

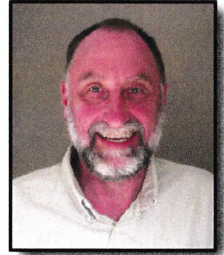


ANNUAL REPORT 2009

*Giving Today.....
Growing Forever*

Message from Board Chair

The Oxford Community Foundation, its Board, staff and supporters are dedicated to improving the quality of life in Oxford County. This goal is achieved by meeting the philanthropic needs of people and organizations within the County.... Giving today..... Growing forever.



Despite difficult economic times, 2009 saw our organization continue to grow and prosper. Through prudent investment strategies, the last five years have seen exemplary annualized returns on our endowed funds. Our funding base continued to grow in 2009 as a result of the generosity of individuals in the community. Our Board was significantly strengthened by the addition of four new members offering solid community dedication and understanding. 2009 also saw the development of an exciting new strategic plan intended to guide us over the next five years.

Since its inception, the Foundation has been able to grant funds to worthwhile causes throughout the county. As you will see later in this report, 2009 was no exception. From Drumbo to Tillsonburg, the Foundation has helped make a difference. The Foundation is truly indebted to Janet Wilkinson and her family for providing \$2,500 in flow through funding to allow us to continue our good work in 2009.

A Foundation depends on the generosity and support of a caring community. Although many thanks are owed, at this time I would like to mention two long time supporters of our Foundation. Kate Brown of RBC Dominion Securities has been offering her expertise to the Foundation since the first development of our investment policies. As well, Kate once again has provided funding for our annual report. Also, with us since the beginning has been Woodstock and District Developmental Services who have generously provided us with office space. These are but two examples of the supportive partnerships that our Foundation depends on.

Our Foundation is positioned to make significant gains over the next five years....we have a strong Board, excellent community connections, an emerging presence in the County and proven investment strategies. And now, through a generous contribution by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we are able to hire a part-time Executive Director to guide us as our strategic plan is played out.....our future is bright!

Don Taylor
Chairperson of the Board



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 173 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 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.

Oxford Community Foundation

Operating Statement December 31, 2009

	2009		2008	
Revenues	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Endowments, Donations & Fundraising	6,837	39,188	47,383	40,345
Investment Income (Loss)	7,173	23,594	(3,984)	(20,076)
Other Income - Administration Fee	2,587	-	2,577	-
	<u>16,598</u>	<u>62,782</u>	<u>45,976</u>	<u>20,269</u>
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	18,833	-	19,214	-
Grants	2,500	-	42,225	-
Administration Fee	-	2,287	-	2,257
	<u>21,333</u>	<u>2,287</u>	<u>61,439</u>	<u>2,257</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(4,735)	60,495	(15,463)	18,012
Fund Balances, beginning of the Year	63,025	168,455	78,488	150,443
Fund Balances, end of the Year	<u>58,290</u>	<u>228,950</u>	<u>63,025</u>	<u>168,455</u>

2009 GRANTS - \$2,500

- 1. Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association**
- \$500 for insulation for the north hangar
- 2. Drumbo and District Heritage Society**
- \$300 for a display case
- 3. Project Linus**
- \$450 for blankets for children project
- 4. S.A.F.E. Group**
- \$200 for support group for sexual abuse survivors
- 5. Tillsonburg Multi-Service Centre**
- \$550 for foot care for seniors
- 6. Women's Emergency Centre – Oxford**
- \$500 for youth friendly room at the Centre



**Canadian Harvard
Aircraft**



**Drumbo Heritage
Society**



Project Linus



**Tillsonburg
Multi-Service Centre
Foot Care Program**

DONOR DESIGNATED FUND

With a minimum donation of \$25,000, a donor may designate specifically the charitable causes they wish to support. These funds may either be anonymous or named. In the future, should the named causes no longer exist, the Foundation is bound to ensure that the original intent of the donor is met.

Pat and Barry Smith Family Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUND

With a minimum donation of \$50,000, a donor or designate may be involved in the decision making process regarding the disbursement of the interest from their funds. These funds may be either anonymous or named.

The Lessif Family Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

With a minimum donation of \$25,000 a donor may establish their own field of interest fund. Donors may designate the nature of the causes to be supported by their fund. These funds may either be anonymous or named.

**Brian and Rosemary George Cultural Fund
The Oxford County Environmental Legacy Fund**

COMMUNITY FUND

This fund accepts donations large or small and is designed to meet the changing needs of the County. Each year through an application process, the Board selects causes to be supported by the monies generated by this fund. For a minimum donation of \$10,000 a donor may have a named fund within the Community Fund.

**Alabastine-Wilkinson Fund
Doug and Yvonne Eckel Fund**

HONORS' NEEDS

options to the donor to be certain that their needs are met.

OPERATING FUND

This fund is used to support the day to day operation of the Foundation. Normally donations under \$2,500 are directed to this fund.

FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS

The Oxford Community Foundation will create a specific fund on behalf of another charitable organization. This frees the named charity from the responsibility of managing their fund and allows them to take advantage of the combined investment power of our Foundation. The monies currently generated through this type of fund are directed back to the named charity.

The Children's Aid Society of Oxford County

FLOW THROUGH FUND

The Foundation is prepared at times to use their resources to also act as a flow-through agent for someone wishing to make a donation to a particular cause. One benefit of this fund is that it allows a donor to maintain anonymity should they choose.

EMERGING FUND

Donors are welcome to create an emerging fund with an initial donation and a plan to reach the minimum required to achieve the threshold of one of the funds mentioned above.

**The Joland Family Fund
Ross and Fran McElroy Fund
Ken and Lynda Whiteford Fund**

PROTECTING YOUR LEGACY

Paramount in our work is the responsible management of the funds entrusted to us. Our Board, along with a team of professional advisors, strives to maximize and protect your money. Since April of 2005, we have enjoyed an annualized return on our endowed funds of 6%.

OUR DONORS

For a donation of \$2,000, a donor may become a member of the exclusive Founders' Circle. Members will have their name or a name of their choosing included each year in our annual report. The opportunity to be a part of the Founders' circle will end in December 2010.

OUR FOUNDERS' CIRCLE

Alabastine-Wilkinson Family
Brian and Rosemary George
Douglas and Yvonne Eckel
John B. Finlay and Mary Anne Silverthorn
Barry and Pat Smith
Bill and Jane Paquette
Michael Harding and Terry Chisholm
William and Mary Mackesy
David and Lynda MacKenzie
Anonymous Donor
Ernie Hardeman
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Evan Soloman and Tammy Quinn
David and Helen Ness-Jack
Dr. Ross and Frances McElroy
David and Sherry Lowes
Grant Smith
The Joland Family
Shirley Julian
George Klosler
Ken and Lynda Whiteford
Don Post
Gene and Phyllis Lawrence
Pow Laboratories Inc.
Ted and Mary Thorn
Jeff and Kelly Cole
Scotiabank
John and Elizabeth Lessif
Adalene Weaver
James and Louise Stewart
James Palmer
Dr. Don and Lisa Miettinen
Dr. Ken and Dianne Parnell
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Dora Wormald
Rev. Harry and Camilla Macpherson
Jeff Mitchell
Jim and Linda McNamara
Edward Down
Bettianne Hedges and Byron Dorey

OUR DONORS IN 2009

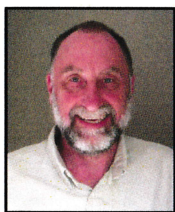
The existence of the Oxford Community Foundation is dependent on the kind generosity of the people of Oxford County. The Foundation would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions in 2009:

Stephen Molnar
Brian & Rosemary George
George Klosler
Catherine & Reg Chisholm
Kelly Cole
Helen Darby
Barry Smith
Janet & Cyril Wilkinson
Ken & Lynda Whiteford
Gerald Wormald
Andrew Macpherson
John & Liz Lessif
Doug and Yvonne Eckel
Bettianne Hedges and Byron Dorey
Jim and Linda McNamara
Jeff Mitchell
Edward Down
Don and Beth Taylor
Sweaburg Lions Club
Ted Thorn
Diane Stuart
Mark Seaton
Kelly Gilson
Dr. Ross and Fran McElroy
Neil and Inez Fishwick
Larry Hodges
David MacKenzie
Elora Workman
Dr. Bruce Halliday

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

Donations can be made in memory of family members and friends who passed away. By honouring their loved ones by contributing to the Foundation, donors provide support to the community in perpetuity and a lasting tribute to their loved one.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF



Don Taylor, Chair



Ken Whiteford, Vice Chair



Patrice Hilderley, Treasurer



Mark Seaton, Secretary



Cayley Hill, Director



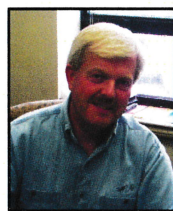
Liz Lessif, Grants Chair



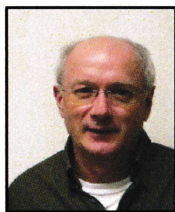
Ted Thorn, Director



Tanya Murray, Director



Jim Pickard, Director



Bill Semeniuk, Director



**Kelly Gilson, Ex-Officio
United Way of Oxford**



**Diane Stuart, Past Chair
Ex - Officio**



**Marilyn Watson,
Executive Assistant**

A TRIBUTE TO PAST AND RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS



Lynn Buchner (2007 – 2009)

Lynn, a long time Tillsonburg resident, was a dedicated member of our Board. Her attention to detail and quiet humour were valued assets. Her work on our strategic plan and our business plan helped lay a valuable foundation for the future of OCF.



Mark Seaton

Lakeside and the northwest corner of Oxford were well represented by Mark. Humour and attention to peoples' needs were qualities of his that served our Board well. During his time with OCF Mark was vice-chair and secretary of the Board. As well he supported the Foundation by meeting with organizations requesting funds.

Acknowledgements:

So much can be accomplished when we work together.

The Foundation is indebted to our many committee volunteers and the following for their “in kind” support:

WDDS – office space and administrative equipment

Kate Brown/RBC Dominion Securities – funding the Annual Report

Gene Lawrence - volunteer on the Investment Committee

Doug Eckel and Carol Wilson - volunteer accounting assistance

Rosemary George - volunteer office administration

The County of Oxford – website hosting and support

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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