

"Inspiring philanthropy

to benefit our community today and forever."

# 2019-2020











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# THE WINDSORESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

is a charitable organization dedicated to improving communities across Windsor-Essex County through collaboration, strategic leadership and innovative solutions to charitable giving.

# **OUR VISION**

Inspiring philanthropy to benefit our community today and forever!

# **OUR HISTORY**

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) has been serving Windsor-Essex County since 1983! Originally dedicated to reclaiming Windsor's riverfront through projects like the Peace Fountain, our support extended to countless landmarks across Windsor-Essex, including the Ojibway Prairie Complex, the Ganatchio Trail extension and more recently, the Great Canadian Flag Project. We are proud to continue our outreach of funding to charitable organizations throughout the community, increasing capacity through community partnerships.

Over the past 37 years, the WECF has accumulated over \$19 million in assets and has granted nearly \$9.5 million to a wide array of charitable programs. Having expanded our reach and legacy giving through the form of community initiatives, such as Random Act of Kindness Day™, the Vital Signs® Program, Inspiration 100™ and the Leave a Legacy Program, we provide donors with unique ways to support and build Windsor-Essex County!

# WHAT MAKES DONATING TO THE WECF UNIQUE?

# Customized giving:

you have a choice of how and where to direct your gift

# In-depth community knowledge: we can help you make strategic giving

decisions

# Strong governance:

through our Board of Directors, committees and professional staff, ensuring your interests are protected even after you're gone

# Fiscally responsible, low-cost:

a deliberate and prudent philanthropic approach

# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It was another notable year for the WECF, and we are proud to continue to work with you to build a strong and vibrant community!

Our impact continues to grow as we invest in our local organizations and the work that they do. This year the WECF was able to disburse over \$1,360,000 to worthy causes within our community. We are proud of the scope of our various programs including our donor-advised and designated funds, scholarships, agency partnerships and granting initiatives, and we will continue to work with our local non-profits and philanthropists to build long lasting partnerships and legacy funds.

We appreciate all of the outstanding support we received from our Board of Directors, volunteers and the community to make this year, once again, a success! As we move forward, we would like to thank all of our sponsors, fundholders, and donors who supported our specific programs, initiatives and funds. With this continued support, the WECF was able to give to local charities during the Covid-19 pandemic through the WECF Emergency Fund and with support from the Federal Government funds from the Emergency Community Support Fund. We hope you continue to join us in supporting our community and helping make Windsor-Essex a great place to live, work, play and grow!



LISA KOLODY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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# **C** 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 TEAM BOARD, STAFF & COMMITTEES**



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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LISA KOLODY



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# **COMMITTEES**

# **Executive Committee**

Tom Touralias, Chair Richard Wyma, Vice-Chair Jelle Donga, Past-Chair Jonathan Allison, Treasurer Rachelle Booth, Secretary Lisa Kolody, Executive Director

# **Finance Committee**

Jonathan Allison, Chair Tom Touralias Richard Wyma Dan Hallett John Renaud Lawrence Qaquish Allison Hawkins, Bookkeeper Lisa Kolody, Executive Director

#### **Grants Review Committee**

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Rachelle Booth, Co-Chair

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### **Fund Development Committee**

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# **Committee of Nominators**

Mayor, City of Windsor President, University of Windsor Chief, Windsor & District Labour Council Resident of Windsor-Essex Representative Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce President, Essex Law Association

# **OUR LEADERSHIP**

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

# VITAL SIGNS®

Vital Signs® is a national program 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. The report, released every October, combines national and local data with residents' views on key issue areas important to the quality of life in Windsor-Essex.

























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# INSPIRATION 100™

Inspiration 100<sup>TM</sup> is a group of 100 community-minded people who built an endowment within the WECF. Members meet annually to disburse grants to local charities. In November 2019, the Association was recognized with the Caesars Windsor Award for Spirit of Philanthropy at the National Philanthropy Day Awards. Inspiration 100<sup>TM</sup> reached its 100 member goal and the membership continues to support our local charities.



The Association increased their impact by granting a total of \$40,000 to five local charities. The Association also celebrated a monumental milestone announcing that the Inspiration 100™ fund reached 100 members!

# RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY™

Random Act of Kindness Day<sup>TM</sup> (RAK Day<sup>TM</sup>) is a nation-wide celebration of kindness promoting a 'pay it forward' movement in the community that takes place annually on the first Friday in November. It is meant to be a fun and simple way to encourage unexpected moments of kindness in our community.



The WECF engaged in its own Random Act of Kindness through the VON and the Unemployed Help Centre by delivering over 250 cookies through the VON's Meals on Wheels Program and the South Essex Community Council's Meals on Wheels Program in the county.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS HELD AT THE WECF

The WECF holds scholarship funds that help students pursue a post-secondary education.

Local youth benefited from the generosity of the donors to these funds, with a total of \$16,500 being granted to further their education. (For a list of grants, see page 7)

Constable John Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund Father Matt Sheedy Scholarship Fund

Gale & Irene (Knister) Taylor Scholarship Fund

Harding Electric/Morris and Ruth Harding Memorial Endowment Fund

Hitchcock Family Foundation Fund

Hocktoberfest Legacy Scholarship Fund

Martha Reavley Community & Leadership Award at the Odette School of Business

Michael G. Solcz Endowment Fund

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) Centennial Scholarship Fund

Kolody Family Memorial Scholarship Fund

Shawn Boxe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Joel W. Jones Family Scholarship Fund



# OUR IMPACT GENDER EQUALITY FUND





The WECF is pleased to announce its participation in the Pilot Fund for Gender Equality in Canada, a new collaboration between Community Foundations of Canada and the Equality Fund, which is supported by the Government of Canada. The pilot is part of a broader program to advance gender equality in Canada and around the world. The pilot is centred around Peace, Power, and Planet, three core themes that connect with the women's movement in Canada and internationally.

This pilot is the first step in a multi-year commitment to gender equality by the community foundation movement. The learnings from the Pilot Fund for Gender Equality will ultimately inform the creation of a program that will support gender equality in communities from coast to coast to coast. By catalyzing the community foundation movement and the thousands of Canadians we connect with each day, we believe we can do more than just foster gender equality. We have an opportunity to begin removing the long-standing barriers to it.

Through our participation in the Pilot Fund, the WECF has granted \$30,000 to the following local charities:











# EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND



The WECF provided \$600,000 to support local charities responding to COVID-19 as part of a partnership with Community Foundations of Canada and funded through the Government of Canada's \$350M Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). This vast national effort aims to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19. The WECF is among some 150 local community foundations across Canada that have taken part.

Through our participation in the ECSF, the WECF has granted \$600,000 to the following 20 local charities:

Welcome Centre Shelter for Women
Our Lady of Guadalupe Home of Windsor
Essex County Diversion Program
Windsor Residence for Young Men
Windsor Goodfellows Club
Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission
Gr8 Day - Crossroads Addiction Recovery Support
Life After Fifty

Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County Big Brothers Big Sisters in Collaboration with Beautiful Woods Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Association Canadian Mental Health Association

Easter Seals

**WEST** 

Arts Council of Windsor & Region Windsor Jewish Federation & Community Centre Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative Street Help Homeless Centre of Windsor Canterbury College Windsor-Essex Transgender and Allied Support

# RBC FUTURE LAUNCH COMMUNITY CHALLENGE







The RBC Future Launch Community Challenge enabled youth to apply for funding to support their bold ideas to address urgent community priorities. It was an opportunity for young people to lead, learn new skills, gain experience and build relationships in our local communities - all things that will help them prepare for the future of work. The WindsorEssex Community Foundation also arranged to bring youth and community members together for 'Vital Conversations,' community dialogue focused on creating a better future together.



The WECF granted \$30,000 to two local communities.

Through our participation in the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge, the WECF granted to the following:

ARTS COUNCIL WINDSOR & REGION

Beyond Borders Project

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Reforest Leamington Project

## 2019 - 2020 GRANTS

# The WindsorEssex Community Foundation granted \$1,360,031 this year!

By providing funding to community projects and programs, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation inspires leadership, community collaboration and innovation. Based on needs outlined in our annual Vital Signs® Report, the Community Foundation aims to fund programs that fall within our granting areas of interest and answer community needs.

**Community Impact Grants** 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.

This year we were proud to disburse grants totaling \$36,000 to the following local charities and communities:

John McGivney Children's Centre
Kiwanis Music Festival
Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Association
Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator
Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation
New Song Church – Feeding Windsor Project
Windsor Centre for Film, Digital Media & the Creative Arts



# **WECF Emergency Response Fund**

In response to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation established the WECF Emergency Response Fund. This fund was initiated with a contribution from the WindsorEssex Community Foundation with support by generous contributions from local philanthropists and corporate partners who support charities across Windsor-Essex County. It assists front-line services and vulnerable populations whose staff, volunteers, programs, operations and revenue have been negatively affected by COVID-19. Through the WECF Emergency Fund, WECF has granted to the following 14 local charities.

City of Windsor Life After Fifty South Essex Community Council Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission Windsor Residence for Young Men Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Foundation Community Support Centre of Essex County

The WECF would like to thank donors and community partners for contributing to the WECF Emergency Fund in support of Windsor-Essex.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windsor Essex
Matthew House Refugee Centre
Windsor-Essex Transgender and Allied Support
HIA Harmony in Action
Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex
Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre
Canadian Mental Health Association















- 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.







# 2019 - 2020 GRANTS

## **AGENCY GRANTS**

Kiwanis Music Festival Fund

Kiwanis Music Festival Windsor-Essex County

Sunshine Point Camp Fund

Sunshine Point Camp (Kiwanis Charitable Trust)

Toldo Foundation Arts Fund

Windsor Symphony Society

Toldo Foundation Arts Matching Fund

Windsor Symphony Society

Windsor Symphony Society Matching Fund

Windsor Symphony Society

People First of Ontario

People First of Ontario

#### **SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS**

Constable John Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund

St. Clair College

Martha Reavley Community & Leadership Award at the

Odette School of Business

University of Windsor

Father Matt Sheedy Scholarship Fund

St. Clair College

University of Windsor

Gale & Irene (Knister) Taylor Scholarship Fund

St. Clair College

University of Windsor

Kolody Family Memorial Scholarship Fund

University of Windsor

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) Centennial Scholarship Fund

Algonquin College

Harding Electric/Morris and Ruth Harding

Memorial Endowment Fund

St. Clair College

Hocktoberfest Legacy Scholarship Fund

University of Windsor

#### **FLOW THROUGH GRANTS**

Windsor Baptist Refugee Ministries

Hiatus House

Canterbury ElderCollege

Congregation of the Sisters of Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

Windsor Symphony Society

ElderCollege

# **DONOR DESIGNATED GRANTS**

Dorothy and Sydney Lawton Fund

Italian Canadian Handicapable Association

Great Canadian Flag Project Fund

Corporation of the City of Windsor

## **DONOR ADVISED GRANTS**

#### Chad Ranni Memorial Fund

Street Help

Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Foundation

United Church Downtown Mission of Windsor Inc.

Rotary Club of Essex Foundation Fund

#### Class Action Community Fund

Family Respite Services Windsor-Essex

#### **HC Endowment Fund**

John McGivney Children's Centre

Victorian Order of Nurses

Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Association

New Song Church

Southwestern Ontario Gleaners

#### Freed-Orman Families Fund

United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex County

University of Windsor

# Hitchcock Family Foundation Fund

London Health Sciences Center Association Inc.

Errington War Memorial Hall Association

Amherstburg Community Foundation

Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission

Scouts Canada Central Ontario - 15th Strathcona Group

Christmas Basket Fund Committee of Galt Professional

Fire Fighters Association

Fanshawe College

University of Windsor

### The Berl Endowment Fund

Drouillard Place Ontario Early Years Centre

Windsor-Essex Theraputic Riding Association

### Honey Family Foundation Fund

Friends Of High Park Zoo

WECF Emergency Response Fund

# Inspiration 100™ Endowment Fund

Canadian Mental Health Association

Community Living Essex County

Maryvale

Sunshine Foundation of Canada

Windsor Cancer Centre Foundation

#### **Vollmer Fund**

Ghana Native Assistance Group Inc.

Alzheimer Society of Windsor & Essex County

United Church Downtown Mission Windsor Inc.

Queen's University

# Joe & Hazel Lacey Memorial Fund

Windsor Kiwanis Charitable Trust

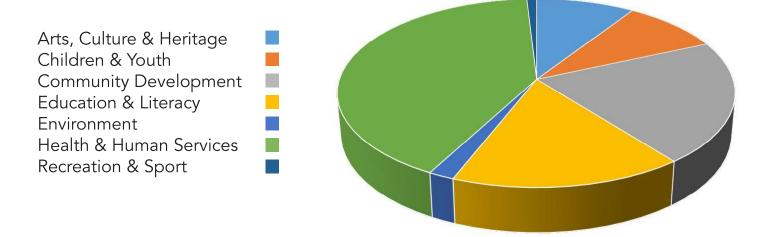
Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission

The House of Sophrosyne

Cancer Research Collaboration Fund

University of Windsor

# **GRANTS AWARDED BY SECTOR 2019 - 2020**



# **TYPES OF FUNDS**

Agency Endowment Funds allow charities an efficient way to create their own endowment fund while benefiting from the Foundation's investment and administrative expertise.

**Donor-Advised Funds** allow fund holders to work closely with the Foundation's Grant 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** allow donors to make lasting gifts to their favourite charities. With the establishment of a fund, donors select one or more charitable organizations to benefit from their donation.

**Scholarship Funds** allow donors to make lasting gifts recognizing student potential. Funding is provided directly to the college or university that the student is attending.

**Field of Interest Funds** allows donors to identify with a specific area of interest they wish to support. Local grant recipients are determined by the Foundation's Grants Review Committee, ensuring that the fund remains responsive to the community's needs while supporting the donor's interest.

Managed Funds are established by agencies in order to benefit from the professional investment management and administrative expertise that the Foundation has to offer.

The WECF Community Fund is composed of many gifts, large and small, each symbolizing a lasting investment in our region. Grants from this fund are awarded through our Community Impact, Fast Track and KidStart grant programs, allowing us to respond flexibly to the needs and priorities of our community.



# **LIST OF FUNDS**

A Place For Life Endowment Fund

**AKO Fraternity Managed Fund** 

**BERL Endowment Fund** 

Big Brothers Big Sisters Endowment Fund

Blair Mosley Foundation Fund

C.M (BUS) Lossing AKO Endowment Fund

Canadian Mental Health Association Endowment Fund

Cancer Research Collaboration Fund

Chad Ranni Memorial Fund

Class Action Community Fund

Constable John Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dorothy & Sydney Lawton Fund

Elaine & Harvey Snaden Endowment Fund

Essex County Nature Managed Fund

Essex Nature Fund

Essex Region Conservation Foundation Managed Fund

Facca Endowment Fund

Father Matt Sheedy Scholarship Fund

Freed-Orman Families Fund

Friends of Athletics Fund

Friends of Ojibway Prairie Managed Fund

Gale & Irene (Knister) Taylor Scholarship Fund

Girard Riberdy Fund

Great Canadian Flag Project Fund

GSC Community Impact Fund

Harding Electric/Morris & Ruth Harding Memorial Endowment Fund

**HC Endowment Fund** 

Hitchcock Family Foundation Fund

Hocktoberfest Legacy Scholarship Fund

Honey Family Foundation Fund

Inspiration 100™ Endowment Fund

James L. Scorgie Leadership Fund

Joan & Clifford Hatch Fund

Joe & Hazel Lacey Memorial Fund

Joel W. Jones Family Scholarship Fund

Kiwanis Music Festival Fund

Kolody Family Memorial Scholarship Fund

Michael G. Solcz Endowment Fund

People First of Ontario Fund

Riverfront Development Fund

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) Centennial Scholarship Fund

Sandra Beatty Endowment Fund

Shawn Boxe Memorial Fund

Solcz Group Inc. Community Fund for Children

Sunshine Point Camp Fund

Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation Managed Fund

Toldo Foundation Arts Fund

Toldo Foundation Arts Matching Fund

Vitality Fund

Vollmer Fund

WFCU Managed Fund

Windsor Classic Chorale Managed Fund

WindsorEssex Community Foundation Operating Fund

Windsor Public Library Foundation Fund

Windsor Symphony Society Managed Fund

Windsor Symphony Society Matching Fund

WindsorEssex Community Fund

Youth Endowment Fund

Youth Sports Support Fund

# **NEW FUNDS**

Kolody Family Memorial Scholarship Fund | Established February 2020

Joel W. Jones Family Scholarship Fund | June 2020

Shawn Boxe Memorial Scholarship Fund | October 2019

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# **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

JUNE 30	, 2020		ommunity Fund restricted		naged Jund	En	dowment Fund	t R	Restricted Fund		2020 Total	2019 Total
	ASSETS											
	CURRENT ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable and	\$	212,205	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	212,205	\$126,063
	other assets	_	16,347		-		-	-		_	16,347	37,067
			228,552		-		-		-		228,552	163,130
	INVESTMENTS PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		790,462	1,1	72,506	16	,005,243		1,422,278	19	,390,489	18,464,839
		_	8,632		-		-	_			8,632	11,270
		<u>\$1</u>	,027,646	<u>\$1,1</u>	72,506	<u>\$1</u>	<u>6,005,243</u>	<u>3</u> \$	51,422,278	<u>\$1</u>	9,627,673	<u>\$18,639,239</u>
	LIABILITIES											
	CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	12,168	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	512,168	\$11,234
	Managed funds			<u>1,17</u>	2,506					1,1	72,506	1,546,13 <u>6</u>
	Ü										84,674	
	LONG-TERM DEBT		40,000					_	-		40,000	-
			52,168					_		<u>1,2</u>	224,674	1,557,370
	FUND BALANCES		975,478			<u>16</u>	,005,243	_1,	,422,278	18	,402,999	17,081,869
		<u>\$ 1</u>	,027,646	\$ 1,1	72,506	<u>\$1</u>	<u>6,005,243</u>	3 !	\$1,422,278	<u>\$1</u>	9,627,673	<u>\$18,639,239</u>

# **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

YEAR EN	DED JUNE 30, 2020		mmunity Fund estricted	Managed Fund	Endowment Fund	Restricte Fund	∍d	2020 Total	2019 Total
	FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING	\$	926,015	\$ -	\$14,804,220	\$1,351,6	34 \$1	7,081,869 \$	15,173,522
	REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES INTERFUND TRANSFER	)	(48,213) 97.676	-	1,298,699 (97,676)	70,6	44	1,321,130	1,908,347
	FUND BALANCES, ENDING		\$975,478	 \$0		<u> </u>	.278 9	- \$18,402,999	<u>-</u> <u>\$17,081,869</u>



# **STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

R END JUNE 30, 2020	Community Fund	_	Endowment R		2020 Total	2019
	Unrestricted	Fund	Fund	Fund	lotai	Total
REVENUE						
Donations and fund						
development	\$ 271,535	\$ -	\$ 932,083 \$	-	\$1,203,618	
Investment income	66,326			91,366	1,201,832	<u>766,91</u>
	337,861		1,976,223	91,366	2,405,450	3,223,17
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Advertising and promotion	9,425	-	-	-	9,425	15,10
Amortization	2,638	-	-	-	2,638	3,11
Automotive and travel	1,676	-	-	-	1,676	2,69
Bank charges	1,375	-	-	-	1,375	1,76
Education and training	778	-	-	-	778	2,61
Insurance premiums Investment and	7,106	-	-	-	7,106	6,86
management fees Licenses, memberships	4,817	-	79,275	7,193	91,285	83,05
and dues Office supplies and	6,865	-	-	-	6,865	11,10
miscellaneous Other: Board and	31,885	-	-	-	31,885	10,26
committee work	2,831				2,831	6,56
Professional fees	26,261	-	-	-	26,261	28,05
Rent	36,431	-	-	-	36,431	34,72
Wages and employee ben					198,652	
	330,740	_	79,275	7,193	417,208	390,80
OTHER EXPENSES Administrative fees				7,175	+17,200	370,00
(recovery)	(145,570)		113,735	13,529	(18,306)	(14,71)
NET REVENUE BEFORE						
GRANTS AND BURSARIE	<b>S</b> 152,691			70,644	2,006,548	2,847,07
GRANTS AND BURSARIE	S 200,904		484,514		685,418	938,73
REVENUE OVER (UNDER						
EXPENSES	<u>\$ (48,213)</u>	<u>\$</u> 0	<u>\$1,298,699</u> <u>\$</u>	70,644	\$1,321,130	\$1,908,34

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