



DUFFERIN
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

2019/
2020

Report to the Community

The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago.
The next best time is now.



Created

6 new opportunities
for tax-smart giving



Delivered

over \$200,000
in grants



Funded

37 local projects
representing 24 charities

Endowment Building • Grantmaking • Community Leadership

What we do

We work with donors to **create lasting legacies** and help them realize their dreams and philanthropic desires, matching their interests with community needs and opportunities.

We work with charities and help them **build capacity** by providing grants to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.

We bring people together from all parts of our community to stimulate new ideas, build participation and **strengthen community philanthropy**.

Message from the Board of Directors



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President, Chair of
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The Dufferin Community Foundation has just finished its second full year of operation, and what an incredible journey it has been!

Our primary mission is to build permanently invested funds, the income of which will be disbursed annually to support local charitable works. Already we have over \$550,000 invested, and in 2021, for the first time, we will be distributing grants from the earned income of those funds. That is one step toward our goal of \$10 million invested in 10 years. This will generate over \$400,000 annually for charitable works. Think of that impact!

The Dufferin Vision Fund allows the Foundation to address emerging community priorities as they occur. This past year we opened three new field-of-interest funds; the Arts, Culture and Heritage Fund, the Environment Fund and the Mulmur Community Fund. In addition we have opened our first Family Fund, the Greenwood Family Fund. The investment earnings from all these funds will leave a local legacy whose impact will be felt for generations to come.

The Dufferin Community Foundation responded to urgent needs by creating the Dufferin Emergency Support Fund, specifically for relief of COVID-19 related financial pressures on our local charities. We will soon be disbursing over \$35,000 in locally generated funds to help struggling charities right here at home.

As Community Foundations are known for their knowledge of local needs, the Dufferin Community Foundation was able to distribute \$162,750 of Government of Canada funding via the Emergency Community Support Fund, to our local charities through two series of grants.

We are indeed blessed to live in such a generous community as Dufferin County, a community that recognizes the value that the charity and non-profit sectors add to our overall quality of life. So on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Dufferin Community Foundation, THANK YOU!

Gord Gallagher, President
Board of Directors

“The key reason we donate to the Dufferin Community Foundation is their knowledge of the charitable sector in Dufferin and their ability to direct funds to the areas of greatest need, supporting more than one charity. As donors, we do not need to do that research ourselves and are assured that funds will go where they are needed most.”

Ken Mikeliew and Carolyn Mach
Founders Circle Members, Annual Donors



Nurturing our Well-being

What does it mean to be human? What does it mean to be human in Dufferin County? What does it mean to be human in Dufferin County, in a global pandemic?

Where we land on this spinning blue dot, matters. Where we grow and develop, matters. Where and to whom we give back, matters. If you are fortunate enough to have arrived in Dufferin County, it is important to know that there exists in our community a caring and devoted collection of citizens called the Dufferin Community Foundation. We are here to serve and support those in need, and we are doing so in unique local ways to improve our overall community well-being. We have grown in leaps and bounds in just a couple of years, thanks to the grants given out from our committed and benevolent donors. Here is what's been happening.

It takes heart, courage, organization and connection. It takes generous donors who value the vision of embracing something greater than the individual. It is the power of many, working together that brings about success for each member of our community and for the community as a whole. This makes Dufferin County an exceptional place to live, and the Dufferin Community Foundation a valuable group of which you will want to be a part.

Experiencing life this past year has created space for slowing down and for personal reflection. Perhaps to be human is quite simple, that is, being human means having a need to eat, as fulfilled through the Food and Friends At Home Grant. Being human means having a need to move and connect with nature. The Dufferin Hi-Land Trail Grant

ensured children could revel in the wonders of nature in our own backyard, by experiencing our incredible local trails. Being human means having a safe, secure place to land. The Choices Youth Shelter Grant provided this safe place, supporting the mental health of youth in our community. As a result of this grant, increase in capacity was possible to welcome more at-risk youth. Being human is about being creative. This need was met through the Creative Partners

on Stage Program. The actors experience and give great joy in these amazing virtual performances! Being human is about being happy, which was realized through the Big Brothers Big Sisters - Big Bunch Program. This is a monthly get together of Bigs and Littles to play games, do activities, have fun and enjoy eating together, when the time is right, of course. Being human is about being comforted whenever we need it, but especially if life has become extremely difficult. The Hospice Dufferin Grant provided funds for the training of

volunteers to learn how to give soothing foot massages to those clients who wished to have such comfort in very trying times.

These human to human gifts were possible because someone asked and someone answered. This is the essence of humanity and ultimately of community; the giving and receiving of care and support. This exchange is, after all, what makes us human. It is what the Dufferin Community Foundation is all about.

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Thank you to all our donors

Bronze (up to \$2500)

Kathy Sulman	Cullen & Michele Perry
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 Greenwood Family **C**

F Founder's Circle **C** Corporate Circle

Did you know
 you can donate to any of our funds or create your own field of interest fund? We opened 3 new endowed funds this year

- Environment
- Arts & Culture
- Mulmur Fund

"We set up our own family fund within the Dufferin Community Foundation to support the community that has given us so much. We like the idea of leaving a family legacy where the gifts are made from an endowment that generates investment revenue forever. The total grants made by the Foundation over time can far surpass the initial funding."

Greenwood Family
 Corporate Circle Members
 Donor Advised Fund holders



Grant Recipients

Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin
 Bravery Park
 Canadian Mental Health Association
 Children's Foundation of Guelph Wellington
 Choices Youth Shelter
 Community Living Dufferin
 Dufferin Child and Family Services
 Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail
 Dufferin Parent Support Network
 Easter Seals of Ontario
 Family Transition Place
 Headwaters Health Care Foundation
 Hospice Dufferin
 Orangeville Community Band
 Orangeville Food Bank
 Parkinson Society of SW Ontario
 Pine River Institute
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 Scientists in School
 Shepherd's Cupboard
 St. Mark's Anglican Church
 Theatre Orangeville
 Youthdale Riding Program



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