



Annual Report 2008

Growing Today...
Growing Forever.

Message from Board President

Oxford Community Foundation is a member of Community Foundations of Canada, a national network of local foundations where grants are directed to assist urban and rural organizations. We were extremely happy to present five grants in 2008 to charitable organizations in Oxford. Without the support of donors who are committed to the vision and mission of the Foundation, we would not be able to provide the grants to our community. To all of our donors, THANK YOU!



In May 2008 the Foundation was contacted by a couple who wished to remain anonymous but wanted to provide funds to four very deserving registered charities. They entrusted the Foundation to flow through \$10,000 each to these charities with additional funds included to benefit Oxford Community Foundation as well!

Thank you to Janet Wilkinson and her family for their unwavering support and commitment to the Foundation. They are providing flow-through funds this year to assist the Foundation with granting to deserving charities in these challenging economic times. The Alabastine-Wilkinson Fund was our very first fund at Oxford Community Foundation, and we are honoured to continue to promote philanthropy in Oxford with the support of this visionary family.

I also wish to thank our Board, staff, volunteers, our community partners and our friends of the Foundation for their tireless efforts in making Oxford Community Foundation a worthy contributing organization.

When we all work together, we can make a lasting difference in our community! It has been a pleasure to work with everyone associated with the Foundation, and as I move on to new challenges, my interest and commitment to the Foundation will remain intact. Thank you for the privilege and honour of being part of Oxford Community Foundation. - Diane Stuart, Chair

Vision

To enhance the quality of life throughout Oxford County by fostering community philanthropy.



What Is OCF?

(Oxford Community Foundation)

Oxford Community Foundation is one of 165 community foundations across Canada established to be:

- the steward of funds, which are pooled in a permanent endowment to serve the Oxford community in perpetuity;
- the administrator of grants to a wide range of interests through registered charities committed to making a difference in the quality of life in the county;
- a leader in identifying needs and working with other community agencies to assist organizations and communities of interest. The Foundation acts as a catalyst for innovative approaches to connect people and causes to make a difference in Oxford.

Why Choose OCF?

- We build permanent endowments that will benefit Oxford forever.
- We help donors create legacies, thereby promoting philanthropy in our community.
- We are a local organization with knowledge in a wide variety of local needs.
- We provide flexible giving options.
- We can maintain donor intent when community needs and organizations change.
- We multiply the impact of gifted dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
- We assist donors with options, which may provide significant tax benefit.
- We look after the administration and required reporting related to your legacy.

There are a variety of ways to create a legacy:

Cash Securities
Life insurance Bequests

Other more complex asset transfers such as property and remainder trusts.

Investments

Stewardship is one of Oxford Community Foundation's most important responsibilities, requiring strict oversight and intelligent investment. Management of the Community Foundation's investment portfolio is vested with the Board of Directors through the Investment Committee. With an investment policy developed jointly by the Investment Committee and our investment consultant at RBC Dominion Securities, the Foundation delivers excellent risk adjusted returns. OCF is fortunate to have the experience of these individuals to establish performance benchmarks and continuously monitor portfolio effectiveness.

Types Of Funds With OCF Community Fund

This unrestricted endowment fund allows the Foundation to identify and respond to ever-changing needs by focusing dollars on creative and effective grants. These may be awarded to an extensive range of needs such as: arts and culture; health; education; recreation; environment and social services. This fund can become active at the \$10,000 level.

Field of Interest Fund

The donor decides which area of need the fund should help. Grants will be given which will impact that field of interest. The fund level for this type of fund is \$25,000.

Donor Designated Fund

Donors can ensure that grants will be awarded to their chosen organization(s). Donors have the opportunity to specify, at the time the fund is established, which particular charities/activities they would like to participate in perpetuity. Donors may wish to identify an alternative recipient to support, should the chosen charity cease to exist. Donors can establish a Named Donor Designated Fund with a minimum donation of \$25,000

Agency Endowment Fund

Charitable agencies may establish permanent endowment funds, the income of which will provide operating support forever.

Donor Advised Funds

The donor recommends specific grants from the fund, based on his/her interests, on a yearly basis. This enables donors to have ongoing participation in the selection of charities that will benefit from their gift. Donors may choose this type of fund instead of creating a family trust or private foundation. Doors may establish a Named Donor Advised Fund with a minimum donation of \$50,000.

TRIBUTE TO PAST AND RETIRING BOARD MEMEBERS

*Rosemary George - 2003 - 2009 - Rosemary has been involved with the Foundation since its inception and has served in varying capacities as Board Secretary, Committee Chair and Director for six years. Her commitment and dedication to OCF has been outstanding. She has agreed to continue to serve on the Fund Development Committee. Thank you, Rosemary!

**Diane Stuart - 2005 - 2009 - Diane served a President of the Board for two consecutive terms and also was Chair of the Grants Committee. During her tenure in office, endowment funds continued to grow and new initiative were realized such as the the Canada Helps button and On Line Securities Transfer Form on the website. OCF wishes Diane well as she moves on to new challenges.

**Lesley Ross - 2007 - 2008 - Lesley provided excellent representation on the Board for the Tillsonburg area and OCF is grateful for the expertise she brought to meetings and functions.

**Tanya Murray - 2007 - 2008 - Tanya joined our Board with great enthusiasm and knowledge which was immediately put to use in assisting with our first fundraiser, Celebrate Oxford. Her energy and commitment is greatly missed.

***The Late Jim Gallagher (1944 - 2008) - Jim joined the Board in January 2008 and very quickly offered his expertise and unlimited tim to the Chair and OCF during a very challenging time in the Foundation's history. With his vast knowledge in the not-for-profit sector, Jim brought his Irish humour and common sense approach to all areas he touched.



*Retired **Resigned ***Deceased

Oxford Community Foundation

Operating Statement December 31, 2008

Revenues	2008		2007	
	Operating	Endowment	Operating	Endowment
Endowments, Donations & Fundraising	47,383	40,345	37,579	85,210
Municipal and Provincial Grants	-	-	56,782	-
Investment Income (Loss)	(3,984)	(20,076)	1,618	4,236
Other Income	2,577	-	1,278	-
	<u>45,976</u>	<u>20,269</u>	<u>97,257</u>	<u>89,446</u>
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	19,214	-	73,593	-
Grants	42,225	-	5,200	-
Administration Fee	-	2,257	-	929
	<u>61,439</u>	<u>2,257</u>	<u>78,793</u>	<u>929</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(15,463)	18,012	18,464	88,517
Fund Balances, beginning of the Year	78,488	150,443	60,024	61,926
Fund Balances, end of the Year	<u>63,025</u>	<u>168,455</u>	<u>78,488</u>	<u>150,443</u>

" Audited Financial Statements are available at our website www.oxfordcommunityfoundation.org"

OUR DONORS

Founders Circle

Donors who contribute \$2,000 to the Foundation will be identified as members of the Founders Circle. They will be listed as such on our website and historical records forever. The confidence and financial commitment of these donors will provide a significant base from which to grow. Please join the following to make our circle grow:

Alabastine-Wilkinson Family	Shirley Julian ✕
Brian & Rosemary George	George Klosler
Douglas & Yvonne Eckel	Don Post
Barry and Pat Smith	Pow Laboratories Inc.
Bill & Jane Paquette	Ted and Mary Thorn
William & Mary Mackesy	Jeff & Kelly Cole
David & Lynda MacKenzie	Scotiabank
Anonymous donor	John & Elizabeth Lessif
Evan Solomon & Tammy Quinn	James & Louise Stewart
Wingate Raiders IODE	James Palmer
David & Helen Ness-Jack	Ken & Lynda Whiteford
David & Sherry Lowes	The Joland Family
Grant Smith	Mark & Barb Seaton
Gene & Phyllis Lawrence	Dr. Don & Lisa Miettinen
Michael Harding & Terry Chisholm	Dr. Ross & Fran McElroy
John B. Finlay & Mary Anne Silverthorn	Ernie Hardeman
✕ Barry Smith and the late Patricia Smith	Adalene Weaver
Dr. Ross McElroy and Mrs. Frances McElroy	

Service To Donors

The Foundation works with donors to make it easy to give back to the community by creating a named fund or contributing to an existing fund. Donors who endow their gifts can make a difference in the their community during their lifetime, and at the same time, provide gift that will last forever.

In Memoriam Donors

Many donations were received in 2008 in memory of family members and friends who passed away. Oxford Community Foundation wishes to express our gratitude to the donors who chose to honour their loved ones by contributing to the Foundation. Your donation In Memory of a loved one provides support to the community in perpetuity and is a lasting tribute.

OUR FUNDS

Community Fund

As OCF continues to grow, the unrestricted Community Fund provides the underlying heart of the Foundation. Donations of all sizes are combined to provide the means to operate the Foundation and provide the Grants Committee with the most flexibility in meeting community needs.

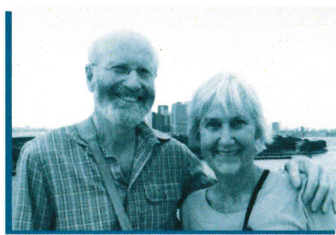
New Funds In 2008

The Pat and Barry Smith Family Fund has been established to benefit youth in smaller communities who excel in leadership skills either in the schools they attend or in their own community.

The Ross and Fran McElroy Fund, a designated Endowment Fund which has been set up to provide grant funding to various charitable organizations for pre-determined needs throughout Oxford County.



Barry Smith and
the late Pat Smith



Ross and Fran McElroy

Community Named Funds

Alabastine-Wilkinson Fund

Douglas and Yvonne Eckel Fund

Field Of Interest

Brian and Rosemary George Cultural Fund

Oxford Environmental Legacy Fund

Donor Advised Named Fund

The Lessif Family Fund

Funds Held For Others

Children's Aid Society of Oxford County



2008 GRANTS - \$2,225

1. Are-U-Ready - \$400 for sledge hockey icetime
2. Carolinian Canada - \$500 for an Environment Factsheet
3. Fusion Youth Centre - \$400 for the Art Factory Project->
4. Navy League - \$400 for sports equipment
5. VON Oxford - \$525 for the Life Journals project



2008 Board Of Directors & Staff



BACK ROW: Cayley Hill, Rosemary George,

Don Taylor, Ken Whiteford, Diane Stuart,

FRONT ROW: Marilyn Watson, Executive Assistant; Liz

Lessif, Lynn Buchner, Ted Thorn

ABSENT: Mark Seaton, Kelly Gilson

Executive Committee

Diane Stuart, Chair; Mark Seaton, Vice Chair; Ted Thorn, Treasurer;
Rosemary George, Secretary

Grants Committee

Liz Lessif, Chair; Janet Wilkinson, Don Taylor

Fund Development and Marketing Committee

Rosemary George, Chair; Tanya Murray, Ken Whiteford,
Lesley Ross, James Stewart

Nominating Committee

Paul Holbrough, Chair; Mary Anne Silverthorn, Robert Stewart,
Donna Derer, Broderick Carey

Investment Committee

Ted Thorn, Chair; Gene Lawrence CPF, Cayley Hill FCSI

Acknowledgements:

So much can be accomplished when we work together.

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Brian George - 2008 - Board photo

Fusion Youth Centre - photography for 2007 Annual Report

Disclaimer: If we have missed anyone in our acknowledgements with the printing of this report, it was not intentional and we apologize for any errors or omissions.

For further information about the Foundation, including how you can become involved or support the Foundation, please contact.

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