



DUFFERIN
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

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FOREVER



Annual Report 2021

Message from the Chair



Gord Gallagher
Chair, Board of Directors

Year 2 of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to put significant stress on the charity and non-profit sectors in Dufferin, as lockdowns greatly reduced the opportunities for fundraising. What a dramatic demonstration of the need for a community foundation.

As you know, community foundations do not rely on annual fundraising events. They rely on invested pools of capital, contributed by our donors over the years, that generate earnings which can be disbursed to those charities and similar non-profits in need. The money continues to be available to disburse even through lockdowns.

Dufferin Community Foundation is still young, having just completed our third full year of operation. However, we were still able to put almost \$60,000 into our local charity sector. And we are very excited that we are now granting from our first donor-advised fund, the Greenwood Family Fund.

Two new Donor-Advised/Family Funds were added during 2021 – The Woodlot Fund and The Cedar Fund. Grants will begin to flow from those funds in 2023. And our Dufferin Vision fund, which allocates money to the areas of greatest need each year, will also be able to make grants in 2023.

The Dufferin Community Foundation values our community partners who deliver many of the programs we help to fund. We strive to understand the environment in which each of them works, and to promote partnerships and collaborations between organizations.

Our Board, staff, and volunteers continue to be energized by the generosity of our donors here in Dufferin County, as well as by the many hardworking people at our local charities and non-profit organizations. You bring so much to our quality of life here in Dufferin.

Thank you to all of you.

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OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



6 Field of Interest Funds



3 Donor-Advised/
Family Funds



\$1.4 Million in Invested Assets



3 Grants Streams



8 Local Charities Supported



\$57,500 Invested into our Community

Our audited financial statements are available on our website.

Visit www.dufferincommunityfoundation.ca/publications-financials.



Impacting our Community. FOR GOOD!



Dufferin Community Foundation is so very grateful to you, our open-hearted donors and our dedicated charities, for together enriching the lives of the citizens of Dufferin County. Your commitment to making life better for others, like a pebble in a pond, creates ripples that continue beyond what we can see.

Here are a few ways that your contributions had a significant impact in 2021:

- It is a life-changing thing that the Easter Seals grant allowed young Nathan, a child with multiple physical disabilities, to have the specialized equipment he needed to get outside and experience mobility and independence. He was one of the kids on a waitlist for specialized equipment in Dufferin County who was helped through this grant.
- As children, we watch, listen and learn what relationships look like, sound like, and mean in our lives. Sometimes this is a happy scenario, and sometimes it is not. With your help, Family Transition Place worked around COVID-19 restrictions in the schools to deliver a new, digital program on healthy relationships for youth in grades 5-8.
- Your generosity allowed CMHA Peel Dufferin to provide one-time emergency funding to people struggling with mental health who were at imminent risk of becoming homeless or losing essential services. To know someone is there for you is an immeasurable gift.
- A grant to TeleCheck helped combat loneliness and isolation during the pandemic. We are not meant to be alone for extended periods of time. Those caring TeleCheck calls made all the difference for seniors in our community.
- When we are dismayed by some devastating news, Hospice Dufferin is there with compassionate care. Our grant helped the Hospice create a new virtual bereavement program, which became a pilot model for hospices across Central Ontario.

The river of life carries us along from beginning currents to the last days, with many adventures along the way. Some journeys are easier than others. Thanks to your support of Dufferin Community Foundation, we can be here for each other through the complexities of life.

Grants in 2021

Greenwood Family Fund Grant

Streams Community Hub \$18,000

Dufferin Emergency Support Fund Grants

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin \$10,000 - Pandemic Matching & Mentoring Program

CMHA Peel Dufferin \$10,000 - McEvenue Home Works

Family Transition Place \$5,500 - Virtual Youth Education Program

TeleCheck - Headwaters Health Care Centre \$9,500 - Expanded Call-out Hours

Booster Grants

Caledon Meals on Wheels \$1,500 - Subsidized Meal and Grocery Program

Easter Seals Ontario \$1,500 - Children & Youth Equipment Funding Program

Hospice Dufferin \$1,500 - Bereavement 101 Online Support Program



First Greenwood Family Fund Grant awarded to Streams Community Hub

Streams Community Hub, a dynamic arts organization serving youth in North Dufferin, received \$18,000 from the Greenwood Family Fund. Established in 2020 by the Greenwood family, the fund will support local programs for children and youth every year in perpetuity.

"As a family, we care about helping young people learn and experience new things that will shape their futures," said Greenwood family member Amie Zukowski. "Streams is a place where kids from every walk of life can pick up an instrument or a camera or a paint brush and get really creative."

Inspired by our Donors

We would like to extend a sincere and genuine “thank you” to all our donors from 2018-2021 for choosing to direct your gifts our way. You have made a truly significant impact in Dufferin County, one that will keep on giving forever. And for that, we are forever grateful.

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Family Funds/ Donor-Advised Funds

Greenwood Family Fund
The Cedar Fund
The Woodlot Endowment Fund

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“The foundation’s response to the challenges of the pandemic shows us how meaningful it is to support an organization that has an excellent sense of the needs of our community. We’re excited to see what DCF is able to accomplish with The Woodlot Endowment Fund. And we look forward to helping DCF engage others to achieve their fund raising goals and thereby create legacy charity funding for Dufferin County.”
- Steven and Julie Wood, The Woodlot Endowment Fund

Powered by Volunteers

We are almost entirely driven by our volunteers. Our work simply would not be possible without their leadership and hard work. Together, we are working towards our forever vision.

Meet some of our volunteers at

<https://dufferincommunityfoundation.ca/board-of-directors-2>.

If you’d like to get involved too, drop us a line at

info@dufferincommunityfoundation.ca.

About Dufferin Community Foundation

Dufferin Community Foundation is the “forever fund” for Dufferin County. We invest donor gifts into permanent (endowed) funds and use the income earned to give grants to charities every year... forever. We are 100% local. All the grant monies go to charities and qualified donees that serve residents of Dufferin County.

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