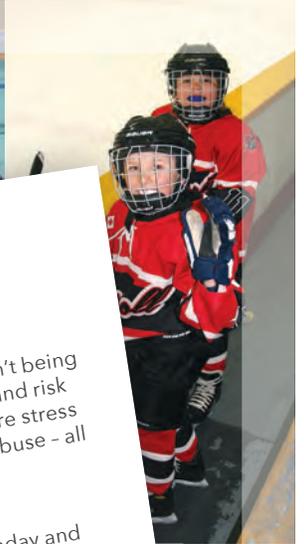




OCFootprints



Challenging Times

These are challenging times and we know those who are already marginalized in our community will be disproportionately impacted. Children who took backpacks filled with food home from school each weekend aren't being fed. Children with reading and learning support aren't getting the additional help and risk falling further behind. Fewer hours at work and smaller pay cheques can cause more stress on our households and has the potential to increase rates of physical and mental abuse - all at a time when our local domestic abuse shelter is already full.

We can help

OCF Community Foundation provides grants to help meet these critical needs today and tomorrow. Your contributions matter - they matter a lot! Thank you to all our loyal donors who make this help possible!



Last year, they mattered to the children who needed food for the weekend. They mattered to the youth who flourished with mentoring and skills training. They mattered to youth and adults homeless, so they had food and shelter for the night. They mattered to our seniors who developed and shared their acting and music talents. They mattered to our seniors who now have tables and chairs for their card games and socials. They mattered to families with special needs children who learned how to swim. They mattered to families with financial challenges, making it possible for their children to play sports and participate in theatre programs. They mattered to those on ODSP, helping them gain the skills and confidence needed to make delicious soup for us to purchase and enjoy. They matter for these people and for so many more!

Your donations made a difference!

Each year at OCF, even though our funds are growing, we find we have more requests than we have funds available to grant. We see this trend accelerating in Oxford. This current crisis will hurt. It will be hard, especially for our community's most vulnerable.

If you, like so many others, are feeling helpless as the world around us spins out of control, there is a way you can make a difference. You can help meet more needs in Oxford County. OCF is here to help you make a difference right here in our community. Every donation, big or small, will matter. It is as easy as giving to an existing community fund to support the ever changing and urgent needs in Oxford County.

Or, if you know of a senior who is feeling isolated or the heroes working in health care, grocery stores, pharmacies and on farms and in food processing and distribution why not name them as a Hero Among Us? Many are risking exposure to this virus and putting others first to keep us fed and healthy. Let's recognize those heroes! We will do the work for you. This small gesture could matter a lot and brighten their day.

We also have many options if you would like to start your own fund. You can start small right now and build it over time. Just call me if you would like to donate and I will answer any questions. You will be following in the footsteps of others who decided to step up and take action to help our community.

– **Louise Wardrop, Executive Director**
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P.S. Due to disruptions caused by COVID-19, our Annual General Meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd has been postponed. Stay tuned for information on a rescheduled date.





Maple Leaf Community Fund

Honouring W. Harvey & Irma Beaty



In 1994, prior to Oxford Community Foundation's existence, the late W. Harvey Beaty (1916-1994) established a

donor advised fund with the London Community Foundation (LCF).

Beaty was the founder and Board Chair of Cold Springs Farm Ltd. an enterprise that he started in 1949 in Thamesford on 100 acres of Oxford County land. By the time of his passing, the business had grown to include 60 farms and 9,000 acres raising hogs, turkeys, chickens, beef cattle and crops along with a feed mill, grain elevators, processing plant, fertilizer plant and more.

Beaty's influence stretched well beyond Oxford County. He was instrumental in creating thousands of jobs and innovating in the fields of product development, swine and poultry genetics and production quality. He was involved with many agricultural organizations and was inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2018.

Through the amalgamation of some of Canada's most notable food companies, the community fund Beaty established is now named the Maple Leaf Community Fund. OCF and LCF continue to honour the generosity of Harvey and Irma Beaty

and each year, we work together to distribute grants in Oxford and Middlesex Counties as well as the City of London.

\$200,000 Granted in Oxford

Projects in Oxford County have received much-needed support. This included appliances for the central kitchen at Indwell's Blossom Park, a 34-apartment complex for individuals living with high support. The fund also helped provide tower gardens and equipment for school nutrition programs at numerous Oxford County Elementary and Secondary Schools, and a stove and refrigerator for Big Brothers Big Sisters cooking programs. Raw Carrot Soup an organization providing training and jobs for people on ODSP also received funding for kitchen renovations and appliances. The list goes on. Other contributions went towards industrial freezers for VON's Meals on Wheels program, and kitchen renovations and appliances for Woodstock and District Developmental Services.

Currently Accepting Applications

In 2020, up to \$40,000 is available to support the capital-related needs of food security programs that promote dignity and build individual and community capacity. This includes food literacy projects, school and other nutrition programs, and sustainable initiatives beyond conventional food bank models. Grant applications will be accepted



up until 2 p.m. on May 5th. If you are interested in applying, please go to our website for more information

<https://oxfordcommunityfoundation.org/grant-application/>

Through the Maple Leaf Community Fund, Harvey and Irma Beaty's dedication and generosity to their community lives on now and forever.

**HOLD
THE DATE**

Warden Larry Martin invites you to attend the
Oxford County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, June 5th | Ingersoll Golf Club, 51 Holcroft St W, Ingersoll



Looking Forward...Giving Back!

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