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\$48,945 GRANTED IN HONOUR OF THE LATE HARVEY AND ERMA BEATY

WOODSTOCK – Friday, August 9, 2024 – Oxford Community Foundation granted \$48,945 from The Maple Leaf Community Fund in honour of Harvey & Erma Beaty. Maple Leaf Foods is a national corporation with local roots. The company's rich history traces back more than 100 years through the amalgamation of some of Canada's most notable food companies. This fund honours the late Harvey and Erma Beaty. Harvey founded Cold Springs Farm in Thamesford in 1949 and shepherded Cold Springs' growth from a small farm to a major agri-food enterprise, which eventually became part of Maple Leaf Foods.

"We at Oxford Community Foundation fondly remember the farm and the Beatys. Harvey was known for his business acumen, his concern for the environment and his tremendous generosity," said Louise Wardrop, Executive Director at Oxford Community Foundation. "He would be proud to know of the immense good grants from this fund established for his employees in 1994 continue to make in our community."

The \$48,945 granted is supporting the capital purchases of food security programs at the following organizations:

- \$17,935 to VON for student nutrition programs at Oxford County elementary schools
- \$6,300 to Multi-Service Centre in Tillsonburg for their Frozen Meals on Wheels Program
- \$5,825 to United Way Oxford to help equip a kitchen in a new transitional home in Ingersoll
- \$5,275 to South Gate Centre to support their Meals for Seniors program
- \$5,110 to Dayspring Pregnancy & Family Support Centre for their Baby Brunch Crockpot Meal Preparation program
- \$5,000 to Youth Unlimited YFC Woodstock to support The Table program for high school students
- \$3,500 to Cycles of Life to support their food rescue program

About Oxford Community Foundation (OCF)

OCF helps people leave a legacy in Oxford, to make it a better place. OCF invests and grants funds wisely and provides individuals and organizations the opportunity to target their areas of interest. OCF grants to all aspects of our community including Arts & Culture, Education, the Environment, Heritage, Recreation, Health & Wellness and Social Services. One of 207 community foundations across Canada, OCF is the only community foundation that serves all of Oxford County.



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