

2014 Annual Report



Mission:

Enriching
lives in
Oxford by
attracting,
promoting,
enabling
community
giving



MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR

The Oxford Community Foundation, in some ways, is the little engine that could.

While many Community Foundations begin with a large endowment and then build on that by accumulating many other smaller contributions, the Oxford Community Foundation's humble beginnings started with a group of civic-minded citizens who had a vision about how many small contributions could grow into a large endowment.

To that end, the Oxford Community Foundation is gaining steam and making its way to the top of the hill. In 2014, the accumulated endowments of many Oxford donors allowed OCF to give \$72,824.94 back to the community through a variety of worthy projects in a number of different focus areas. This is the highest granting amount we have had in the history of the Foundation.

Choosing to enter into the Community Foundation arena from this perspective hasn't been without challenges, especially in a volatile market. This is why, in 2014, the Board of Directors decided to join forces with the London Community Foundation to help mitigate the costs of money management. By working with the fund managers of the LCF and leveraging the size of fund that Foundation has, the Oxford Community Foundation was able to get a lower management fee to enable us to direct more money back into growing our endowments.

While the London Community Foundation's money managers oversee the daily activity of the funds we hold, the OCF Board of Directors and Investment Committee are still full partners. Our Board and Investment Committee receive regular reports on the performance of our funds, are in continual contact with the London Community

Foundation's financial team, and have a standing invitation to the LCF's Investment Committee.

2014 also saw changes in the staffing of the Oxford Community Foundation as December heralded the retirement of our long-serving Executive Director, Keith Hudson. While we are sad to see him go, we are also happy to know that he is embarking on a new phase in his life that will allow him more free time for personal interests.

Keith's retirement means 2015 will require us to hire a replacement. Our Board and our Personnel Committee have been reviewing staffing arrangements at other, like-sized Community Foundations in Southwestern Ontario and seeking the advice of our parent association, Community Foundations of Canada, to ensure we are following best practices in hiring the right person for the job. We are now at the point where we will be able to post for the job shortly and expect the process to continue into early summer. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please send me a note at tanyamurray@rogers.com.

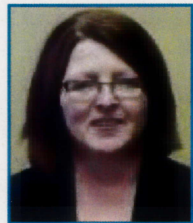
As my time with the OCF is coming to a close, and I step down as Chair of the Foundation, I want to thank all the Directors, Committee Chairs, Staff, and Donors who have made the last two years such a pleasure. I strongly believe, like the original visionaries who founded the Oxford Community Foundation, that the power of community can make big things happen and I will continue to be a big cheerleader for this little engine, that I absolutely know, can.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tanya Murray".

Tanya Murray
President

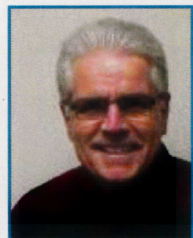
RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS



Patrice Hilderley:

Patrice has brought her professional accounting skills to the Board of Directors of OCF in assuming the challenging role

of Treasurer. Reviewing financial reports, drafting budgets and keeping the Board aware of the financial situation of the Foundation has allowed them to make informed decisions based on sound information. Further, Patrice has made herself available to staff, whether it is signing cheques or advice on how to respond to a financial issue. Beyond the financial, Patrice has brought an expertise about the community and its needs that has been vital in making informed decisions with respect to responding to grant requests.



Ken Whiteford:

OCF has experienced the privilege of having on its Board of Directors a person in Ken Whiteford, who has the history of Oxford County at his fingertips. If you

need to know a person for a job, Ken has a list of names to provide. If you need to understand the nuances of a situation, Ken has the background to allow you to back an informed discussion. If you want a person to assist with the word-smithing of a document or letter, Ken is your person. Besides these excellent qualities as a Board member, Ken has walked miles to attend meetings faithfully and assumed a leadership role within the structure of the Oxford Community Foundation. Thank you, Ken, for your commitment to the ideals of OCF and demonstrating tangibly this concept through the development of the Ken and Lynda Whiteford Field of Interest Endowment.

OCF knows that these retiring Board members will continue to be involved in the community and the County of Oxford. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED STARTING YOUR OWN NAMED ENDOWMENT FUND OR BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BUILDERS' FUND?

Join our **Builders' Fund** with a \$2,000 donation and become an elite supporter of OCF and receive ongoing recognition.

Already a Builders' Fund member? Think about transferring the balance to create a **Named Endowment**

- Named Endowments start at \$10,000 and can be built over 5 years.
- A Named Endowment within the Community Fund at \$10,000 can be built over 5 years. The Grants Committee of OCF will make the determination as to where the investment income from your fund is granted in Oxford County.
- A Field of Interest Fund starts at \$25,000 and can be built over 5 years. With this fund you direct the Grants Committee as to which area(s) of interest you wish to support in Oxford County with the investment income.
- A Donor Directed Fund of \$50,000 or more, which can be built over 5 years, allows you to have a say in which group or organization receives the investment income from your fund.
- The Capital of all these Endowment Funds will continue in perpetuity and the investment income generated from this capital will be granted on an annual basis.

If you find yourself in a taxable position and you wish you could have a say in how these dollars are spent, we can help. Why send an impersonal cheque to the Government of Canada when you can create a Named Endowment Fund with the Oxford Community Foundation and help keep these dollars in Oxford County.

Life Insurance – Community as your Beneficiary

- Life insurance provides a simple way for you to give a significant gift to charity, with tax benefits that you can enjoy during your lifetime.

Are you in a position where you have to pay Capital Gains Taxes? If you are, wouldn't you like to have a say in how those dollars are directed? A Named Endowment Fund might be your solution, especially since transferring securities; these would be eligible at the time of transfer for a charitable tax receipt at 100% of their value. For more information on building a Fund, please contact Keith Hudson, Executive Director, 519-539-7447 ext 229 or email: info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org



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

Carolynne Dee of CD Graphics & Design

donated design work

Kate Brown of RBC Dominion Securities

Vijay Venkatesan of the London Community Foundation

Don MacKay - Warden of Oxford County

on going support

The County of Oxford

website hosting and support – allowing OCF to host the Warden's Golf Tournament

At The Office

for hosting the Random Acts of Kindness Day in November and the RAK Committee Members

MW & Co.

audit preparation

Barry & Rita Hutt, Fern Woolcott, Rosemary George, Don Taylor, Fran Hudson, Ken Whiteford, Board Members

for volunteering at the Oxford County Warden's Golf Tournament

Bonnie Ward and the Town of Ingersoll

for the Oxford County 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF



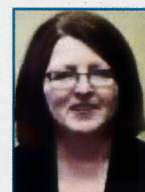
Tanya Murray

Chair, Board
Chair, Media/
Marketing Cttee.



Rosemary George

Secretary
Chair, Fund Dev. Cttee



Patrice Hilderley

Treasurer



Liz Lessif

Director



Jim Pickard

Chair, Investment Cttee



Bill Semeniuk

Past Chair



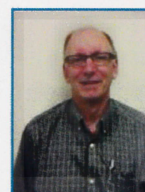
Mary Anne Silverthorn

Chair, Grant Cttee.



Ken Whiteford

Director



Don Woolcott

Vice Chair



Kelly Gilson

Ex-Officio
United Way of Oxford



Keith Hudson

Executive Director

THE ONTARIO
TRILLIUM
FOUNDATION



LA FONDATION
TRILLIUM
DE L'ONTARIO



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATIONS
OF CANADA
all for community.



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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Registered Charities Number: 89481 8103 RR0001

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

Please see insert

NEW KITCHEN AND PATIO FOR FUSION



Picture courtesy of the Ingersoll Times

Board Chair, Tanya Murray, of the Oxford Community Foundation, was proud to be part of the ribbon cutting ceremony held on Friday, March 27 in Ingersoll. The ceremony celebrated the grant opening of the new kitchen and patio facilities for the youth centre.

Tanya attending the ceremony on behalf of the Harvey and Erma Beaty Cold Springs Endowment Fund, which gave \$17,500 towards the project.

The new kitchen and café are now fully accessible and barrier-free and will allow up to 15 people to work together at once.



OUR DONORS IN 2014

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

Anonymous	Markle, Wilma
Apple Homes	Mayberry, Tom
Aquilina, Dave	McArthur, Wendy
Avey, Ron & Marie	McDonald, Drew
Billard, Rod	McLaren, Sean
Bright's Cheese	McSpadden, Ruth
Brown, Alex	Meek, Bill
Cabral, Cynthia	Murray, Tanya
Community Living Tillsonburg	Ness-Jack, David & Helen
Cunnington, Kent	Norjohn Contracting
Cyril J. Demeyer Limited	Overveld, Marg
Curry, Vi	Oxford Mutual Insurance
DeCoo, Tony	Oxford Sand & Gravel
Dineen, Peter	Parkinson, Peter
DonFer Farms	Pickard, Jim
Edwards, Paul & Mary Ellen	PPA Engineering
E & E McLaughlin	Reibling, Keith
Emterra Environmental	R.J. Burnside & Associates Ltd.
ERTH	Roberts, Bill
ESRI	Roberts, George & Lorna
Frank Cowan Company Ltd.	Scimgeour & Company
Glass, Joyce	Shearer, Geri
Graf, Marty	Sierra Construction
Hansen, Inga & Family	Spriet Associates
Harrington, Brian	Sobeski, Pat
Hinnigan, Mary Lyn	Tabor Brothers & Sons Ltd.
Horton, Sharon	Taylor, Don & Beth
Hudson, Keith & Fran	Town of Ingersoll
Kaniuk, Christine	Town of Tillsonburg
Kilgour, Angie	Transarctic Canada
K. Smart Associates	Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc.
Lahey, Sandra	Unifor Local 88
Larder, Diane	Way, George
Lawson, Art	Weatherston, Bill
Lawson Consulting	Whiteford, Ken & Lynda
Lessif, Jason	Woolcott, Don
Lessif, Liz & John	XCG Consultants
MacKenzie, David	

Memorial Donations were received in memory of:
*Ken Bartlam Marjorie Lowe Jean McClintock Elizabeth Rutledge
Marion Smith Linda Van Winden*

Donations were received in celebration for:
Cathy Bingham – retirement Gene Lawrence - retirement

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 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
Lorna & George Roberts Donor Advised Fund

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 Memorial Fund
Faith United Church/Operation Sharing Fund
Frank and Marion Smith Fund
Pat and Barry Smith Family Fund
The Oxford Manufactures for Skill Development Scholarship Fund (OMSD)

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
Ross and Fran McElroy 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
Henning Hansen Memorial Fund
The Oxford County Environmental Legacy Fund (restricted)
Founders' Circle Fund
Builders' Circle Fund

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 Dawn Dennison Family Donor Advised 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 investment income currently generated through this type of fund is directed back to the named charity.

The Children's Aid Society of Oxford County Operation Sharing Hawkins Family Fund

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

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.

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.

FOUNDING ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Alabastine-Wilkinson Family
Brian & Rosemary George
Douglas & Yvonne Eckel
Pat & Barry Smith
John & Elizabeth Lessif
The Joland Family
Ken & Lynda Whiteford
Ross & Fran McElroy
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
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
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
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

BUILDERS' CIRCLE MEMBERS

Edwards, Paul and Mary Ellen
Hudson, Keith & Fran
Klosler Sr., George
Lowe, Marjorie
Mackenzie, David and Lynda
Mackesy, William and Mary
Miettinen, Donald and Lisa
Murray, Tanya
Ness-Jack, David and Helen
in memory of Paul T. Ness-Jack

Parrott, Dr. Harry
Post, Donald
PPA Engineering
Reeves, Dr. Leonard
Roberts, George and Lorna
Semeniuk, Bill and Betty
Silverthorn, Mary Anne
Taylor, Don and Betty
Whiteford, Ken and Lynda

ANNOUNCING A JOINT FUND RAISING PROJECT WITH WOODSTOCK AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (WDDS)

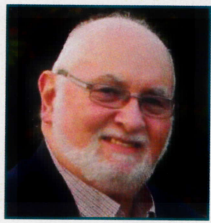
*Night of
HEROES*

AN
EVENING
OF FOOD,
FASHION
& FUN!



An evening of recognizing the Heroes in our Community!
October 19th, 2015 at Cowan Park
Music, Food, Silent Auction, Fun

Want to be involved? Volunteer for the Committee Help sponsor the evening. For more information, please contact the O.C.F. Office at, 519-539-7447 ext 229 or email: info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org



GOOD-BYE, KEITH

In December, Keith Hudson retired from the position of Executive Director of the Oxford Community Foundation. While, as a Board, we were happy that Keith would be able to spend more time with his friends and family, and pursue personal interests, we were also sad to see him go as he was a great asset to our organization.



During the time Keith spent with us, he was instrumental in securing the Warden's Golf Tournament as an annual fundraiser and a driving force behind its yearly success. Keith also spearheaded our highly successful Mayor's Roast which emphasized the "fun" in fundraiser and our entertaining Christmas Carol entry into the County parades.

As an advocate for the Oxford Community Foundation, Keith spend many hours out in our community, educating the public, financial advisors, estate lawyers and other organizations about the advantages of creating endowments and how contributions to the OCF could leave a lasting legacy through perpetual giving. This effort resulted in strong growth in our held endowments – to the benefit of our community.

On behalf of the Boards of Oxford Community Foundation, both past and present, and all who have been fortunate enough to work with Keith during his tenure at OCF, we say "Thank You" for your hard work and dedication to the concept of Foundations. Your work with the OCF touched many lives in our County in the most positive way.

Now it's your time for a little R&R – enjoy!



SCHOLARSHIPS

Lorna and George Roberts Scholarship - \$2000
D. Karn, College Avenue Secondary School

Pat & Barry Smith Scholarship (\$500 each)
S. Cameron, Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute
A. Coghill, Woodstock Collegiate Institute
T. Prudholme, Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute

Hawkins Family Memorial Bursaries
D. Buglass, Ingersoll District Collegiate Inst. - \$619.57
C. Hallihan, St. Mary's Catholic S.S., Woodstock - \$619.57
T. Myers, St. Michael's Catholic Element. School - \$123.91
Woodstock Minor Hockey Association - \$1,115.23



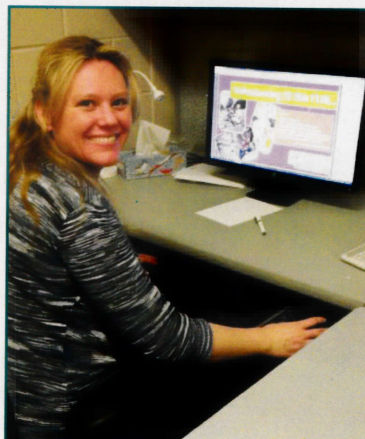
GRANTS

2001 Canada Summer Games Endowment Fund
Special Olympics Ontario, Woodstock –\$1900
Awards Night

Alabastine-Wilkinson Fund
Fusion Youth Activity & Technology Centre, Ingersoll
"Learn to Run" program equipment & shoes - \$1000

Tillsonburg Senior Centre – \$500
Materials for table tennis and darts programs

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ingersoll, Tillsonburg & Area
New computer & software - \$1000



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Oxford Drug Awareness Committee – \$300
Train the Trainer

VON Oxford – \$900
Computer for Sakura House medical staff

Dr. I. Patricia Brown Memorial Fund
Knox Presbyterian Church - \$7,775

Eckel Fund
Jr. Achievement of London & District – \$1000
"Economics for Success" program in Woodstock

Alzheimer Society of Oxford – \$991.74
Two iPads for memory and mind
strengthening programs



South Gate Centre
New directional signage - \$900



Brian & Rosemary George Cultural Fund
Ingersoll Choral Society - \$1000
Rent and related expenses for
January Dinner Theatre

Friends of Otterville Park
Repairs to the Cenotaph - \$500

Woodstock Art Gallery – \$600
Chairs for "See You @ the Movies"

Joland Fund
Cowan Park – \$1000 Enhance walking
track with photos and motivational quotes



Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre – \$500
Upgrade computer software



Lessif Family Fund
Children's Aid Society of Oxford - \$1000
Infant mattress and crib program

Tillsonburg Little School
Playground equipment - \$900

Rolph St. School
Snack program - \$500

Jr. Achievement of London & District - \$1000
"Learning by Doing" program in Tillsonburg



Ross & Fran McElroy Fund - \$2,338.00
Theatre Woodstock - \$50.55
Thistle Theatre (Embro) - \$500
VON Oxford Foundation (Sakura House) - \$500
Domestic Abuse Services – Oxford - \$500
Woodstock Museum - \$500
Woodstock Public Art Gallery Mem.
Trust Fund - \$287.45
Operation Sharing Fund - \$15,249.00

Oxford County Environmental Legacy Fund

Stewardship Oxford - \$864
Mowing mtce. of a reforestation project on the
Thames River Flood Plain between Woodstock
and Beachville

Frank and Marion Smith Fund
Operation Sharing - \$670

Ken & Lynda Whiteford Fund
Ingersoll & District Nature Club -
\$1183.70

Domestic Abuse Services Oxford - \$750
Triple basketball net

Navy League of Canada - Woodstock –
\$500 Whiteboard for classrooms



Oxford Community Foundation
Community Fund - \$525.55

Harvey & Erma Beaty Cold Springs Endowment

Cold Springs Farm Fund, a member of
Maple Leaf Foods; a fund established in
honour of Harvey and Erma Beaty; held
within London Community Foundation
and granted in Oxford County by the
Oxford Community Foundation.

Fusion Youth Activity & Technology
Centre, Ingersoll - \$17,500

Kitchen and patio renovations

Habitat for Humanity Heartland - \$2,850
Kitchen cupboards & appliances for
Woodstock build

Tillsonburg Senior Centre - \$1,150
Cooking and nutrition workshop series
for seniors

**Total Grants
& Scholarships**
(Including Cold Springs Farms
Fund - Maple Leaf Inc.)
for 2014
\$72,824.94