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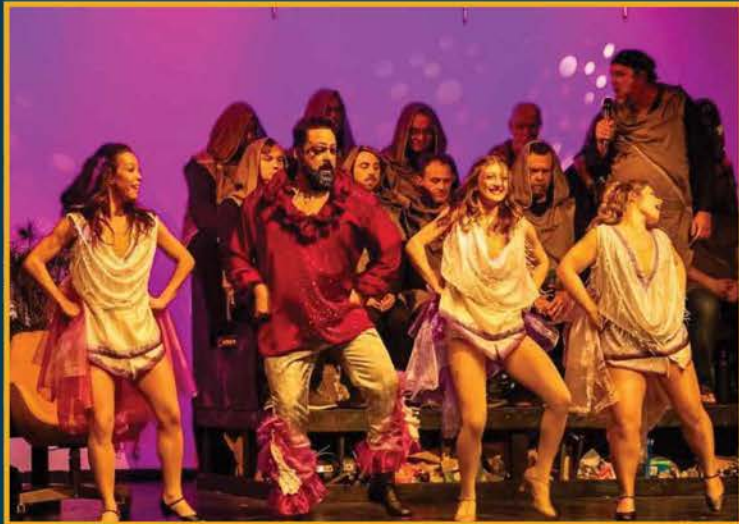


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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

At Oxford Community Foundation, we believe that strong communities are built through the collective generosity of the people who call Oxford home. In 2025, that belief came to life in powerful and meaningful ways — and we are proud to share what your trust and investment made possible.

OCF awarded **\$254,978 in grants** to 14 students and 38 local charities, reaching every municipality across Oxford County. From arts and culture to health and wellness, education, the environment, social services, sports and recreation, and heritage — our grants touched the full fabric of what makes a community vibrant and resilient.

We also welcomed **three remarkable new funds** into our growing family, each reflecting the unique values and vision of their founders. The Wilkinson Family Fund deepens an already generous legacy of community giving, directing support toward organizations near and dear to their hearts and in support of those in greatest need. The Montclair Community Fund represents a couple's heartfelt commitment to give back to the community that

has given so much to them — a fund they will build and grow over time. And Planet Youth Oxford brings together a coalition of dedicated community partners committed to improving the health and wellbeing of our young people through a locally led, data-driven, and collaborative approach. Each of these funds is a testament to the spirit of generosity that defines Oxford County.

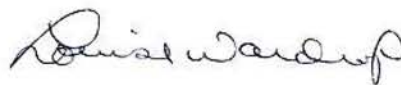
Behind the scenes, we have also been doing the important work of building the infrastructure to serve our community with excellence for decades to come. We implemented **integrated systems** for granting, finance, customer and event management — a significant step forward in how we operate and serve our donors and charity partners. We strengthened our **board governance** and welcomed **Jen Weicker** as our Office and Grants Coordinator, bringing with her an extraordinary 24 years of experience in our local social service sector. Jen's knowledge of our community is invaluable, and we are thrilled to have her leading our grants program into its next chapter.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, fundholders, grant recipients, volunteers, and community partners who make this work possible. Together, we are not just responding to community needs — we are investing in solutions and building a stronger Oxford for everyone.

Thank you for being part of this story.



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COMMUNITY IMPACT



At Oxford Community Foundation, we measure success not in dollars granted, but in lives touched and communities strengthened. In 2025, OCF awarded \$254,978 in grants to 14 students and 38 local charities — reaching every municipality across Oxford County and supporting the full spectrum of what makes a community thrive: arts and culture, education, the environment, health and wellness, social services, sports and recreation, and heritage.

Behind every grant is a story. A student whose potential is unlocked. A family that finds stability. A green space preserved for generations to come. These are not statistics — they are neighbours, and they are the reason we do this work.

Our local legacy funds ensure that Oxford generosity stays in Oxford, with \$208,278 granted through 43 local funds. And through our partnership funds — the Canada Summer Games Fund and the Maple Leaf Community Fund in honour of Harvey and Erma Beaty — an additional \$46,700 was brought into our community to support vital food security programs. Together, these grants reflect a foundation that is both rooted in Oxford County and reaching beyond it on Oxford's behalf.

SOCIAL SERVICES

**Building a safety net.
Strengthening community.**

STICH SUPPER CLUB – THE F.O.O.D. PROJECT

- \$3,450 from the William & Mary Mackesy Fund
- \$5,000 from the Cheryl & Peter Evans Fund

Grants secured by this initiative helped purchase a walk-in freezer — the quiet engine at the heart of a growing food redistribution movement. Every week, that freezer stores hundreds of pounds of rescued food, and community groups across the county draw from it to stock shelves, fill hampers, prepare meals, and feed students, seniors, and families who need it most. It is a practical piece of equipment doing extraordinary work.

But the freezer is only one part of the story.

What began as a simple conversation about food security has grown into one of Oxford County's most inspiring examples of community collaboration. In February 2025, a casual “we should work together” exchange with Steve Tait sparked an idea that quickly became a movement — one rooted in food redistribution, dignity, and the belief that every neighbour deserves access to support.

By September, that idea had found a physical home. Through a remarkable act of generosity, General Motors donated warehouse space for the next ten years for just \$1. That warehouse — anchored by the walk-in freezer those grants made possible — became far more than a building. It became a hub of hope, teamwork, and sustained action.

Today, that collaboration is creating meaningful impact across Oxford County every single week.

In Woodstock, Ingersoll, Thamesford, Tillsonburg, and even a stocked cupboard in Brownsville, food is reaching families, seniors, students, and individuals who need it most. More than 20 food hampers are regularly delivered to seniors experiencing food insecurity, while Personal Support Workers bring groceries directly into the homes of those receiving care — ensuring support reaches people where they are, not just where they can travel.

The initiative has also recognized that accessibility matters just as much as availability. A new Saturday morning food table at the Adam Oliver Co-op allows community members to shop for what they need on their own terms —



a meaningful option for individuals and families who work during traditional food bank hours.

One of the most quietly powerful partnerships has taken shape inside local schools. IDCI and St. Mary's Secondary School created student pantries called "The Closet," where students can access food and essentials with dignity and without stigma. Teachers keep the shelves stocked using supplies drawn from the warehouse, and the initiative also purchases food for snack programs in three Ingersoll elementary schools — helping ensure students can focus on learning rather than hunger.

And the impact keeps growing.

Every Thursday, STICH Supper Club serves meals to approximately 250 people — providing not just nourishment, but connection and a sense of community. Plans are also underway to offer summer lunches for

youth three days a week throughout the summer months and over the Christmas holidays, bridging the gap when school meal programs go quiet.

This initiative is proof that solving community challenges takes more than resources — it takes relationships. It takes organizations willing to share ideas, volunteers willing to show up, and communities willing to care for one another.

What started as a conversation has become a county-wide collaboration rooted in compassion, dignity, and hope. And at the centre of it all — humming quietly in a donated warehouse — is a freezer full of rescued food, waiting to become someone's next meal.

Together, these partners are not just redistributing food. They are strengthening community, one meal, one hamper, and one neighbour at a time.

More Social Services Grants

ORGANIZATION/INITIATIVE	Fund	Amount
Cycles of Life - Community Outreach Tables	Maple Leaf Community Fund	\$1,000
Dayspring Family Support Centre	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$15,000
Domestic Abuse Services Oxford - Children & Family Programming	Cheryle & Peter Evans Fund	\$5,000
Ingamo Homes	Ross & Fran McElroy Fund	\$500
Ingersoll Services for Senior - Meal & Baking Prep	William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund	\$1,200
Operation Sharing	Faith United Church - Operation Sharing Fund	\$ 9,000
	Frank & Marion Smith Fund	\$400
	Anonymous	\$1,000
South Gate Centre	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$5,000
The Children's Aid Society of Oxford County	Children's Aid Society of Oxford County FHFO	\$1,285
	Children's Aid Society of Oxford County Fund	\$9,700
	Ross & Fran McElroy Fund	\$500
	Alabastine-Wilkinson Fund	\$2,400
The Youth Leadership Program	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$600
United Way Oxford	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$5,000
	Lessif Family Fund	\$1,500
	Norwich Township Community Fund	\$450
	Oxford County Youth Fund	\$800

EDUCATION

Unlocking potential. Opening doors.

HURON PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL – SENIOR ELECTRICAL CLASS

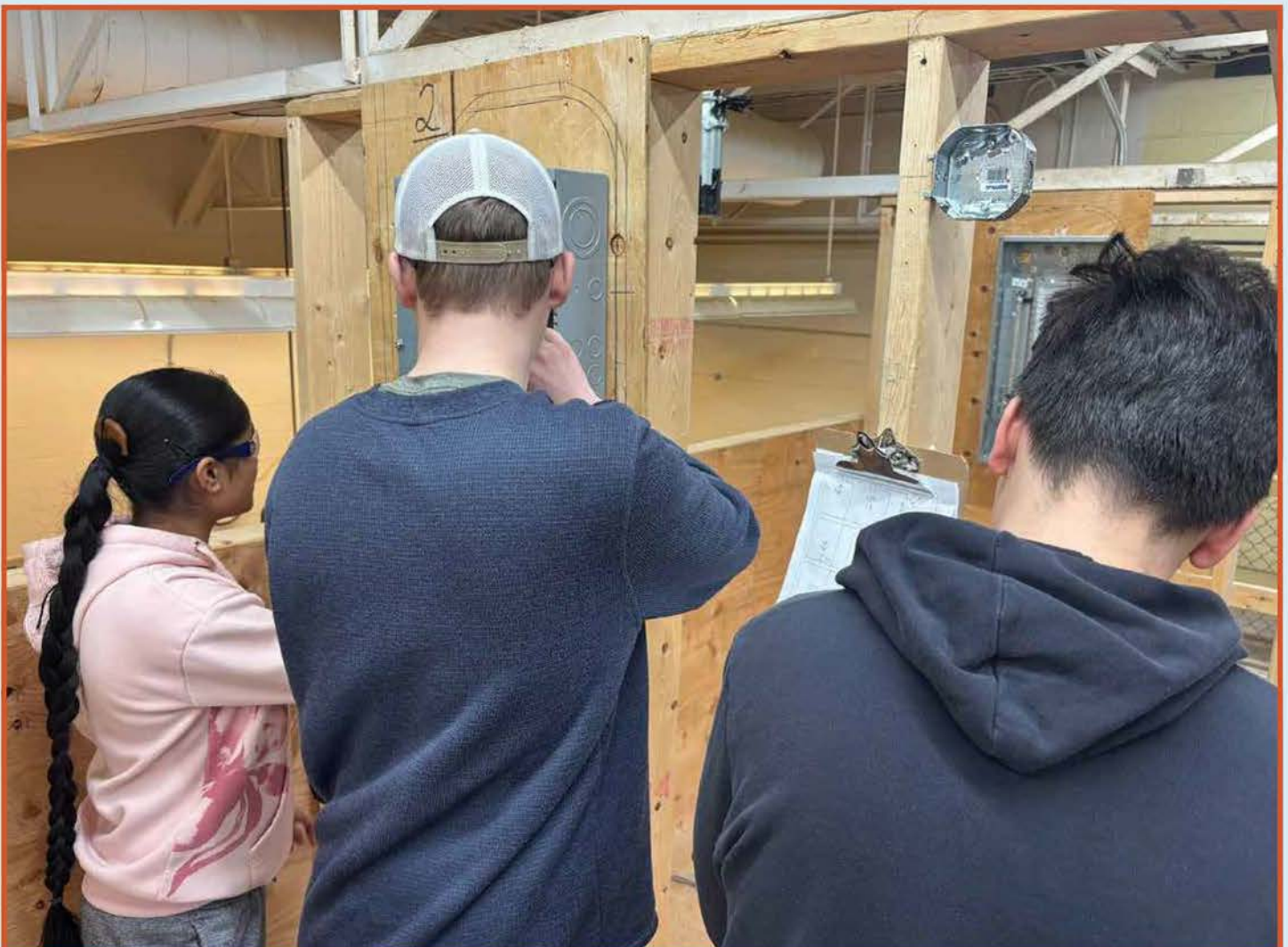
• \$1,500 from the Donald Post Community Fund

There is a new kind of energy running through the halls of Huron Park Secondary School — and it is coming straight from the Senior Electrical Class.

Led by teacher Derek Belore, this hands-on program is giving Grade 11 and 12 students the opportunity to step directly into the world of skilled trades through practical, real-world learning. Inside the shop classroom, students are doing far more than reading textbooks. They are learning how electricity powers homes and communities while building the skills,

confidence, and knowledge that can launch lifelong careers. From electrical safety and proper tool use to wiring outlets, reading electrical plans, troubleshooting systems, and navigating Ontario building codes — students are learning by doing, one project at a time.

With support from the Donald Post Community Fund grant, the program was able to purchase the essential equipment and supplies needed to transform the classroom into a fully interactive learning environment. Electrical panels, fire panels, programming panels, wiring, switches, and outlets now give students direct, hands-on experience with the tools and systems they will encounter in the field.





And the program is only getting started. The next phase will see students working within newly drywalled practice spaces — pulling wiring through walls, installing switches and outlets, connecting ceiling fans and light fixtures, and completing full residential electrical setups from start to finish. These realistic training environments are helping students bridge the gap between classroom learning and careers that are in high demand across Ontario.

Programs like this are more than technical education. They are pathways to opportunity — helping young people discover their potential, explore apprenticeships and post-secondary options, and build futures in the skilled trades. At Oxford Community Foundation, we believe that investing in hands-on learning is investing in the strength and prosperity of our communities. The Senior Electrical Class at Huron Park is proof of what becomes possible when the right support meets the right idea.

More Education Grants

ORGANIZATION/INITIATIVE	Fund	Amount
Bursary - Bronwyn Turvey	Oxford Manufacturers Skill Development Fund	\$ 1,500
Bursary - Femke op den Kelder	Pat & Barry Smith Family Fund	\$ 1,000
Bursary - Fiona McMahon	WDDS Rosemary George Bursary Fund	\$ 500
Bursary - Grant Chesney	Lorna & George Roberts Fund	\$ 2,000
Bursary - Heidi Chambers	Klosler Family Fund	\$ 1,900
Bursary - Kate-Lynn Morin	Pat & Barry Smith Family Fund	\$ 1,000
Bursary - Lily Lee	Joland Family Fund	\$ 300
Bursary - Priya Meekel	Klosler Family Fund	\$ 1,900
Bursary - William Anger	Pat & Barry Smith Family Fund	\$ 1,000
Cassandra Hawkins Bursary - Katherine Goulart	Hawkins Family Memorial Fund	\$ 300
Junior Achievement South Western Ontario - Success Starts Here Program	William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund	\$ 1,200
	Woodstock Chamber of Commerce Community Fund	\$ 3,800
Laurie Hawkins Bursary - Zach Brouwer	Hawkins Family Memorial Fund	\$ 300
Oxford County Libraries	Oxford County Library Fund	\$ 600
Strong Start Charitable Organizations - Letters, Words & Sounds	William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund	\$ 5,000
Thames Valley DSB - Huron Park S. S - Electrical Program	Donald Post Fund	\$ 1,400
	Wayne McKay Youth Leadership Development Fund	\$ 1,500
United Way Oxford - Supplies4Students	Lessif Family Fund	\$ 800
WCI Developmental Educational Work Experience	Maple Leaf Community Fund	\$ 4,183



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Investing in the well-being of our people

KIWANIS CLUB OF INGERSOLL – INGERSOLL KEY PUTT

- \$2,000 from Tyler Arts Memorial Fund
- \$1,000 from William & Mary Mackesy Fund

There's something wonderfully nostalgic about mini putt.

The clang of a golf ball against a metal obstacle. The quiet competitiveness between grandparents and grandchildren. The triumphant celebration after a wildly lucky hole-in-one that absolutely involved more luck than skill — despite what anyone claims.

At the Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll Key Putt there is something just as meaningful: a community project quietly creating opportunity, belonging, and leadership for local youth.

This summer, three students are taking the reins at Key Putt — managing everything from groundskeeping and league play to social media, marketing, and financial operations. For two of the Grade 10 students, it's their very first job. For Jordan, a dedicated Key Club member, it's another step in growing as a young leader before becoming Vice President next year.

And they are not simply “working the course.” They are shaping it.

Thanks in part to support from the Oxford Community Foundation through the Tyler Arts Memorial Fund and the William & Mary Mackesy Fund, the students have received First Aid & CPR certification, WHMIS training, as well as High Five inclusion, Keeping Girls in Sports

(Respect in Sport), Coaching Athletes with a Disability, Creating a Positive Sport Environment, Intercultural Skills in Sport, Coach Initiation in Sport training – equipping them with skills that extend far beyond the mini putt greens.

Meanwhile, the course itself is being transformed into a celebration of Ingersoll's identity and history. New themed obstacles will honour local landmarks, festivals, and familiar names – from the Carnegie Library silhouette to tributes inspired by the Artemis, Ella Shelton, and the beloved Cheese & Wine Festival.

The result is a space that feels unmistakably local.

A place where community stories are literally built into the course.

And perhaps the most beautiful part? Everyone is invited to play.

The Key Putt leagues include children, teens, adults, seniors, and an all-abilities program designed to ensure no one feels left out.

Accessibility remains central to the project's mission. Even with rising costs, admission increased by only one dollar this year, keeping the experience affordable for families and individuals across the community.

Around the edges of the greens, Kiwanis members quietly continue doing what community builders do best – setting up gazebos, adding picnic tables, creating shaded gathering spaces, and making sure there is always room for people to linger a little longer.

Because in the end, Key Putt is not really about mini golf.

It's about first jobs.

First leadership opportunities.



Shared spaces.

Community pride.

And those small summer moments that somehow become the memories people carry for years.

Sometimes impact looks like a grand gesture.

And sometimes it looks like a tiny golf ball disappearing into the 18th hole while three teenagers run the whole place with pride.

More Health & Wellness Grants

ORGANIZATION/INITIATIVE	Fund	Amount
Alexandra Marine General Hospital Foundation	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$500
CASS Nutrition Program	Maple Leaf Community Fund	\$800
Indwell Community Homes - Food Prep Skills Program	Maple Leaf Community Fund	\$14,000
Ingersoll Services for Senior - Lunch program & cooking classes	Maple Leaf Community Fund	\$10,022
Operation Sharing - Sharing Table	Maple Leaf Community Fund	\$4,709
Oxford Community Health Centre - Garden to Home	Maple Leaf Community Fund	\$3,386
Township of Zorra - Multi-Use Courts	Thamesford Lawn Bowling Legacy Fund	\$2,000
	William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund	\$3,000
Transition to Less Waste - Community Gardens	Maple Leaf Community Fund	\$3,200
Victorian Order of Nurses	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$1,000
VON - Ontario Student Nutrition Program	Maple Leaf Community Fund	\$2,200

THE ENVIRONMENT

Protecting what makes Oxford beautiful — for generations to come

THAMES TALBOT LAND TRUST – NEW NATURE AREA AT CAMP SHEGARDAYNOU

- \$400 from the Oxford Environmental Fund
- \$450 from the Bill & Wilma Farr Fund
- \$1,950 from the William & Mary Mackesy Fund
- \$2,200 from the Ken & Lynda Whiteford Fund
- \$5,000 from the Stevens Fund

Some places become woven into the story of a community so deeply that simply hearing their name can unlock a lifetime of memories.

For many people across Oxford County, Camp Shegadaynou is one of those places.

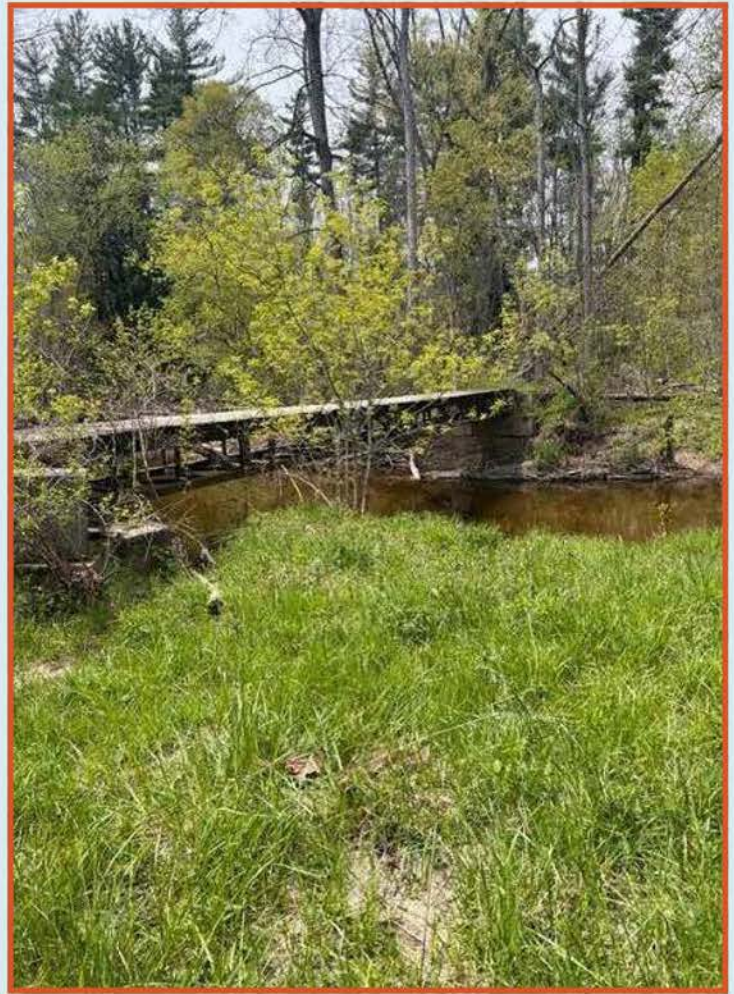
Long before it became known as Sycamore Valley, the 52-acre property near Princeton was where generations of children discovered independence, friendship, adventure, and a connection to the natural world. Campfires crackled late into summer evenings, trails echoed with laughter, and jamborees brought together young people from across the region to create memories that would last decades.

This year, thanks to a powerful partnership led by Thames Talbot Land Trust and supported by the Oxford Community Foundation, those memories — and the land itself — will be protected forever.

Through contributions from the Stevens Fund, Bill & Wilma Farr Fund, Oxford Environmental Fund, Ken & Lynda Whiteford Fund, and the William & Mary Mackesy Fund, the Foundation helped support the permanent conservation of the former camp property, located within the provincially significant Horner Creek Wetland Complex.

The land is ecologically remarkable. Nestled within Ontario's Carolinian Zone, the site contains thriving wetlands, mature forests, and vital wildlife corridors that support numerous species and connect natural habitats increasingly threatened by development. Protecting this space means preserving biodiversity, strengthening environmental resilience, and ensuring future generations continue to have access to nature close to home.





But what makes this story especially meaningful is the emotional connection so many people have to the land. While touring the property alongside the Talbot Land Trust team, even a member of the Oxford Community Foundation staff experienced an unexpected moment of recognition. Standing among the abandoned Scout buildings and open fields, memories suddenly came rushing back. As a child, she had camped there as a Brownie and Girl Guide, attending jamborees and exploring the very same trails now being protected. It was a moment of pure nostalgia — one mirrored by countless others in the community. Again and again, people shared stories of Camp Shegadaynou: first camping trips, lifelong friendships,

muddy boots, canoe rides, songs around the fire, and formative childhood adventures. The land had quietly become part of Oxford County’s collective memory. Today, the vision for the newly named Sycamore Valley honours both the ecological and emotional importance of the property. Thames Talbot Land Trust is developing stewardship plans to restore trails, improve safe access across Horner Creek, create gathering spaces, and collaborate with community partners to ensure the land continues to welcome future generations. Because conservation is about more than protecting land. It is about protecting the places that shape us, connect us, and remind us where we belong.

More Environment Grants

ORGANIZATION/INITIATIVE	Fund	Amount
Oxford County Trails Council - EMS/911 Trail Signs	Dolson Family Fund	\$400
	Oxford Rural Fund	\$500
	Ross & Fran McElroy Fund	\$500
	William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund	\$100

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

Fuelling creativity, honouring our past, and enriching the community we share

OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY – GATHER AND REMEMBER, SENIORS CONNECTION PROGRAM

• \$1,000 from Oxford Rural Fund

As Oxford County continues to grow and evolve, so too does the desire to stay connected to the stories that shaped it. Thanks to support from the Oxford Community Foundation's Oxford Rural Fund, the Oxford Historical Society is ensuring those stories are not only preserved — but experienced in ways that spark connection, conversation, and even cherished memories.

With a membership of nearly 80 people and growing interest from residents across the region, the Society is experiencing a resurgence in community engagement. Local history is becoming more than a record of the past; it is becoming a bridge between generations.

A \$1,000 grant from the Oxford Rural Fund provided the Society with new presentation equipment, including a projector and HDMI technology, opening the door to a more dynamic and mobile approach to programming. Through a valued partnership with Chartwell Oxford Gardens, the Society has been able to bring local history directly to residents in an engaging and meaningful way.

One presentation, Memories of the Milkman, proved especially powerful.

As images and stories of home milk delivery filled the



room, something remarkable happened. The simple sound of clinking milk bottles triggered vivid recollections among audience members — particularly for those living with memory loss or dementia. Residents began sharing memories of waiting for the horse and buggy to arrive, checking the milk box built into the side of their family home, and greeting the milkman at the door. For a moment, history was no longer something distant or archived; it became personal, emotional, and alive.

The new equipment has also allowed the Society to expand its reach beyond a single venue, taking presentations “on the road” and weaving together stories that celebrate the people, places, and traditions that define Oxford County.

Upcoming programs such as Growing Stronger Together: A Celebration of Oxford County's Past, Oxford Local History Day, and the Memorial Celebration of Joseph Whiteside Boyle – King of the Klondike – Saviour of Romania continue to build excitement and community pride.

Through storytelling, shared memories, and a passion for preserving local heritage, the Oxford Historical Society is reminding residents that history is not just about the past — it is about belonging, connection, and understanding the roots that continue to shape the community today.

More Arts, Culture & Heritage Grants

ORGANIZATION/INITIATIVE	Fund	Amount
Ingersoll Choral Society - Voice Teacher Workshop	William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund	\$1,000
K2K Productions Inc.	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$41,350
Stratford Festival Endowment Foundation	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$1,000
The Plattsville & District Heritage Society - Accessibility Ramp	Doug & Yvonne Eckel Fund	\$850
	Henning Hansen Memorial Fund	\$1,400
	Joland Family Fund	\$400
	Martis-Drisdell Fund	\$300
	William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund	\$3,050
Theatre Woodstock - Live Orchestra for Jesus Chris Superstar	B&R George Cultural Fund	\$3,400
	Ross & Fran McElroy Fund	\$500
	William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund	\$1,100

SPORTS & RECREATION

Building stronger, healthier, more connected communities

ORGANIZATION/INITIATIVE	Fund	Amount
Athletic Spirit Award - Abigail Greenwood	Tyler Arts Memorial Fund	\$500
Athletic Spirit Award - Kolton Stewart	Tyler Arts Memorial Fund	\$500
Special Olympics Woodstock	Canada Summer Games Fund	\$3,200
	Heroes Among Us Fund	\$850
	William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund	\$950
Township of Zorra - Free Skate Sundays	Thamesford Lawn Bowling Fund (Free Skate)	\$2,143
Township of Zorra - Lions Park	Thamesford Lawn Bowling Fund (Lions Club)	\$5,000
Woodstock Minor Hockey - Just Try It Program	Hawkins Family Memorial Fund	\$550

GRANTS IN OTHER CATEGORY

ORGANIZATION/INITIATIVE	Fund	Amount
Innerkip Hope Church Inc.	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$21,500
Knox Presbyterian Church	Dr. I. Patricia Brown Fund	\$3,900
Lyndoch Evergreen Cemetery	Joland Family Fund	\$200
The Great Commission Foundation	Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund	\$2,000



THE HEROES AMONG US

Every community has them — the quiet doers, the steady volunteers, the neighbours who show up without being asked. The Heroes Among Us Fund was established to celebrate exactly these people: the ordinary Oxford County residents whose extraordinary acts of kindness, service, and dedication make this a better place for all of us.

Inspired by the countless selfless actions carried out every day across our County, the Fund ensures that our unsung heroes are not only recognized but remembered — through ongoing annual grants that carry their legacy forward in the community they love and serve.

Do you know a hero? Nominate them. Make a donation in their honour. And help us ensure that the spirit of those who give so much lives on — forever.

WE REMEMBER OUR HEROES:

- Larry Balkwill for his commitment to roots, service and song.
- Jeff Brooks for being a loyal, supportive friend and mentor.
- Teun DeBeer for never giving up and passionate for the dairy industry.
- Eleanor Elliott for being a kind and caring neighbour and friend.
- Dale Fanset for laughing often and spreading comfort and joy.
- Sam Horton for being an instigator of good things.
- Deb Landon for sharing her caring heart and generous warm smile.
- Jean Elizabeth Matheson for her positive attitude and being an inspiration.
- Janet Mazerolle for helping so many find joy and possibility in our lives.
- Robert M. Matheson for his generosity to community and family.
- Claude Normandeau for his devotion to family and city of Montreal.
- Karen Sample for being a dreamer, a donor and a doer.
- Eleanore Wardrop for her kindness, positivity and amazing raspberry tarts.
- Steve Zehr for living the philosophy of “Kindness always wins”.

Two new Heroes were nominated in 2025. We are proud to share their stories.



ROBERT SHAPTON has spent a lifetime showing up for Oxford County — quietly, consistently, and with genuine care. Over a 25-year career with Vincent Farm Equipment, Robert was a trusted presence for the farming families of Oxford, supporting the agriculture industry and teaching farm safety courses that made a real difference on the ground. Beyond his career, Robert gave generously of his time as a volunteer with the Sweaburg and District Lions Club, as a coordinator of the Oxford 4H Battery Blitz fundraising program, and through his support of local sports groups. His is a story of steady, humble dedication — the kind that doesn't seek recognition but deserves it all the same.



DR. GRACE VINCENT brings a remarkable range of gifts to Oxford County — and shares all of them generously. A trained Dentist and Maxillofacial Surgeon by profession, Grace is equally known for her talents as a performer and her deep commitment to service. Last year she represented the Philippines in Dubai, earning the title of Mrs. Global World and being crowned Most Talented. As President of Rotary, she volunteers her skills for children in need and travels abroad with her husband on humanitarian missions. Most recently, she was honoured with a King Charles Coronation Medal in recognition of her contributions as a distinguished new Canadian. Grace embodies what it means to give back — and Oxford County is richer for her presence in it.

WANT TO NOMINATE A HERO?

Contact us or go to our website to find out how.
info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org or 226-667-6404

2025 OXFORD COUNTY WARDEN'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2025 Warden's Charity Golf Tournament was about far more than a day on the course at Craigowan Golf Course — and that's entirely because of you. You helped raise almost \$30,000.

To our generous sponsors and golfers: your commitment made it possible. Every sponsorship secured, every golf cart filled, and every dollar raised translated directly into something meaningful — investments in the local organizations and initiatives that make Oxford County an exceptional place to live, work, and grow.

Your sponsorship was more than a logo on a sign. It was a statement — about your values, your connection to this community, and your belief that Oxford County is worth

investing in. You stood alongside community leaders, celebrated what makes this place exceptional, and helped ensure that the programs and services people depend on continue to thrive for generations to come.

The need in our community is real. The impact of your generosity is proven. Your participation in this tournament is a reflection of the very best of Oxford County, and we are proud to call you community partners.

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We are profoundly grateful to all our sponsors and the dedicated volunteers who made this event a success.



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CREATE YOUR LEGACY FUND

At Oxford Community Foundation, we have the privilege of sitting across the table from people at some of the most meaningful moments of their lives — moments when they're asking the questions that matter most.

What do I want my legacy to be? How can I make a real difference as community needs continue to change? How can I ensure the causes I care about continue long after I'm gone?

Across every conversation, one sentiment is clear: a heartfelt desire to give back to the community that has given so much.

At OCF, we believe leaving a legacy shouldn't be complicated. We offer a range of fund options designed to reflect your values and create the lasting impact you envision for Oxford County — whether that's a permanently endowed fund, one structured for immediate impact, or something in between. We work with you to find the approach that fits your timeline, your intentions, and your desired level of involvement.

Your legacy starts with a conversation.

NEW FUNDS

In 2025, we were honoured to welcome three remarkable new funds, each reflecting the unique values and vision of their founders — and each a powerful reminder of why community foundation work matters.

Each of these funds is a testament to the spirit of generosity that defines Oxford County — and we are honoured to steward them.



The **WILKINSON FAMILY FUND** deepens an already generous legacy of giving that has long been woven into the fabric of Oxford County. Guided by a deep sense of responsibility to those around them, Janet Wilkinson has directed this fund toward the organizations and causes closest to their hearts — with particular focus on supporting those facing the greatest need in our community. Her continued commitment is an inspiration, and this fund ensures her generosity will create ripples of impact for years to come.



The **MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY FUND** is a deeply personal expression of gratitude. For this couple, Oxford County isn't simply where they live — it's the community that shaped them, supported them, and gave them so much over the years. Establishing this fund is their way of saying thank you. It is a fund they intend to build and grow over time, steadily turning appreciation into action and ensuring that future generations experience the same sense of belonging and opportunity that has meant so much to them.



PLANET YOUTH OXFORD represents something equally exciting: the power of collective purpose. Bringing together a coalition of dedicated community partners — including local organizations, service providers, and advocates — this fund is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of Oxford County's young people through a locally led, evidence-based, and deeply collaborative approach. Rooted in a model with a proven track record across communities worldwide, Planet Youth Oxford reflects a shared conviction that when we invest in our youth, we invest in everything.

Think about the legacy you would like to leave and contact me to explore your options:
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FUNDS OPTIONS & EXISTING FUNDS

Behind every fund is a person, a family, or an organization who chose to act — who looked at their community and decided to make it better. That spirit is what Oxford Community Foundation is built on.

COMMUNITY FUNDS - Sometimes the most powerful gift is an open one. Community Funds give donors the freedom to support Oxford County broadly — leaving it to OCF and our experienced grants committee to identify the organizations and initiatives that need it most. As community needs shift and change over the years, your fund shifts with them, ensuring your generosity remains relevant, responsive, and deeply impactful across arts and culture, education, the environment, health and wellness, heritage, recreation, and social services.

- Founders' Circle Fund
- Builders' Circle Fund
- Alabastine-Wilkinson Family Fund
- Cheryle & Peter Evans Fund
- Dolson Family Fund
- Donald Post Fund
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- Martis-Drisdell Fund
- Norwich Township Community Fund
- Oxford Count Youth Fund
- Oxford Rural Fund
- Thamesford Lawn Bowling Legacy Fun
- Woodstock Chamber of Commerce Community Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND - For donors who care deeply about a particular cause but want the flexibility to support it broadly. You identify the issue that matters most to you — whether that's youth mental health, environmental stewardship, or access to the arts — and our grants committee does the rest, directing your gift to the organizations and initiatives best positioned to make a difference in that area. Your passion, expertly invested.

- Oxford Environmental Fund
- Oxford Manufacturers Skill Development Fund
- Bill & Wilma Farr Fund

Bursaries & Student Awards

- George & Lorna Roberts Fund Hawkins Family Memorial Fund
- Klosler Family Fund
- Pat & Barry Smith Fund
- Tyler Arts Legacy Fund
- WDDS Rosemary George Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS - Think of a DAF as your own personal giving program and ongoing commitment to community — without the administrative burden of a private foundation. Contribute when it makes sense for you, receive an immediate tax receipt, and be part of the granting process supporting causes and organizations making meaningful differences — year after year. With OCF managing the details, your focus remains where it should be: on making Oxford a better place.

- B&R George Cultural Fund
- Lessif Family Fund
- William & Mary Mackesy Community Fund
- Stevens Fund
- Ken & Lynda Whiteford Fund
- Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund

DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS - If there's a charity or charities close to your heart, a Donor Designated Fund ensures it receives your support not just once, but year after year — in perpetuity. You choose the organizations you want to benefit, and OCF takes care of the rest, providing them with a reliable, ongoing source of funding that they can count on for generations to come.

- Dr. I. Patricia Brown Fund
- Ross & Fran McElroy Fund
- Oxford County Library Fund
- Frank & Marion Smith Fund
- Wilkinson Family Fund

AGENCY FUNDS - For registered charities looking to build long-term financial stability, an Agency Fund offers a powerful solution. By establishing a fund at OCF, your organization creates a permanent, growing source of annual income — freeing you to focus on your mission rather than the uncertainty of year-to-year fundraising. Community members can contribute at any time, or leave a gift through their estate, knowing their generosity will support your work for years to come.

- Children's Aid Society Oxford Endowment Fund
- Domestic Abuse Services Oxford Fund
- Faith United Church - Operation Sharing Endowment Fund
- South Gate Centre Fund

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL - Planning a gift through your will or life insurance policy is easier than most people think — and the impact can be extraordinary. By including OCF or one of our funds as a beneficiary, you ensure that the causes you care about continue to receive support long into the future. It's a simple addition to your estate planning, and one of the most powerful things you can do for the community you love.

2025 FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

Transparency and accountability guide everything we do — and 2025 gave us much to be proud of.

Oxford Community Foundation experienced another positive year, driven by the generosity of our donors and fundholders and supported by strong investment results. Donor gifts are pooled and professionally managed through our partnership with London Community Foundation, an arrangement that maximizes growth and minimizes costs, reviewed annually by our Finance Committee.

Our investment approach remains focused on capital preservation and long-term income growth — a strategy that has consistently delivered stability through both strong and uncertain markets. While 2025 brought notable volatility driven by geopolitical developments and US tariffs, our disciplined focus on the long term helped minimize disruption.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to growing the resources that will serve Oxford County for generations to come.

	2025	2024
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,553,770	\$4,036,039
Operating Expenses as % of Total assets	5.6%	4.0%
Investment Returns Net of Fees	13.8%	12.0%
Donations and Fundraising	\$511,108	\$1,119,657

FUND BALANCES

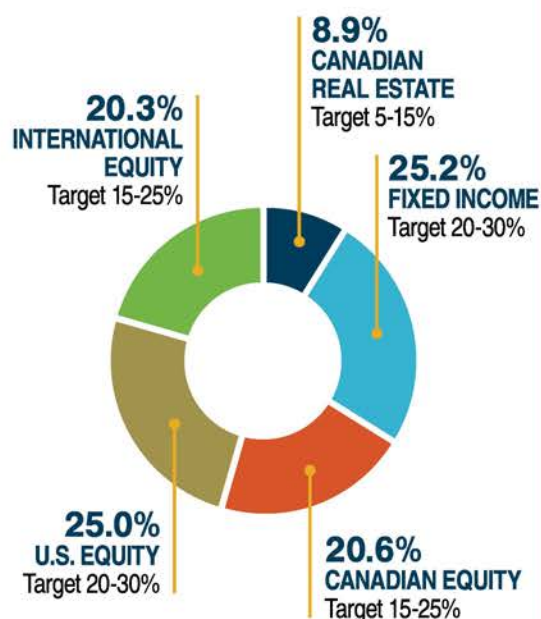
Endowed funds (community, individual, agency)	\$4,097,853	\$3,620,924
Spend down funds (community, individual)	\$111,897	\$110,551
Operating Funds (Founders & Builders)	\$202,885	\$191,534
Total Fund Balance	\$4,412,635	\$3,956,549

GRANTS & DISBURSEMENTS

OCF Funds - Keeping Money in Oxford	\$206,613	\$163,878
Partnership Funds - Bringing Money to Oxford	\$46,700	\$52,325
Total Grants	\$253,313	\$216,203

Operating expenses as a percentage of total assets were 5.6% in 2025, reflecting investments made in OCF's capacity and systems infrastructure to better support our growing fundholder community and expanding grant activity.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE INVESTMENT FUND

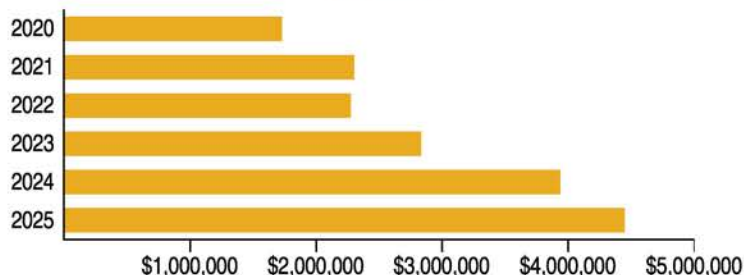


SUMMARY OF STATEMENTS

Oxford Community Foundation closed 2025 with total assets of \$4.55 million — more than double the \$2 million held just five years ago. The growth of over \$517,000 in the past year alone reflects both strong investment performance and the deepening commitment of our donors and fundholders and speaks to the remarkable momentum of a community that is increasingly investing in its own future.

Every dollar of that growth matters: a stronger foundation means greater granting capacity, a more meaningful response to community needs, and a deeper, lasting impact across Oxford County.

ASSETS



RECOGNIZING OUR BUILDERS & FOUNDERS

Oxford Community Foundation would not exist without the vision and generosity of our Founders and Builders. Each made an initial pledge of \$2,000 to help establish the operational foundation from which OCF has grown — an act of faith in an idea that was just beginning to take shape. Over time, many of these dedicated supporters went further, establishing their own named funds and deepening their legacy of giving in Oxford County. Those who have done so are recognized in the first list.

To all of our Founders and Builders: you made this possible, and we are forever grateful.

FOUNDING & BUILDING MEMBERS WHO ALSO CREATED ENDOWMENT FUNDS (YEAR PERSONALIZED LEGACY FUND ESTABLISHED)

- Alabastine-Wilkinson Family Fund (2005)
- Douglas & Yvonne Eckel Fund (2006)
- B&R George Cultural Fund (2006)
- Joland Family Fund (2006)
- Lessif Family Fund (2007)
- Pat & Barry Smith Fund (2007)
- Ken & Lynda Whiteford Fund (2007)
- Ross & Fran McElroy Fund (2009)
- Hawkins Family Memorial Fund (2010)
- William and Mary Mackesy Community Fund (2018)
- Donald Post Fund (2020)
- Klosler Family Fund (2022)

FOUNDERS CIRCLE FUND MEMBERS

- Anonymous Donor
- Joan Bartlett
- Jeff & Kelly Cole
- Bryon Dorey & Bettianne Hedges
- Edward Down
- John B. Finlay & Mary Anne Silverthorn
- Ernie Hardeman
- Michael Harding & Terry Chisholm
- Harvey Hunt
- Shirley Julian
- Gene & Phyllis Lawrence
- Paul & Heidi LeRoy
- David & Sherry Lowes
- David & Lynda MacKenzie
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- Camelea Mason Holdings
- Carol Martis
- Jim & Linda McNamara
- Dr. Don & Lisa Miettinen
- Jeff Mitchell
- Tanya Murray
- David & Helen Ness-Jack
- Barbara Newell
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- Ken & Dianne Parnell
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- Dr. Leonard Reeves
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- Grant Smith
- Evan Solomon & Tammy Quinn
- James & Louise Stewart
- Don & Beth Taylor
- Ted & Mary Thorn
- Bill Van Haeren
- Adalene Weaver
- Wingate Raiders IODE
- Gerry Wormald in memory of Dora Wormald

BUILDERS' CIRCLE FUND MEMBERS

- Edward Down
- Paul & Mary Ellen Edwards
- Keith & Fran Hudson
- Estate of Marjorie Lowe
- David & Lynda MacKenzie
- Dr. Don & Lisa Miettinen
- Tanya Murray
- David & Helen Ness-Jack in memory of Paul T. Ness-Jack
- Dr. Harry Parrott
- POW Engineering
- Dr. Leonard Reeves
- Bill & Betty Semeniuk
- Mary Anne Silverthorn
- Don & Beth Taylor

OUR SINCERE THANKS

Behind every grant, every student award, and every community initiative supported by Oxford Community Foundation is an act of generosity — yours. To each donor and sponsor listed below, thank you. Your belief in this community, and your willingness to invest in it, makes all the difference.

We are proud to recognize the following individuals, families, and organizations who contributed \$100 or more in 2025.

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- Atum Financial Services Inc.
- Barry Foster
- Bill & Betty Semeniuk
- Brian George
- Burgandy Legacy Foundation
- CACHET Development Partners
- Carol Tabor
- Catharina & Marinus Arts
- City of Woodstock
- Cornell Welding and Fabricating
- Dennison Family Foundation
- Dereham District Lions
- Derek Truelove
- Domestic Abuse Services Oxford (DASO)
- Don & Linda Ross
- Doug Tarry Homes
- Doug Vincent
- E&E McLaughlin Ltd.
- Earthspace Real Estate Inc.
- Edward L. Down
- Elevation Tree Service
- Elizabeth Taylor
- Emy Brubacher
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- Estate of, Cheryl and Peter Evans
- Execulink Telecom
- Fran & Ross McElroy
- Green Light
- Hawkins Electric Inc
- Intact Public Entities
- J.J. Lessif Investment Limited
- J-AAR Limited
- Janet Wilkinson
- John Rivers
- K. Smart Associates Limited
- Karen Martin
- Keith Stevens
- Ken & Lynda Whiteford
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- Lynne DePlancke
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- White Coad LLP Lawyers
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- Woodstock Hospital

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