

Giving Today..... Growing Forever ANNUAL REPORT 2012

# Message from the Board Chair

# Happy 10th Anniversary everyone!

The Oxford Community Foundation (OCF) was formed in 2002 with a dedicated committee led by our former Executive Director, the late Patricia Smith.

Some of those original founding members are still with

OCF as either Donors of Endowment or active on the Committees and Board of the Foundation. Thank you for your continuing vision, commitment and dedication to this great County of Oxford.

Over the last year we have experienced great working relationships with our Municipal colleagues through:

- their involvement in partnering with small groups seeking grants to allow them the mechanism to apply;
- allowing articles about OCF to run in their community magazines with excellent community response;
- the County continuing to host our Web Page.

Thanks to Oxford County Council for agreeing to allow OCF to partner with the County to host the "The Warden's Oxford County Golf Tournament" at Craigowan Golf Course last June with the proceeds going to OCF.

I wish to extend my congratulations to:

- the Lessifs for moving their Endowments to the Donor Directed Fund level (over \$50,000)
- to the Whitefords and Hawkins Family Memorial Fund for achieving the Field of Interest Category (over \$25,000)
- to the Joland Family Endowment for moving into Emerging Funds in the Field of Interest Category.

We have one fund that has grown fantastically over this year and that is the Oxford CAS Endowment Fund. This Fund moved into the Donor Advised category and has just about doubled in size this last year — well done!

With all this movement, I hope I haven't missed anyone but if I have it was unintentional!

I wish to thank my Board of Directors for their dedication and leadership over the last year. It has been a busy and demanding year and everyone made themselves available to respond to the issues facing OCF. Thank you!

To my wife Betty, a special thank you for putting up with having to do extra chores and evenings alone as I represented OCF on your behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Semeniuk President

# Message from the Executive Director



"Giving Today... Growing Forever" are the watch words of the Foundation and this year we have seen these words continue to describe the work of the Oxford Community Foundations' 10th year of operation. The Endowments have continued to grow through the work of the Oxford County Children's Aid Society, and Faith United Church's

final contribution to the Faith/Operation Sharing Endowment Fund.

This is also a year to celebrate that a number of emerging funds have met the threshold to move into active funds:

- The Oxford Children's Aid Fund has become a Donor Advised Fund
- 2. The Lessif Family Fund has become a Donor Advised Fund
- 3. The Ken and Lynda Whiteford have become a Field of Interest Fund
- 4. The Hawkins Family Memorial Fund has become a Field of Interest Fund

The role of the Executive Director is to support the work of the volunteer Board of Directors and the Committees of the Board. Once again the Foundation has been blessed with dedicated volunteers willing to provide sage advice and countless hours to ensure the work of the Foundation continues to thrive. I hope I have met their expectations to make their responsibilities easier to fulfill?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our President, Bill Semeniuk, who has made himself available to carry out the duties of President in representing the Foundation to the community, chairing efficiently the Board of Directors and sitting ex-officio on all Committees of the Foundation besides overseeing the work of the Executive Director. Bill has done an outstanding job in the role of President!

I would like to thank the hard working Board of Directors and Committee Members for their dedication to the work of the Foundation. Also, I would like to welcome Katie Cunnington to OCF as our new part time Administrative Assistant. Welcome Katie!

We are nearly at that magic figure of 1 million dollars in endowments and as the Foundation moves into its second decade of operation it will be a thrill to see us move towards our second million!

Respectfully submitted,

No.

Keith Hudson Executive Director

# A Tribute to Retiring Board Members

**Justin Byers:** Over the last year, Justin has served on both the Investment Committee and on the Board. However, due to increased personal responsibilities, he has found it necessary to step down from the Board of Directors. Justin's enthusiasm and professional knowledge will be greatly missed on the Board and we wish him all the best.

# Have you considered starting your own Endowment Fund?

Why pay Government taxes, which you have no say how these dollars are spent, when there is a way to offset these taxes and direct the use of these dollars to projects in Oxford County? If you create a Field of Interest (\$25,000) or a Donor Directed Endowment (\$50,000) where you can personally direct your interest to be used to help eligible organizations within Oxford County or leave this responsibility to OCF's Grants Committee. Don't be scared of the amount! This can be achieved by pledging to build your endowment over 5 years, and you receive a charitable tax receipt to help lower your taxes. Interested? Please contact Keith Hudson at info@oxforcommunityfoundation.org

A grant from the Cold Springs Farm Endowment, Maple Leaf Foods Inc. in memory of Harvey and Erma Beaty, administered by the London Community Foundation and recommended by OCF.



WDDS receiving a \$25,000 grant for cooler and freezer to support a community Food Basket program of fresh vegetables and fruits.



VON's Meals on Wheels and Salvation Army's Food Bank receiving cheques for \$5,000 each to purchase Freezers.

# **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.

Anne Wismer of the Oxford United Way - Accounting assistance

Carolyne Dee of CD Graphics & Design - Donated design work

**The County of Oxford -** Website hosting and support - Allowing OCF to host the Warden's Golf Tournament.

To all the Board Members and spouses that helped with the Oxford County Warden's Golf Tournament.

**To the Woodstock Theatre** for providing a an opportunity for fundraising through hosting a dress performance.

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

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

Will Prinzen, owner of Keybase Financial Centre, and ITOPA – Ingersoll – for hosting a reception and auction for OCF and to Will for sharing funds raised from Live@99 with OCF.

**RBC Staff** – for volunteering at the Warden's Golf Tournament.

**Kathy Eller of Sociable** – for maintaining our Facebook page

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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# **Board of Directors and Staff**



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Director



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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:

- cashsecurities
- securities life insurance
- bequests
- other more complex asset transfers such as property and remainder trusts

	2012		2011	
Revenues	Operating	Endowment	Operating	Endowment
Endowments, Grants,				
Donations & Fundraising	82,101	127,452	62,609	450,859
Investment Income (Loss)	1,754	40,579	1,049	(29,089)
Administration Fee Income	10,295		4,043	
	94,150	168,031	67,701	421,770
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	72,178		52,861	1771 14
Grants	18,866	2,619	2,421	1,999
Administration Fee		8,994		3,735
	91,044	11,613	55,282	5,734
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
over Expenditures	3,106	156,418	12,419	416,036
Fund Balances,				
beginning of the Year	58,885	710,280	49,266	291,444
Interfund Transfer	(14,772)	14,772	(2,800)	2,800
Fund Balances, end of the Year	47,219	881,470	58,885	710,280

## Our Donors in 2012

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

Anonymous
Ayr Farmers Mutual
Insurance Co.
Bingham, Cathy
Bowman, Dick
Bright Cheese & Butter Mfg.
BS & B Radiator
Budd, Bill
Cyril J. Demeyere
Limited Consulting Engineers
Darby, Helen
Davidson, Chris
Death, Kevin
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Emterra
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Ferro, Robin
Foster, Dan
Frank Cowan Company Ltd
George, Brian and Rosemary
Guarantee Company
of North America -
Woodstock Branch

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McLean, Scott Meyer, Esther Micacchi Warnick & Company Miettinen, Donald & Lisa Mitchell, Gerry Murray, Tanya Ness-Jack, David & Helen Norwood International Inc. Olson, Margaret Oxford Mutual Insurance Pickard, Jim Post, Donald S. Pow Consulting Engineers Pow Specialty Equipment Inc. Reeves, Dr. Leonard R. McNiven & Son Insurance Brokers Inc. Roberts, George & Lorna Roberts Onsite Royal Bank of Canada Ruppel, William Scrimgeour & Company Chartered Accountant Semenuik, Bill Shapton, Robyn

Sierra Constrution Silverthorn, Mary Anne Smith, Barry Smith, Julie Sobeski, Pat Tabor Brothers & Sons Ltd. Taylor, Elizabeth The Co-operators Funnel Insurance Group The Cowan Foundation Township of South-West Oxford Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc. Tyrrell, John **Únited Way of Oxford** Weatherston, Bill Whiteford, Kenneth & Lynda Woodstock, The Corporation of the City of Woodstock Trinity School Woolcott, Donald XCG Consultants

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS - Donations can be made in memory of family members and friends who pass 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 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.

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.

CAS of Oxford County Fund
The Lessif Family Fund Donor Advised

### **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 Ken and Lynda Whiteford Fund Hawkins Family Memorial 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
Cold Spring Farms (Maple Leaf Inc.) Endowment
Fund in memory of Harvey and Erma Beaty

### **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 Field of Interest Fund Ross and Fran McElroy Fund 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. OCF grants if interest from the Endowments is achieved in any current year and this is directly influenced by OCF's return on investments in the Stock Market

### **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

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 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

Martis. Carol Mason, Mike and Carmela McElroy, Dr. Ross and Frances

**OUR BUILDERS' CIRCLE** Edwards, Paul and Mary Ellen

Hudson, Keith & Fran

Klosler Sr., George

Lowe, Marjorie

Macpherson, Rev. Harry and Camilla

Mackesy, William and Mary

MacKenzie, David and Lynda

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

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 Semeniuk, Betty and Bill Smith, Grant Soloman, Evan and Tammy Quinn Stewart, James and Louise Taylor, Don and Beth

Parrott, Dr. Harry Post, Donald Reeves, Dr. Leonard Roberts, George and Lorna Semeniuk, Bill and Betty Silverthorn, Mary Anne

Taylor, Don and Betty

Thorn, Ted and Mary

Weaver, Adalene

Wormald, Dora

Cooking Connexion -Kitchen Supplies for a monthly Community dinner for single adults





DASO - TV and WII game

Navy League of Canada -Woodstock 30 chairs and picnic tables





Ingersoll Choral Society

Woodstock Art Gallery -"See You at the Movies





Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre Metal Sandwich Board For Advertising Centre

### Murray, Tanya Ness-Jack, David and Helen in

memory of Paul T. Ness-Jack

Mackenzie, David and Lynda

Mackesy, William and Mary

2011 GRANTS - \$3,730

1. Cooking Connexion \$500.00 2. DASO \$800.00 3. Ingersoll Choral Society \$300.00 4. Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre \$500.00 5. Navy League of Canada – Woodstock \$500.00

6. Woodstock Art Gallery – "See You at the Movies" \$300.00 7. Woodstock Fanshawe Youth Singers \$500.00 8. YMCA of Woodstock \$330.00

Total \$3,730.00



Woodstock Fanshawe Youth Singers

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