A FOUNDATION FOR THE COMMUNITY

INSPIRING PHILANTHROPY, TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY,
TODAY AND FOREVER!



WindsorEssex Community Foundation

WINDSORESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT

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ART ALLEY, DOWNTOWN WINDSOR
SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES RECOVERY FUND

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of Caldwell First Nations, part of the Three Fires Confederacy, and the original peoples of Point Pelee and Pelee Island and its surrounding lands and waters, along with the Huron-Wendat and Wyandot Peoples. We recognize and honour the First Nations who have been the stewards of the land and waters of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also extend our gratitude to other nearby First Nation communities and all Indigenous people across Turtle Island for their contributions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD CHAIR'S MESSAGE





As we reflect on another remarkable year at the WindsorEssex Community Foundation, we are filled with gratitude for the generosity, partnerships, and shared commitment that continue to strengthen our region. This year has once again demonstrated the extraordinary impact that is possible when a community comes together to support one another and invest in a brighter future.

Over the past year, WECF granted more than $1.4 million to charitable initiatives and community projects across Windsor-Essex, helping local organizations respond to community needs, create opportunities, and improve quality of life. These contributions reflect the trust our donors place in us and their shared commitment to building a lasting legacy of philanthropy and creating a stronger, more vibrant region for generations to come.

We were also proud to welcome new philanthropic partners who have chosen to make Windsor-Essex part of their legacy. Their generosity expands our collective impact and helps ensure support for future generations. Through scholarships and educational awards, we also continued to invest in local students, empowering the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers.

These accomplishments represent far more than numbers. They reflect lives enriched, opportunities created, and communities strengthened. They are made possible by the generosity of our donors, the vision of our fund holders, the dedication of our volunteers, and the hard work of our nonprofit partners who are creating positive change every day.

As we celebrate these achievements, we remain focused on the future. We are committed to fostering belonging, advancing equity, and ensuring philanthropy continues to be a powerful force for good throughout Windsor and Essex County.

On behalf of the Foundation, thank you to our Board of Directors, volunteers, donors, sponsors, fund holders, and community partners. Your support enables us to respond to emerging needs, invest in innovative solutions, and create lasting impact where it matters most.

Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant, and more connected Windsor-Essex. We are proud of what we have accomplished, inspired by what lies ahead, and grateful to have you as part of this journey.

Lisa Kolody

LISA KOLODY
Executive Director

Lucie Lombardo

LUCIE LOMBARDO
Board Chair



OUR VISION

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 local programs, and bringing community partners together!

SINCE 1983,

we have invested over **$20 million** in programs, initiatives, and charitable organizations across Windsor & Essex County

ABOUT THE WINDSORESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) strengthens Windsor-Essex County by connecting donors, organizations, and leaders to create lasting impact. For over 43 years, we have advanced community well-being through strategic philanthropy and collaboration.

Founded in 1983 as Heritage Windsor, WECF serves as a permanent community trust, helping donors establish legacies that benefit the community today and for generations to come. To date, we have invested over $20 million in local initiatives, including $1.4 million allocated to projects in 2025–2026.

WECF leads signature programs such as Inspiration 100™, Vital Signs®, and Random Act of Kindness Day™, fostering engagement, generosity, and measurable community improvement. By awarding grants, attracting legacy funds, and promoting collaboration, WECF is building a stronger, more inclusive Windsor-Essex.

We are proud to serve our community and invite others to join us in inspiring meaningful philanthropy.



$1.4M

INVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY IN 2025-2026



MORE THAN

150

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS MADE TO 84 COMMUNITY PARTNERS



9

NEW FUNDS







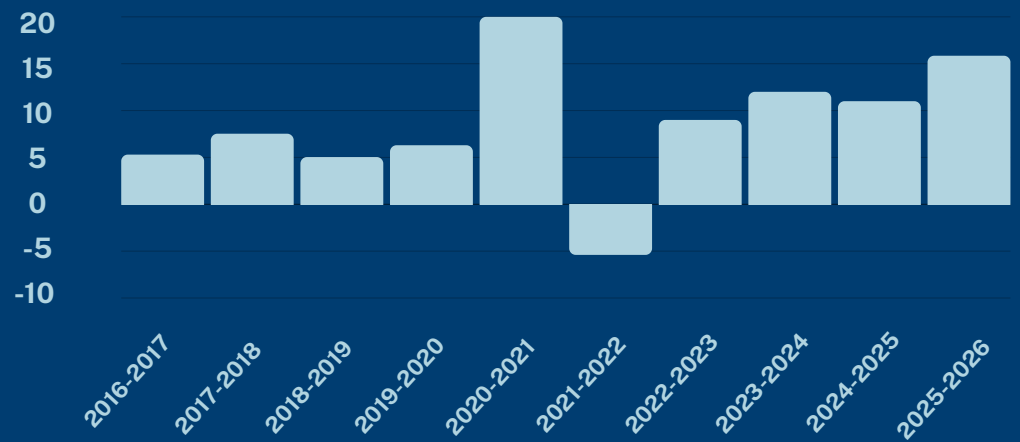
WECF HAS INVESTED

$20.3M

INTO COMMUNITY SINCE 1983

2025-2026

RETURN ON INVESTMENT



FUNDHOLDER INITIATIVES



CANCER RESEARCH COLLABORATION FUND

The Cancer Research Collaboration Fund continues to advance locally driven cancer research and innovation in Windsor-Essex. During 2025-2026, more than $150,000 in grants was distributed to support research initiatives that are improving outcomes for patients and families across our region.

Community support continued to drive this impact over the past year. In 2026, the annual Play for a Cure Pro-Am Hockey Tournament raised an extraordinary $416,000, while the inaugural Battle of the Badges event generated an additional $106,000 for local cancer research.

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation is proud to steward the Cancer Research Collaboration Fund, transforming the generosity of donors, sponsors, volunteers, and participants into meaningful investments in local research, innovation, and hope.

INSPIRATION 100TM

Inspiration 100TM is a group of 100 community-minded individuals who came together to build a lasting legacy through an endowment fund at the WindsorEssex Community Foundation.

In September 2025, Inspiration 100TM Members granted $125,000 to 10 local charities, selected through a nomination and voting process by its membership. This community investment marked a total of $606,000 granted since the fund's inception to charitable organizations across Windsor and Essex County, supporting a wide range of causes and community needs.

Inspiration 100TM Members are well-positioned to continue making meaningful and sustainable contributions for generations to come, demonstrating the power of collective philanthropy and community leadership.



LOCAL IMPACT, NATIONAL NETWORK

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA

As a member of **Community Foundations of Canada,** the WindsorEssex Community Foundation is part of a nationwide network dedicated to building strong, vibrant communities. This connection provides access to shared learning, national programs, research, and collaborative funding opportunities, while ensuring decisions remain rooted in local priorities. By combining national resources with local leadership, WECF is able to amplify its impact and respond more effectively to the evolving needs of Windsor-Essex.

Through this partnership, WECF participates in national initiatives such as Gender Equality in Action, Together for Justice, and Communities for Climate Resilience, bringing additional knowledge, resources, and investment opportunities to our region.



TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE

The Together for Justice program is a 12-month pilot led by Community Foundations of Canada in partnership with The Law Foundation of Ontario. Through the initiative, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation brought local organizations together to identify barriers to justice, share learning, and develop community-driven solutions informed by lived experiences.

A total of $180,000 was invested in six Windsor-Essex organizations. The program strengthened partnerships and advanced more accessible, responsive pathways to justice across the region.

COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Communities for Climate Resilience (CCR) is a national initiative led by Community Foundations of Canada that helps communities understand climate impacts, strengthen resilience, and identify opportunities for collective action through community engagement, shared learning, and local data.

As part of the CCR cohort, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation is working with local partners to address climate-related challenges and opportunities, building a more sustainable, resilient, and prepared Windsor-Essex for future generations.





GENDER EQUALITY IN ACTION

WECF participates in the Gender Equality in Action cohort, which helps community foundations advance gender equality through inclusive leadership, equitable hiring and pay practices, and gender-lens investing. Through shared learning, the cohort supports practical approaches to addressing systemic barriers and promoting equality in Canada's economic, social, and democratic life.

Through the Fund for Gender Equality, a national partnership between WECF, CFC, and the Equality Fund, with support from the Government of Canada, WECF has invested over $500,000 in community-led projects across Windsor-Essex, advancing a more just and equitable future.

WindsorEssex Community Foundation | Community Foundations of Canada | Canada | equality fund | Communities for GENDER EQUALITY

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE VITAL SIGNS®, RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY™, AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS, THE WECF IS COMMITTED TO INSPIRING PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTING COMMUNITY.

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 toward 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 County.

VISIT WWW.WECF.CA TO READ THE FULL REPORT!



THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 VITAL SIGNS® PARTNERS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

CONNOR, CLARK & LUNN FINANCIAL GROUP

Windsor Symphony Orchestra

WINDSOR Family | Health | Team

Town of Tecumseh Ontario · Canada

Investing in People Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County

familyservices Windsor-Essex Counselling & Advocacy Centre

Hawkins & Co. Advisors | CPAs

Canadian Mental Health Association Windsor-Essex County
Community well-being is our sole focus

DOWNTOWN Windsor

SECC

FACCA INCORPORATED

FRS Family Respite Services Windsor-Essex

AWE Art Windsor Essex

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE



2026 SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE WECF

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) is proud to support local students in pursuing their post-secondary dreams through dedicated scholarship funds established by generous families and individuals.

In 2026, over $89,000 in scholarships were awarded to students in a wide range of fields, helping shape a brighter future for our community.

The year's 5th Annual Scholarship Breakfast brought together more than 110 attendees, including recipients, their families, and fund holders, to celebrate academic achievement and the generosity that makes it possible. The event was filled with inspiring stories, heartfelt connections, and a shared commitment to investing in the next generation.

- ALEF-BET SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOUR OF ZOIA BELENKOVA FUND
- ANNDREA & ANTHONY DI MEO FOUNDATION FUND
- ASAMAKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- CONSTABLE JOHN ATKINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- ELAINE AND HARVEY SNADEN FUND
- FATHER MATT SHEEDY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
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- GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMUNITY BENEFITS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- HARDING ELECTRIC/MORRIS & RUTH HARDING MEMORIAL FUND
- HOCKTOBERFEST LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- JOEL W. JONES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- KOLODY FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- LARRY WELSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- LASALLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP
- LYNDA CORKUM/ESSEX COUNTY FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- MICHAEL G. SOLCZ ENDOWMENT FUND
- MO KOLODY/KOLODY CONTRACTING SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- RANDY CHEADLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- RATTRAY FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- ROTARY CLUB OF WINDSOR (1918) CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- RYAN MALEWICZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- SHARON & GARY KELLY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- SHAWN BOXE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

$89,000+

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED ACROSS WINDSOR AND ESSEX COUNTY IN 2025-2026 TO SUPPORT POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS HELD AT THE WECF.

NEW FUNDS

We're proud to welcome our newest partners in philanthropy and thank them for choosing to create lasting impact through the WindsorEssex Community Foundation. By starting a fund with WECF, donors support the causes they care about with expert guidance, flexible giving options, and a deep connection to local needs. Together, we're building a stronger, more vibrant Windsor-Essex, now and for the future.

ANNDREA & ANTHONY DI MEO FOUNDATION FUND

The Anndrea & Anthony Di Meo Foundation Scholarship Fund helps students in Windsor-Essex access educational opportunities that foster personal growth, career success, and community impact. With a focus on academic achievement, financial need, and community engagement, the fund supports learners as they pursue post-secondary studies and specialized training.





CONNECTIONS EARLY YEARS FAMILY CENTRE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Connections Early Years Family Centre Endowment Fund provides ongoing support for the organization's mission to promote the early learning, healthy development, and well-being of young children and their families. The Fund helps sustain programs and services that provide families with support, resources, professional guidance, and opportunities to connect.

Learn more at connectwithus.ca

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION FUND

The Emancipation Celebration Fund supports enhancements to the new Emancipation monument in Jackson Park, honouring the history, resilience, and contributions of Black communities. Funds will help complete Phase Two of the project, including a life-sized bronze sculpture of Walter Perry, "Mr. Emancipation," ensuring these important stories continue to educate, inspire, and connect generations.





GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMUNITY BENEFITS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established through the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan, this scholarship fund invests in the educational aspirations of Windsor-Essex students. By supporting post-secondary learning and skills development, the fund empowers recipients to contribute to the region's continued growth and prosperity.



KIMBERLY MATTON MEMORIAL FUND

Established in memory of Kimberly Matton, this fund supports cancer research, patient care, advocacy, and initiatives that improve the cancer journey for patients and caregivers. Inspired by Kimberly's intelligence, resilience, and unwavering commitment to others throughout her seven-year cancer battle, the fund also supports causes reflecting her broader passions, helping advance compassionate care, innovation, and hope for future generations.

LYNDA CORKUM/ESSEX COUNTY FIELD NATURALISTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established to support the next generation of environmental researchers, the Lynda Corkum/Essex County Field Naturalists' Scholarship Fund assists University of Windsor Graduate students in Integrative Biology and the School of the Environment. The scholarship recognizes academic excellence and fosters knowledge-sharing through connections between researchers and the broader community.





MO KOLODY/KOLODY CONTRACTING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 2025 by the Kolody family in memory of Morris "Mo" Kolody, this scholarship supports students pursuing construction-related careers, including skilled trades, engineering, architecture, and construction management. Awarded to individuals demonstrating financial need, academic commitment, community involvement, and a passion for sustainable building practices, the scholarship reflects Mo's lifelong values of generosity, hard work, service, and community impact.

RATTRAY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Rattray Family Scholarship Fund supports aspiring musicians pursuing studies at the University of Windsor or St. Clair College. Inspired by the legacy of David Rattray, a devoted supporter of Windsor-Essex's music community, the fund recognizes students who demonstrate strong academic achievement, community involvement, and a passion for contributing to the region's vibrant musical landscape.





RYAN MALEWICZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship fund, established in Memory of Ryan Malewicz, recognizes students who share Ryan's passion for technology, innovation, and tackling complex challenges. Awarded to learners pursuing studies in STEM fields, robotics, computer science, or skilled trades, the scholarship supports academic achievement and financial need while encouraging the next generation of technical leaders and problem-solvers in our community.

COMMUNITY IMPACT







BY FUNDING COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS, THE WECF FOSTERS LEADERSHIP, COLLABORATION, AND INNOVATION. GUIDED BY THE NEEDS OUTLINED IN OUR ANNUAL VITAL SIGNS® REPORT, WE FOCUS ON INITIATIVES THAT ADDRESS KEY COMMUNITY CHALLENGES. THIS YEAR, WITH SUPPORT FROM OUR PARTNERS, THE WINDSORESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INVESTED OVER $1.4 MILLION IN THE COMMUNITY!

13 ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED UNDER FOOD SECURITY

$81,655

GRANTED TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD AND REDUCE HUNGER

$1.4 Million

INVESTED IN THE WINDSOR-ESSEX COMMUNITY IN 2025-2026

25 ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED UNDER BELONGING & LEADERSHIP

$314,300

GRANTED TO IMPROVE INCLUSION, COMMUNITY CONNECTION, AND SOCIAL SUPPORTS

84

COMMUNITY PARTNERS SUPPORTED

$519,600

INVESTED IN HEALTH, WELLNESS AND ACTIVITY, SUPPORTING

22 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

10,000+

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES SUPPORTED ACROSS WINDSOR-ESSEX THROUGH HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, FOOD, MENTAL HEALTH, AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS.

FUNDING BY VITAL SIGNS ISSUE AREAS

HEALTH, WELLNESS & ACTIVITY · HOUSING · FOOD SECURITY · LEARNING · BELONGING · GETTING STARTED · SAFETY · ARTS & CULTURE · WORK · GETTING AROUND · GETTING STARTED · ENVIRONMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

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. Community Impact Grants open for applications once per year. In 2025-2026, we were proud to support the following organizations:

- **Arts Council - Windsor & Region**
- **Town of Tecumseh**
- **Downtown Windsor BIA**
- **Essex Centre BIA**
- **Kiwanis Music Festival Windsor-Essex County**
- **Windsor Jewish Community Centre**
- **YMCA of Southwestern Ontario**





KID START GRANTS

The WindsorEssex Community Foundation's KidStart Grants empower students to turn compassion into action through meaningful, community-focused projects. This year, students from A.V. Graham Public School and Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School created fleece heart pillows for local seniors, care packages for families staying at Ronald McDonald House Windsor, and birthday celebration kits for children in women's shelters. These inspiring initiatives demonstrate the power of student leadership, creativity, and kindness, while fostering community connection and bringing comfort, joy, and dignity to those facing challenging circumstances.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

Random Acts of Kindness Week is a national celebration of paying it forward. Each February, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) joins the movement through our Kindness on Display campaign and by sharing Kindness Kits with local "RAKtivists".

In 2026, we partnered with local libraries and school boards to launch a region-wide colouring contest, inviting students to illustrate what kindness means to them.

We also helped spread joy by delivering 500 cookies through the VON's Meals on Wheels program, celebrating those who make a difference in our community.



PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY

FUND HOLDERS

ALEF-BET SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOUR OF ZOIA BELENKOVA FUND
ANNDREA & ANTHONY DI MEO FOUNDATION FUND
ANTONIO ARLOTTA FUND
ART & HELEN SCOTT MEMORIAL FUND
ASAMAKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND
BANGLADESH-CANADA ASSOCIATION, WINDSOR-ESSEX
INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE PLAZA FUND
BEAUTIFUL WORDS LITERACY ENDOWMENT FUND
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS ENDOWMENT FUND
C.M (BUS) LOSSING GREATER WINDSOR JUNIOR SPORTS FUND
CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION WINDSOR-ESSEX
COUNTY BRANCH FUND
CANADIAN SLOVAK VILLA FUND
CANCER RESEARCH COLLABORATION FUND
CHAD RANNI MEMORIAL FUND
CHARLENE ALLIN & DENNIS RIVARD ENCOURAGEMENT FUND
CLASS ACTION COMMUNITY FUND
CONNECTIONS EARLY YEARS FAMILY CENTRE ENDOWMENT FUND
CONSTABLE JOHN ATKINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
DRS. LILLIAN & GEORGE MOK MEMORIAL FUND
DOROTHY & SYDNEY LAWTON FUND
E.S. ACHESON GRADUATES GIVING BACK SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM FUND
ELAINE & HARVEY SNADEN ENDOWMENT FUND
EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION 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
GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMUNITY BENEFITS
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
GREAT CANADIAN FLAG PROJECT FUND
GSC COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND
H.C. ENDOWMENT FUND
HARDING ELECTRIC/ MORRIS & RUTH HARDING MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
HIGGINS FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND
HITCHCOCK FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND
HOCKTOBERFEST LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
HONEY FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND
HUMILITY PROJECT FUND
INSPIRATION 100™ ENDOWMENT FUND
JAIN FOUNDATION FUND
JAMES L. SCORGIE LEADERSHIP FUND
JOAN & CLIFFORD HATCH FUND
JOAN & JOHN VOLLMER FOUNDATION FUND
JOE & HAZEL LACEY MEMORIAL FUND
JOEL W. JONES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND
JUANITA "TINY" G. YEAR WOOD (NÉE MULDER) ENDOWMENT FUND
KIMBERLY MATTON MEMORIAL FUND
KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL FUND
KOLODY FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
LARRY WELSH EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
LASALLE COMMUNITY FUND
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LASALLE ROTARY CIRCLE FUND
LYNDA CORKUM/ESSEX COUNTY FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB
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SHAWN BOXE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
SHEILA BLAIR-MOSLEY FOUNDATION FUND
SOLCZ GROUP INC. COMMUNITY FUND FOR CHILDREN
SUNSHINE POINT CAMP FUND
TOLDO FOUNDATION ARTS FUND
TOLDO FOUNDATION ARTS MATCHING FUND
VITALITY FUND
WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT FUND
WENDI & BRADLEY EIZENGA FOUNDATION FUND
WINDSOR FAMILY CREDIT UNION ENDOWMENT FUND
WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL LEGACY FUND
WINDSORESSEX NATURE FUND
WINDSOR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION FUND
WINDSOR REGIMENT TRUST FUND
WINDSOR SYMPHONY SOCIETY MANAGED FUND
WINDSOR SYMPHONY SOCIETY MATCHING FUND
WECF COMMUNITY FUND
YOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND
YOUTH SPORTS SUPPORT FUND

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY FOR HELPING US TO INSPIRE PHILANTHROPY TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY, TODAY AND FOREVER!

TYPES OF FUNDS

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Allow fund holders to work closely with the Foundation 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.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
Allows donors to identify with a specific area of interest that they wish to support.

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.

WINDSORESSEX COMMUNITY FUND
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 and KidStart grant programs, allowing WECF to respond flexibly to the needs and priorities of our community.

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The WECF proudly manages multiple Agency Endowment Funds, providing organizations with sustainable financial support to achieve their long-term goals and serve the community. Agency Endowment Funds allow charities an efficient way to create their own endowment fund while benefitting from the Foundation's investment and administrative expertise.

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS AT THE WECF INCLUDE:

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS ENDOWMENT FUND
CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY BRANCH ENDOWMENT FUND
CANADIAN SLOVAK VILLA FUND
CONNECTIONS EARLY YEARS FAMILY CENTRE ENDOWMENT FUND
KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL FUND
PLACE FOR LIFE ENDOWMENT FUND
SUNSHINE POINT CAMP FUND
WINDSORESSEX NATURE FUND
WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL LEGACY FUND
WINDSOR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION FUND
WINDSOR REGIMENT TRUST FUND
WINDSOR SYMPHONY SOCIETY MATCHING FUND



HOW TO GIVE

THE WINDSORESSEX 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.

CONTACT US TODAY AT INFO@WECF.CA TO BEGIN YOUR LEGACY OF GIVING!









OUR TEAM

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

WINDSORESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

	Community Fund Unrestricted	Managed Fund	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	2026 Total	2025 Total
REVENUE						
Donations and fund development (note 4)	$ 500,607	$ -	$ 1,545,833	$ -	$ 2,046,440	$ 1,152,250
Investment income	222,775	-	5,076,240	317,038	5,616,053	3,727,073
	723,382	-	6,622,073	317,038	7,662,493	4,879,323
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Advertising and promotion	26,713	-	-	-	26,713	27,296
Amortization	2,084	-	-	-	2,084	2,342
Automotive and travel	5,046	-	-	-	5,046	1,391
Bank charges	1,335	-	-	-	1,335	1,024
Education and training	3,293	-	-	-	3,293	2,038
Insurance premiums	10,739	-	-	-	10,739	5,345
Investment and management fees	6,883	-	159,014	10,134	176,031	158,276
Licenses, memberships and dues	12,253	-	-	-	12,253	11,724
Office supplies and miscellaneous	41,445	-	-	-	41,445	40,307
Other: Board and committee work	12,386	-	-	-	12,386	8,028
Professional fees	32,824	-	-	-	32,824	35,617
Rent	44,144	-	-	-	44,144	42,174
Wages and employee benefits	402,644	-	-	-	402,644	323,272
	601,789	-	159,014	10,134	770,937	658,834
OTHER EXPENSES						
Administrative fees (recovery)	(439,713)	-	381,580	30,252	(27,881)	(26,052)
NET REVENUE BEFORE GRANTS AND BURSARIES	561,306	-	6,081,479	276,652	6,919,437	4,246,541
GRANTS AND BURSARIES	518,895	-	905,005	5,000	1,428,900	1,141,517
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	$ 42,411	$ -	$ 5,176,474	$ 271,652	$ 5,490,537	$ 3,105,024

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

	Community Fund Unrestricted	Managed Fund	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	2026 Total	2025 Total
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING	$ 1,303,693	$ -	$30,594,869	$ 1,930,213	$33,828,775	$30,723,751
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	42,411	-	5,176,474	271,652	5,490,537	3,105,024
INTERFUND TRANSFER (note 3)	177,172	-	(177,172)	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES, ENDING	$ 1,523,276	$ -	$35,594,171	$ 2,201,865	$39,319,312	$33,828,775

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

	Community Fund Unrestricted	Managed Fund	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	2026 Total	2025 Total
ASSETS						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash	$ 362,967	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 362,967	$ 99,194
Accounts receivable and other assets	56,223	-	-	-	56,223	50,738
	419,190	-	-	-	419,190	149,932
INVESTMENTS (note 5)	1,156,200	923,624	35,594,171	2,201,865	39,875,860	34,599,682
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (note 6)	6,168	-	-	-	6,168	6,937
	$ 1,581,558	$ 923,624	$35,594,171	$ 2,201,865	$40,301,218	$34,756,551
LIABILITIES						
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 58,282	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 58,282	$ 15,227
Managed funds (note 7)	-	923,624	-	-	923,624	912,549
	58,282	923,624	-	-	981,906	927,776
FUND BALANCES	1,523,276	-	35,594,171	2,201,865	39,319,312	33,828,775
	$ 1,581,558	$ 923,624	$35,594,171	$ 2,201,865	$40,301,218	$34,756,551

INSPIRING PHILANTHROPY, TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY, TODAY AND FOREVER!

The Foundation was originally established with the goal of protecting, enhancing, and preserving one of Windsor and Essex County's most cherished assets: our beautiful waterfront. To celebrate four decades of inspiring philanthropy, we commissioned local artist Sydney Taylor to create a unique design that would reflect some of the WECF's historical community investments, as well as those created in celebration of our 40th anniversary with our community partners. This design, pictured on the front cover of this report, reflects many of our historical community investments tied to the waterfront. These projects include recognizable landmarks, places to gather, rest & engage in recreation, and natural enhancements to an already beautiful landscape that is the heart of our community.

Thank you for helping us to inspire philanthropy, now and for generations to come!

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