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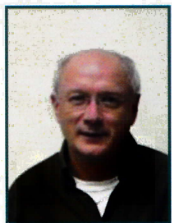


**ANNUAL REPORT  
2011**



## Message from the Board Chair

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I wish to thank the Membership for the honour of representing you as the President of the Oxford Community Foundation. I would also like to thank Don Taylor as Past President and the Board of Directors for their support over the last year. I can assure you, there is a steep learning curve in assuming this role.

Over the last year, I have had the privilege of visiting all 8 Municipalities, and the County Council of Oxford, to raise awareness of OCF and create contacts. OCF gained support for the Mayor's Roast and for the Foundation hosting the 2012 Warden's Golf Tournament.

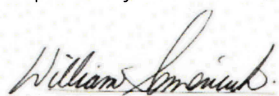
I'm pleased to report I was well received by all Councils, and the support of the Mayor's, their Councils, and Staff for the Mayors Roast in November ensured an overwhelming success. A special thank you to the Roasters! I am pleased to announce that the Oxford Community Foundation was able to net over \$15,000 from the Mayors Roast and has been granted permission to host the Warden's Golf Tournament on June 20th of 2012.

This has been a very exciting year to be President since I was able to watch the ground work provided by my predecessors come to fruition and our Endowments grow from \$350,000 at the end of 2010 to just over \$700,000 at the end of 2011!

One of the goals the Board set for itself over the last year was to develop a higher profile in the community. I believe this has occurred through our media releases, visits to the Councils and the announcement in 2011 from the London Community Foundation of two grants that would be given out in 2012 by the Oxford Community Foundation in Oxford County. The first fund was the interest from the 2001 Canada Games created from the surplus of these games and since Oxford hosted a number of these events, \$17,400 was allocated to Oxford County. The other fund held by London Community Foundation is the Harvey and Erma Beaty Fund.

I'm pleased to announce that Cold Spring Farms, a member of the Maple Leaf Family has revisited their funding policy, and opened up granting to Oxford County once again and have asked the Oxford Community Foundation to vet these grant applications.

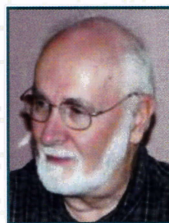
Respectfully submitted,



Bill Semeniyuk  
President

## Message from the Executive Director

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To the membership, donors, and the Board of Directors, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to be the Executive Director of such a wonderful organization.

This year we have seen our endowment base just about triple thanks to those who believe in the concept of ensuring their specific interests in the community of Oxford have the financial resource in the future to help meet specific needs, whether these be scholarships, supporting the impoverished in our community or ensuring the institutions that are near and dear to them have resources to meet their mandates.

This year, the Foundation has been blessed with a very dedicated and hard working Board of Directors and I would specially like to recognize Bill Semeniyuk for his steady leadership as our President. Also, a special thank you to Betty Semeniyuk for sharing her husband with the Foundation this year.

For me, one of the highlights of the year was the Mayors Roast. In my over 35 years of being an Executive Director, I cannot remember a Board of Directors become so involved in making a fund raiser such a success. Thank you to each and every one of you!

Also this year, it has been a treat to work with our colleagues at the London Community Foundation to process grant applications for funds that have been generated from the 2001 Canada Summer Games Endowment Fund and to become involved again with our friends at Cold Springs Farms (Maple Leaf Inc.) as the Harvey and Erma Beaty Fund once again starts granting to Oxford County.

I look forward to the coming year and encourage individuals to contact me if they are aware of organizations, companies and /or people they think might like to explore establishing an Endowment for the purpose of bettering their community.



Keith Hudson  
Executive Director



## A Tribute to Retiring Board Members

1. **Cayley Hill:** Cayley has brought a wealth of talent to the Board of Directors and has chaired the Investment Committee for the last four years. His term of office has come up and he will be sadly missed from the Board by his fellow Board Members. OCF looks forward to Cayley's continued involvement as a member of the Investment Committee.
2. **Reg Butcherd:** Reg was new to the Board of Directors last year and is from the Tillsonburg area. Reg has a Family Funeral Business in Tillsonburg and found the evening meetings difficult to attend with the demands of his business and found it necessary to tender his resignation during the year. We thank him for his contribution and look forward to his ongoing support of the Foundation in the years to come.
3. **Liz Lessif:** Liz has completing her second three year term on the Board of Directors. Liz has represented the interests of south of the 401 on the Foundation's Board and has served as Chair of the Grants Committee for a number of years. This is a very demanding and high profile position within the Foundation and, with the assistance of her Grants Committee she has ensured the granting process has been completed in a smooth and professional manner. Liz has also been deeply involved in fund raising for the Foundation and co-chaired, along with Tanya Murray, the very successful "Mayors Roast". Liz will also be deeply missed by her fellow Board Members.
4. **Don Taylor:** Don is our Past President and has completed his second third year term. Don, while President, performed many of the duties of an Executive Director, was instrumental in successfully applying for a Trillium Grant that allowed the hiring of a Part Time Executive Director, and has kept the focus of the Foundation on its mandate to increase the Endowments and ensure the name recognition of the Foundation is constantly before the citizens of Oxford County. Don also used his committees well and was instrumental in laying the foundation for the growth of the Endowment Funds from just over \$350,000 to this year's (2012) \$800,000. Thank you Don! You also will be greatly missed by the Board.

## 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 of RBC Dominion Securities** - Funding the Annual Report.

**Carole Wilson** - Volunteer accounting assistance

**Anne Wismer of the Oxford United Way** - Accounting assistance

**Carolynne Dee of CD Graphics & Design** - Donated design work

**Millcreek Printing** - Donated printing to the Foundation

**The County of Oxford** - Website hosting and support

**To all the Board Members and spouses** that helped with the Mayor's Roast

**To the Woodstock Theatre** for providing a fund raising opportunity  
Re: The Christmas Carol preview night.

**At The Office** - Hosting the Random Acts of Kindness Day in November

**MW & Co.** - Audit preparation and donation

*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.*

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

**Oxford Community Foundation**

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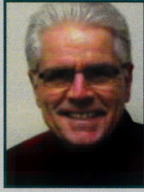
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## Board of Directors and Staff



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Chair



Ken Whiteford  
Vice Chair



Patrice Hilderley  
Treasurer



Rosemary George  
Secretary



Liz Lessif  
Grants Chair



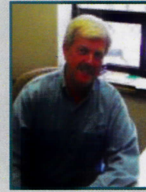
Cayley Hill  
Director



Reg Butcherd  
Director



Tanya Murray  
Chair of Media



Jim Pickard  
Director



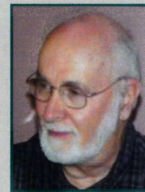
Mary Anne Silverthorn  
Director



Don Taylor  
Past President



Kelly Gilson, Ex-Officio  
United Way of Oxford



Keith Hudson  
Executive Director

## Vision Statement

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

## What is the Oxford Community Foundation?

The Oxford Community Foundation is one of 178 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 the Oxford Community Foundation?

- 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



## Summary of Audited Financial Statement

|                                                 | 2011             |                  | 2010             |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                                 | <b>Operating</b> | <b>Endowment</b> | <b>Operating</b> | <b>Endowment</b> |
| Endowments, Donations<br>& Fundraising          | 62,609           | 450,859          | 27,957           | 50,372           |
| Investment Income (Loss)                        | 1,049            | (29,089)         | 583              | 18,724           |
| Administration Fee Income                       | 4,043            | -                | 3,438            | -                |
|                                                 | <u>67,701</u>    | <u>421,770</u>   | <u>31,978</u>    | <u>69,096</u>    |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                             |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Operating Expenses                              | 52,862           | -                | 39,580           | -                |
| Grants                                          | 2,421            | 1,999            | 1,422            | 3,478            |
| Administration Fee                              | -                | 3,735            | -                | 3,123            |
|                                                 | <u>55,283</u>    | <u>5,734</u>     | <u>41,002</u>    | <u>6,601</u>     |
| <b>Excess of Revenues<br/>over Expenditures</b> | 12,418           | 416,036          | (9,024)          | 62,495           |
| <b>Fund Balances,<br/>beginning of the Year</b> | 49,267           | 291,444          | 58,291           | 228,949          |
| <b>Interfund Transfer</b>                       | (2,800)          | 2,800            |                  |                  |
| <b>Fund Balances,<br/>end of the Year</b>       | <u>58,885</u>    | <u>710,280</u>   | <u>49,267</u>    | <u>291,444</u>   |

## Our Donors in 2011

The existence of the Oxford Community Foundation is dependent on the kind generosity of the people of Oxford County.

|                          |                            |                              |                               |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Avey, Ron                | Fransen, J.                | Lupton, Charles              | Semenuik, Bill                |
| Ayr Farmers Mutual       | George, Brian and Rosemary | MacKenzie, David, MP         | Sibbick, Bryce                |
| Insurance Co.            | Getty, Mel                 | Marsland, Bernice            | Sierra Constrution            |
| Bartlett, Joan           | Gilvesy, Lisa              | Martis, Carol                | Silverthorn, Mary Anne        |
| Beath, Lynn              | Greb, Mary Ellen           | Mayberry, David              | Smith, Barry                  |
| Beres, Dave              | Guarantee Company of       | Mayberry, Dr. Tom and Sylvia | Smith, Frank and Marion       |
| Blancher, Laura          | North America -            | McElroy, Dr. Ross and Fran   | Spriet Associates London Ltd. |
| Bossy Nagy Geoffrey      | Woodstock Branch           | McKay, Don                   | Strong MacDougall Oudeker     |
| Chartered Accountants    | Hardeman, Ernie, MPP       | McNamara, James and Linda    | Taylor, Elizabeth             |
| Bragg, Michael           | Hayes, Jim                 | Micacchi, Warnick &          | The Cowan Foundation          |
| Brock and Visser Funeral | Hennessy, Mike             | Company                      | Toyota Motor                  |
| Home                     | Hough, Gordon              | Millcreek Printing           | Manufacturing                 |
| Buchner, Lynn            | Hudson, Keith and Fran     | Murray, Tanya                | Canada Inc.                   |
| Coulter, Kelley          | Kaniuk, Christine          | Odumodu, Joe                 | United Way of Oxford          |
| Darby, Helen             | Keasey, Marie              | Ostrander's Funeral Home Ltd | Whiteford, Kenneth and        |
| Dee, Carolyne            | Klien, Marty               | Randle, John                 | Lynda                         |
| DeMaiter, Dr. Urbain     | Klosler Jr., George        | Renaud, Mark                 | Wilkinson, Cyril and Janet    |
| Down, Ed                 | Klosler Sr., George        | Rosehart, Chris              | Woodstock General Hospital    |
| Eddington, Darrell       | Lawson Consulting Inc.     | Royal Bank of Canada         | Woodstock, The Corporation    |
| Elliott, Dr. Harvey      | LeRoy, Paul                | Sackrider, Ron               | of the City of                |
| Fishwick, Inez           | Lessif, Jeff and Karla     | Scrimgeour & Company         | Wormald, Gerry                |
| Frank Cowan Company Ltd  | Lessif, John and Liz       | Chartered Accountant         |                               |



### IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

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

### MEETING DONORS' NEEDS

The Oxford Community Foundation offers a wide range of options so the donor can be certain that their needs are met.

### 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.

CAS of Oxford County Fund

Dr. I. Patricia Brown Fund

Faith United Church/Operation Sharing Fund

Pat and Barry Smith Family Fund

The Oxford Manufactures for Skill Development

Scholarship Fund (OMSD)

### 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.

### 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

### 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

The Oxford County Environmental Legacy Fund  
(restricted)

### 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  
Operation Sharing

### 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.

London Community Foundation  
2001 Canada Summer Games Endowment Fund  
Harvey and Erma Beaty Donor Advised Funds

### 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 Lessif Family Fund Donor Advised  
The Joland Family Field of Interest Fund  
Ross and Fran McElroy Field of Interest Fund  
Ken and Lynda Whiteford Field of Interest Fund  
Hawkins Family Memorial Field of Interest 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 6.39%*



## OUR DONORS

The Founders' Circle was successfully completed in 2010. The following individuals and groups have become a member of this exclusive circle of supporters by making a donation of \$2,000 or more to the Oxford Community Foundation Founders' Circle.

## OUR FOUNDERS' CIRCLE

### Founding Endowment Funds

Alabastine-Wilkinson Family  
Brian and Rosemary George  
Douglas and Yvonne Eckel  
Pat and Barry Smith

John and Elizabeth Lessif  
The Joland Family  
Ken and Lynda Whiteford  
Ross and Fran McElroy  
The Hawkins Family Memorial

### Founders' Circle Members

Anonymous Donor  
Bartlett, Joan  
Cole, Jeff and Kelly  
Dorey, Byron and Bettianne Hedges  
Down, Edward  
Finlay, John B. and  
Mary Anne Silverthorn  
Mackesy, William and Mary  
MacKenzie, David and Lynda  
Macpherson, Rev. Harry and Camilla  
Martis, Carol  
Mason, Mike and Carmela  
McElroy, Dr. Ross and Frances  
McNamara, Jim and Linda  
Miettinen, Dr. Don and Lisa  
Mitchell, Jeff  
Murray, Tanya  
Ness-Jack, David and Helen  
Newell, Barbara  
Odumodu, Marie and Joseph  
Palmer, James  
Paquette, Bill and Jane

Post, Don  
Parnell, Ken and Dianne  
Pow Laboratories Inc  
Reeves, Dr. Leonard  
Scotiabank  
Hardeman, Ernie  
Harding, Michael and  
Terry Chisholm  
IODE, Wingate Raiders  
Julian, Shirley  
Lawrence, Gene and Phyllis  
LeRoy, Paul and Heidi  
Lowes, David and Sherry  
Klosler, George  
Semeniuk, Betty and Bill  
Smith, Grant  
Soloman, Evan and Tammy Quinn  
Stewart, James and Louise  
Taylor, Don and Beth  
Thorn, Ted and Mary  
Weaver, Adalene  
Wormald, Dora

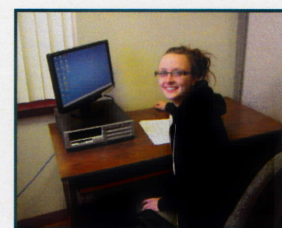
## 2010 GRANTS - \$4,400

|                                               |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Alzheimer Oxford                           | \$500.00   |
| 2. Big Brothers/Sisters Woodstock             | \$400.00   |
| 3. Woodstock Navy League                      | \$500.00   |
| 4. Canadian Harvard Aircraft Assoc.           | \$500.00   |
| 5. Fusion Centre Ingersoll                    | \$400.00   |
| 6. DASO                                       | \$500.00   |
| 7. Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre (1st time)  | \$400.00   |
| 8. Tillsonburg Senior Centre Choir (1st time) | \$400.00   |
| 9. Youth Unlimited (1st time)                 | \$400.00   |
| Total                                         | \$4,000.00 |

Transfer from the Barry and Pat Smith Fund to the Thames Valley School Board \$320.00 for a Bursary to a secondary school student in a rural setting.



Alzheimer Society of  
Oxford Pamphlet Racks



Big Brothers/Sisters  
Woodstock  
Computer



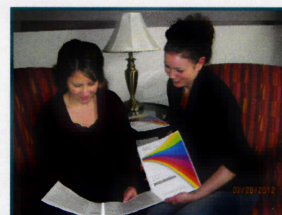
Navy League –  
Woodstock  
Purchase New Tables



Canadian Harvard Aircraft  
Association of Canada  
Purchase Training Desks



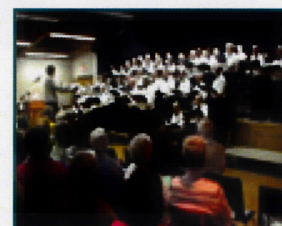
Fusion Youth Activity and  
Technological Centre –  
Ingersoll, Broadcasting  
Programming



Domestic Abuse Services  
Oxford (DASO) –  
Resource Book



Ingersoll Creative Arts  
Centre – Sponsor a Show



Tillsonburg Senior Centre  
Choir Sponsor Spring  
Show



Youth Unlimited  
Supplies for Bicycle Shop  
Program



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