

# This is Your Community, Your Foundation



## Winter 2017/2018 Newsletter

### FOUNDERS CIRCLE MEMBERS

#### Founding Endowment Funds

1. Alabastine-Wilkinson Family Fund
2. Brian & Rosemary George Cultural Fund
3. Douglas & Yvonne Eckel Fund
4. Pat & Barry Smith Fund
5. Lessif Family Fund
6. Joland Family Fund
7. Whiteford Family Fund
8. Ross & Fran McElroy Fund
9. Hawkins Family Memorial Fund.

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22. Lowes, David & Sherry
23. MacKenzie, David & Lynda
24. Mackesy, William & Mary
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26. Martis, Carol
27. McElroy, Dr. Ross & Frances
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29. Miettinen, Dr. Don & Lisa
30. Mitchell, Jeff
31. Murray, Tanya
32. Ness-Jack, David & Helen

It's that time of the year where we reflect and give thanks. We are reminded that each of us can make a difference – and our founders set Oxford Community Foundation up for a future where every gift made has an impact. In this edition, we honour our founders as well as our golf tournament sponsors.

As you can see, our Founders Circle includes community members and leaders in municipal government, agriculture, industry, education, as well as professional and social services. All of them knew the potential of building permanent endowments and the benefits they could make to our community now and forever.

Our volunteer board of directors and professional staff are proud to continue the work of our founders. Since our inception, we have granted almost \$400,000 to over 100 charitable organizations in Oxford County.

A Merry Christmas to you, our cherished partners. We're sending you and your family heartfelt wishes for peace, joy and abundance this Holiday Season.

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34. Odumodu, Marie & Joseph
35. Palmer, James
36. Paquette, Bill & Jane
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38. Post, Don
39. POW Laboratories Inc
40. Reeves, Dr. Leonard
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43. Smith, Grant
44. Soloman, Evan & Tammy Quinn
45. Stewart, James & Louise
46. Taylor, Don & Beth
47. Thorn, Ted & Mary
48. Weaver, Adalene
49. Wingate Raiders IODE
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**Staff:** Louise Wardrop, Executive Director

## PAT AND BARRY SMITH FUND

“When you tell the story of Oxford Community Foundation, you have to tell the story of Pat Smith.” That is especially evident when talking to Barry Smith., “From the beginning OCF had nothing to do with me and everything to do with Pat and a group of people who recognized a need in the community and that something had to be done to fill it.”

Pat was an original member of the OCF steering committee, our first Board chair and our first Executive Director. Although Pat passed away in January 2008, we continue to be inspired by her enthusiasm, drive to succeed and passion for the Foundation and for our community.

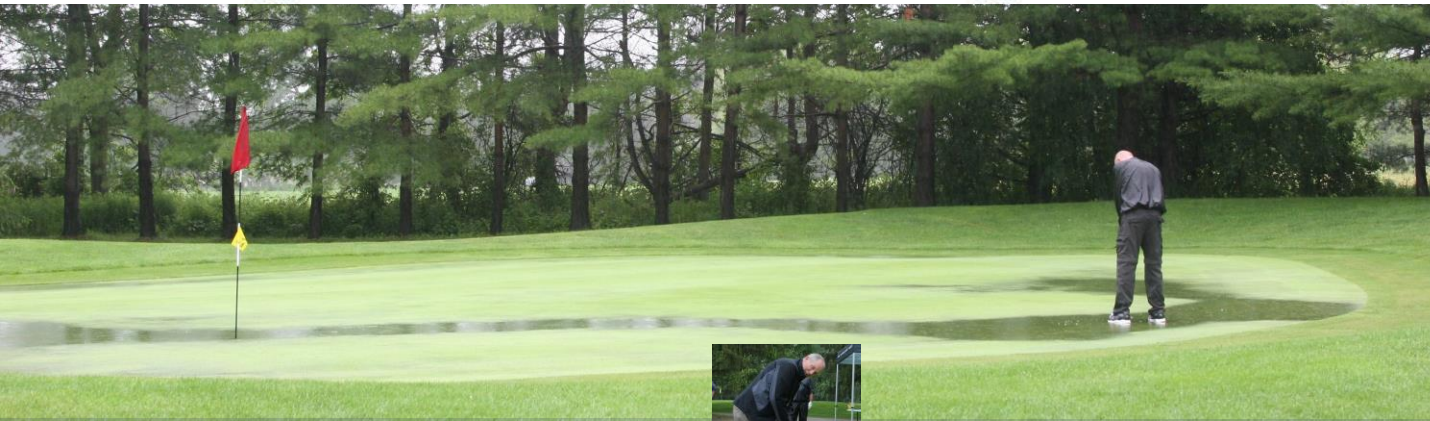
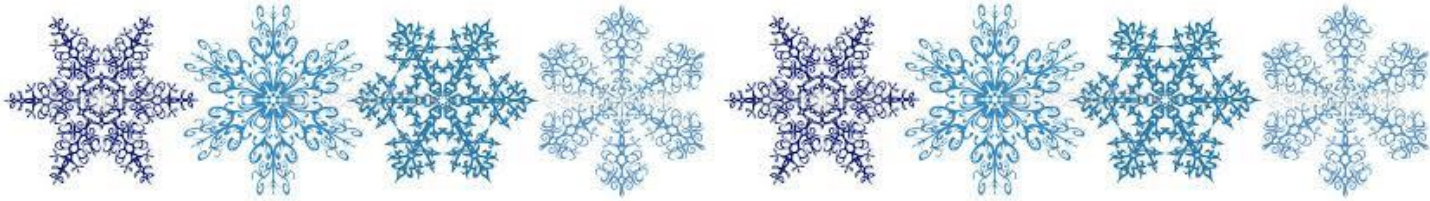


Barry Smith & Louise Wardrop,  
Executive Director, OCF

Pat & Barry’s legacy lives on. Shortly after OCF’s inception, Pat and Barry Smith set up their own Fund. As an educator, Pat realized how important scholarships were to students and for communities. And so every year since, the Pat and Barry Smith Fund grants four scholarships recognizing leadership, a skill and attribute Barry views as being essential for our future.



This year, Grace McLeod, who attended IDCI, was awarded one of the OCF Pat & Barry Smith Scholarships for her outstanding academic performance and dedication to leadership in school, community and sports. Grace is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Windsor and dreams of becoming a Nurse Practitioner.



## OXFORD COUNTY WARDEN’S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

On June 23 2017, we held our annual Oxford County Warden’s charity golf tournament at the Ingersoll Golf Club. Warden David Mayberry hosted the event and challenged participants to an exciting putting contest.

In spite of the rain, the event was a great success, attracting nearly 100 golfers and raising \$25,000 to support the operating costs of the Oxford Community Foundation.

A sincere thanks to our key sponsors on the right as well as our many generous hole and gift sponsors. Your ongoing support of our community is much appreciated.

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