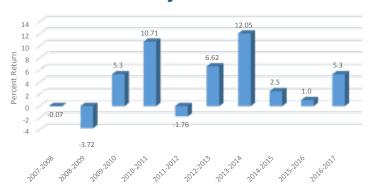


WINDSORESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2017	Community Fund Unrestricted	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	2017 Total	2016 Total
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable and other assets	^{\$} 76,537 19,672	s _ 	s _ 	\$ 76,537 19,672	^s 107,080 15,374
	96,209	-	-	96,209	122,454
INVESTMENTS PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	4,501,762	9,645,236	1,233,947	15,380,945	13,536,279
	12,764			12,764	11,469
	\$4,610,735	\$ 9,645,236	^{\$} 1,233,947	^{\$} 15,489,918	^{\$} 13,670,202
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Managed funds	^{\$} 19,534 <u>3,605,395</u>	\$ _ 	s _ 		^{\$} 12,328 3,274,233
	3,624,929			3,624,929	3,286,561
FUND BALANCES	985,806	9,645,236	1,233,947	11,864,989	10,383,641
	\$4,610,735	^s 9,645,236	^s 1,233,947	\$15,489,918	\$13,670,202
WINDSORESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017	Community Fund Unrestricted	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	2017 Total	2016 Total
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING	\$1,155,626	\$8,028,144	\$1,199,871	\$10,383,641	\$ 9,791,685
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	(169,820)	1,617,092	34,076	1,481,348	<u>591,956</u>
FUNDBALANCES, ENDING	^{\$} 985,806	\$9,645,236	\$1,233,947	^{\$} 11,864,989	\$10,383,641



WINDSORESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017	Community Fund Unrestricted	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	2017 Total	2016 Total
REVENUE					
Donations and fund development, net	^{\$} 159,201	^s 1,433,407	-	^s 1,592,608	s 914,785
Investment income	169,224	524,284	89,225	782,733	191,687
	328,425	1,957,691	89,225	2,375,341	1,106,472
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Advertising and promotion	24,381	-	-	24,381	9,424
Amortization	2,996	-	-	2,996	2,716
Automotive and travel	2,194	-	-	2,194	2,260
Bank charges	2,801	-	-	2,801	1,954
Education and training	8,259	-	-	8,259	3,556
Insurance premiums	6,272	-	-	6,272	6,273
Investment and management fees	16,673	42,024	6,843	65,540	58,683
Licenses, memberships and dues	5,254	-	-	5,254	4,461
Office supplies and miscellaneous	15,678	-	-	15,678	15,136
Other: Board and committee work	5,812	-	-	5,812	5,025
Professional fees	18,364	-	-	18,364	19,886
Rent	37,493	-	-	37,493	24,185
Wages and employee benefits	<u>187,965</u>			<u>187,965</u>	<u> 159,870</u>
	334,142	42,024	6,843	383,009	313,429
OTHER EXPENSES					
Administrative fees (recovery)	(63,889)	42,518	12,306	(9,065)	(5,610)
NET REVENUE BEFORE GRANTS AND BURSARIES	58,172	1,873,149	70,076	2,001,397	798,653
GRANTS AND BURSARIES	227,992	256,057	36,000	520,049	206,697
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	^s (169,820)	\$1,617,092	^s 34,076	\$1,481,348	\$591,956

Fund Returns by Year 2007-2017



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).

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation is committed to providing transparent financial information to the community. Complete 2016-2017 financial statements, audited by Collins Barrow Chartered Professional Accountants, are available at www.wecf.ca or by contacting the Foundation's office.



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