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2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Leadership Message

Thank you for your continuing support. Your generosity is making a difference in creating meaningful and lasting impact in our community.

Despite last year's market fluctuations, our granting ability remains solid. In 2022, Oxford Community Foundation granted \$145,828 to 43 community partners. Oxford Community Foundation helps keep money in Oxford. \$115,693 of the total was generated from funds managed by the Foundation. We also bring new money to Oxford. We distributed \$30,135 in Oxford thanks to our partnership with the London Community Foundation.

During 2022, we continued to grow the stream of grants our community can expect to receive year after year. Individuals who have been following the Foundation's work for many years, decided to establish two new funds. One anonymous donor created the Oxford County Youth Fund in memory of a cherished neighbour, and George and Gerri Klosler created the Klosler Family Fund to support education. Also, several fundholders added to existing funds. One such fundholder shared, "The Foundation provides added value and simply makes it easier for us to support causes we care about. After experiencing the Foundation's commitment to maintaining a donor's legacy in perpetuity, we chose to leave more to our Fund to support community needs. We are confident our philanthropic plans will be fully executed by the Oxford Community Foundation."

We were pleased so many of you joined us at our Annual General Meeting and at the Oxford County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the golf event are vital in supporting Oxford Community Foundation's operations. We owe a great deal of thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteer board and committee members who help make these events and the work we do at the foundation impactful.

As we grow and plan for the future, we will continue to explore what our community needs from us, while adapting to the changes all around us. Oxford Community Foundation remains committed in its support for our donors, our charitable sector and the evolving needs of our county, and we will continue to ask ourselves: How can we help make Oxford better?

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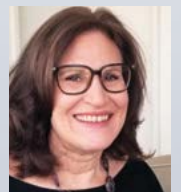


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Community Impact

**BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY,
TOGETHER. FOREVER.**

A commonly held misconception about legacy funds is that it's only worthwhile if you have substantial funds to give. Many don't even consider it because they feel their gift won't be big enough to make a difference. In fact, what follows in these pages demonstrates that a gift of any size can have a transformative impact – especially for smaller community organizations.

Oxford Community Foundation now manages 33 funds of all sizes created by gifts from individuals, families, and organizations. In this section, you can read about the many grants distributed from these funds in 2022 alone. Also included are the stories of grants made from partnership that bring new funds into Oxford County. One longstanding partnership is with London Community Foundation and grants are distributed each year from two funds held by them, the Maple Leaf Community Fund honouring Harvey and Erma Beaty and the Canada Summer Games Fund.

In 2022 Oxford Community Foundation granted \$145,828 to 43 community partners and distributed 18 student awards. These grants and awards support our entire county in all facets of our community – from arts, culture, heritage, education, the environment, health and wellness, social services, and recreation. We hope you get inspired by these stories of projects and organizations funded through our grant programs.

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ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

“In art, the hand can never execute anything higher than the heart can imagine.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WOODSTOCK ART GALLERY

\$1,500 from the B&R George Fund supported the After School Drop-In Program for elementary and high school students, providing a safe space for students to socialize and explore creative development and self-expression. Students learn from professional arts educators as well as guest artists, ensuring they are exposed to all art modalities. Jamina, high school student, shared, “Art isn’t my strong suit, and I would lose motivation but now since coming here I like my art, it represents who I am.”



INGERSOLL CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE

\$1,500 from the B&R George Fund funded the March Break Day Camp, sewing classes and Gnome making workshops for youth in need. Arts Administrator, Stephanie Conron explains parents of all socio-economic levels are looking for creative outlets because “The Ontario curriculum is changing, and it does not include as much creative instruction as in the past.”



MOVEMENT CHURCH – K2K PRODUCTIONS

Art in its many forms is one of those amazing things that anyone and everyone can do. K2K Productions offers community and the opportunity to develop skills in theatre. \$20,000 from the Dennis and Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund supported the 2022/2023 season performances of "Willy Wonka" by grades 2-6 and "Newsies" by grades 7-12.

THEATRE WOODSTOCK

\$500 from the Ross & Fran McElroy Fund helped to cover the cost of registration and tuition fees so that young people who required financial assistance could participate in the STAGES youth program. Susan Robinson, President at Theatre Woodstock shared, “Our goal is to educate and instruct youth in all phases of the theatre and with the extra funding we were able to welcome more young people into our theatre community.”



ENVIRONMENT

“Our identity includes our natural world, how we move through it, how we interact with it and how it stimulates us.”

David Suzuki

THAMES TALBOT LAND TRUST

Thanks to the Stevens Fund and Ken & Lynda Whiteford Fund, TTLT received \$2,000 to ensure permanent protection for nature and all the wildlife in Five Point Woods Wetlands through a new 32-acre Oxford County nature reserve. TTLT Executive Director, Daria Kosciński shared, "With the support of the Oxford Community Foundation, Thames Talbot Land Trust was able to protect an additional 13 hectares of the Five Points Woods Wetland Complex, resulting in 29% of the Complex under long term protection. Ridgeview Wetlands is an important wildlife refuge for birds, amphibians, and turtles."

OXFORD COUNTY TRAILS COUNCIL

Winter can be a challenging season for the Oxford Thames River Trail on the 45th Line as the access culvert accumulates with ice and water. \$1,400 was granted from the Stevens Fund and Oxford Environmental Fund for culvert improvements. Treasurer Ken Westcar explained that the improvement prevents people from crossing the CN tracks to access the trail, thereby making the area safe for all to enjoy. The 4 km trail offers beautiful views of the Thames River and wetlands, as well as a picnic shelter. Signage on the trail documents the history of the trail as well as identifying various wildlife.



SPORTS & RECREATION

“The ability to conquer oneself is no doubt the most precious of all things that sport bestows.”

Olga Korbut

YMCA WOODSTOCK

\$1,050 was provided from the Ken & Lynda Whiteford Fund to support subsidized memberships. The YMCA is committed to being an inclusive and welcoming facility with no financial barriers to health and fitness. Their membership model takes a collaborative approach to services, partnering with the Woodstock Hospital Prevention and Early Intervention in Psychosis Program, Canadian Mental Health Association, Woodstock and District Developmental Services to ensure clients of these organizations can receive subsidized memberships – as well as anyone in need in our community. In speaking with a young mom benefitting from a subsidized membership, Amy Luciani, General Manager shared, “She now has the opportunity to come to a safe place, focus on herself and recharge while her child is cared for in the child-minding centre.”



WOODSTOCK MINOR HOCKEY

\$450 from the Hawkins Memorial Fund in memory of Richard Hawkins supported the “Just Try It” program. The free for all program provides a fun day of activities, including skating skills, teamwork, all the necessary hockey equipment and even a hot lunch! Pat Langdon, President of Woodstock Minor Hockey shares “It’s the greatest because we have kids that couldn’t skate and now they are all pumped up about hockey”. Trevor Gennings and Rachel Fertado signed their children Max and Ella up for the program. “We are really happy to have the kids come out, and getting the equipment is great. They make everyone feel really involved. It’s been a good experience. Both kids want to play hockey now!”



HEALTH & WELLNESS

“He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope has everything.”

Arabian Proverb

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OXFORD

\$1,000 from Dennis and Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund supported “The Social” a therapeutic hub of crafts, cooking, fitness, and cognitive exercises for people with early to mid-stage dementia. Director of Development, Lesley Rand commented, “When you first get the diagnosis there’s not a lot of support, folks still have years of time to be engaged in their community.” The 3-hour program runs four times weekly in Woodstock and once weekly in Tillsonburg, offering supportive outing and connection to community for the person with dementia, as well as needed respite for the caregiver.



OXFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

\$2,670 from Joland Family, Doug & Yvonne Eckel, Henning Hansen Memorial and Heroes Among Us Funds supported the “Dentures to Enhance Quality of Life” program. Zach Hollingham, Director of Client Services commented, “We provide a full range of wrap around services to less fortunate population of Oxford County facing multiple barriers. OCF funds have allowed 10 clients complete sets of dentures through this program.” Fourth year students of Western’s Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry gain hands on experience, joining local dentists who volunteer their time to offer services for free. Valerie and Laura, graduating students, shared, “Clients are so appreciative of their new dentures. This service has shown us



the importance of client relationships and how improving their wellness results in a positive impact in this community.” Rick expresses his appreciation, stating, “It’s great to smile again. I am very happy to have this service available to me.”

PARKINSON SOCIETY SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Four hundred Oxford County residents have Parkinson Disease, and this number is predicted to double by 2035, and the disease is now occurring in younger populations. \$1,500 from the Canada Summer Games Fund brought “Dancing with Parkinson’s” to Oxford County. Local dance instructors receive specialized training to learn how to accommodate the physical aspects of the disease and how dancing suppresses symptoms. Participant, Nancy Stewart shared, “I knew it would be fun and I knew it would be helping my brain, but I didn’t anticipate the lesson I learned. It’s not just me, there are others with more advanced symptoms. If they have the courage and determination to get out and do this so can I. It is so uplifting!” Mark Womack, Community Development Coordinator, shared, “Dancing calms the brain and symptoms, allowing for better and more restorative sleep, which contributes to better overall health.”



DIABETES CANADA

\$2,000 from Ken & Lynda Whiteford Fund and William & Mary Mackesy Fund gives youth in Oxford County the opportunity to attend one-of-a-kind summer camps designed specifically to support children and their families with Type 1 Diabetes. The camp helps empower children to excel and succeed regardless of their health challenges.

EDUCATION

“The more that you read, the more things you know, the more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Dr. Suess



STRONG START – LETTERS, SOUNDS, WORDS

\$3,374 from the William & Mary Mackesy Fund, funded the early reading intervention programs helping Oxford County children to become confident, lifelong readers. The 10-week curriculum delivered by trained volunteers focuses on phonemic awareness and word recognition in a fun and creative way. For volunteer Ron Bailey, there is nothing better than seeing a child gain confidence in themselves. He shared, “One student came to his first session and told me he can’t read. I said I think you can. By the end of the sessions, he read a book to me and was so excited he did a happy dance!” Lisa Williams Director of Programs commented, “It changes the life of a child and that is immeasurable.”

OXFORD COUNTY LIBRARIES

\$300 from the Oxford County Library Fund supported libraries in providing sources of entertainment, information, and connection for a steadily growing number of people in our communities. “A library is a house of hope. It’s a place where we all, whatever our situation, can feed our ideas and develop our dreams,” author Doug Wilhelm.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO

\$1,100 from the Stevens Fund and Don Post Fund supported financial literacy programs for 350 youth in Oxford County. Volunteer instructors provide students with the essential knowledge, attitudes, and skills to



be successful in their futures, such as budgeting, saving, investing, and aligning their financial choices with their career and educational goals. Karen Chafe, Programs and Operations Manager shared, “We are proud of the work we’ve done through COVID 19. We were able to grow our student reach during that period. We did this by developing online resources and programming. Now we have an open mind to how we reach students across the region. It’s been a tremendous opportunity to make changes and do more, ensuring consistent financial literacy programs for Oxford youth.”

MULTI SERVICE CENTRE TILLSONBURG

\$2,100 from the Alabastine-Wilkinson Fund

is helping seniors stay current and connected. The Tablet Training for Seniors & Older Adults program provides a hands-on learning opportunity for seniors to navigate Android tablet applications improving their technology confidence, socialization



opportunities and independence. Sarah Lattanzio, Literacy and Basic Skills Program Manager shares they will be “taking the program out into the community to offer tablet training to under-represented groups in the community, meeting our seniors where they are at.”

STUDENT AWARDS

Pat & Barry Smith Leadership Bursaries

Aden Schaefer from CASS and Madison Sanderson from Glendale Secondary School in Tillsonburg both received \$500, recognizing them for their leadership skills and community involvement.



Lorna & George Roberts Fund

Each year a bursary is awarded to a student who excels in leadership skills and who is furthering their education at either the Ontario Agricultural College at the University of Guelph and/or Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition in the College of Social & Applied Human Sciences at the University of Guelph. **Danielle Karn** from CASS received \$2,000 to further her education at the University of Guelph.



Oxford Manufacturers for Skills Development Bursary

This award recognizes students who demonstrate an aptitude for mechanical or applied skills as well as community or school involvement. **Gabriella Commisso** and **Rielly Doyle** both from St. Mary's Catholic High School were awarded \$1,500 each.

WDDS Rosemary George Bursary

Awarded to a student enrolled into the Developmental Services Worker program (DSW), who is recognized for their potential and for their contribution to services for people with developmental disabilities. **Dalton Rago-Knott** from St. Mary's Catholic High School was awarded \$400.

Joland Family Fund Bursary

Awarded to a female student living on a working farm who is motivated and inspires others. **Nicole Tomlinson** from IDCI received \$270.



Tyler Arts "Athletic" Spirit Awards

Two Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute (IDCI) athletes, one male and one female, are awarded for their selfless play and leadership on and off the court, field or rink.

Charlotte Bruckler and **Cam White** both receive \$500 for their achievements. Charlotte wrote,

"Being recognized for my spirit and leadership skills is very much appreciated. I will continue to move forward with my positive attitude." Cam White shared, "I am honoured to receive this award."



The Hawkins Memorial Fund

This fund was established in memory of a beloved family, lost to carbon monoxide poisoning, who was "always ready, willing, and able to help those in need and could often be found volunteering with big, welcoming grins on their faces". Three students are recognized each year for their community involvement, respect for others and moral courage.

Kaytlin Matthews from IDCI awarded \$250 from the Laurie Hawkins Memorial Award. Kaytlin wrote, "I strongly believe in the values set out in this award. The participation of young people makes this community a better place to be." **Evelyn Hoekstra** from St. Mary's Catholic High School awarded \$250 from the Cassandra Hawkins Memorial Award and **Bryce Tucker** from St. Michael's Catholic School awarded \$50 from the Jordan Hawkins Memorial Award.



Children's Aid Society Oxford Agency Endowed Fund

Each year bursaries from the Fund help kids in care pursue their post-secondary education. In 2022, six students were awarded bursaries of \$2,000 each.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”

Albert Einstein

CYCLES OF LIFE FOR SUPPORTIVE TRANSITIONAL LIVING

\$7,500 from the Maple Leaf Community Fund honouring Harvey & Erma Beaty supported the Community Free Tables. The grant funded the purchase of a freezer and fridge to store the weekly donations of almost 1000 lbs. of food including perfectly “imperfect” fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and meat. Food donations support close to 1,200 individuals per month at the Woodstock table alone. Rob Blackmore shares, “It means a lot. If Cycles of Life weren’t here a lot of people wouldn’t have food in their bellies. I really appreciate these people. I don’t know what people would do without them.”



INDWELL- HARVEY WOODS LOFTS

\$6,060 from the Maple Leaf Community Fund honouring Harvey & Erma Beaty supported the purchase of an industrial freezer and pots and pans. With 85 tenants, the ability to purchase the freezer “opens up what we can receive, food offered to us that we couldn’t keep” says Marianne Ferris, Housing Support Coordinator. Being able to accept perishable product donations increases the range of healthy food choices for tenants. Regional Manager, Justin Dewaard, explains “we are always thinking in terms of independence for our tenants.” The freezer also allows for more food-based programming for tenants such as slow cooker classes, cooking and grocery shopping on a budget, plus communal meals, and seasonal celebrations.



WELLKIN

\$3,976 from the William and Mary Mackesy Fund and Tyler Arts Legacy Fund supported the purchase of program supplies for the Brightside Youth Hub. The Hub is much more than a drop in space; it’s a community of wrap around services, under one roof at the right time and place. The Hub offers youth ages 12-25 positive and supportive social connections. There’s a wide variety of activities, including crafts, gaming, basketball, and yoga, and most importantly there are services and referrals for mental health counselling, 2SLGBTQIA supports, employment and housing.



SOUTH GATE CENTRE

\$5,366 from the Maple Leaf Community Fund honouring Harvey & Erma Beaty funded the purchase of a Grab & Go Fridge, offering members a nutritious and affordable meal “on the go” or enjoyed at the Centre with friends. The Grab & Go program is a lifeline to the 10-15% of members facing daily food insecurity. During the pandemic staff took extra steps to ensure freshly made and locally sourced frozen entrees made their way to their most isolated neighbours. Facilities Manager, Larrie Blancher feels his role at the South Gate Centre “is not just a job, we care and are here to help the community.”



COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

MULTI SERVICE CENTRE TILLSONBURG

\$851 from the Maple Leaf Community Fund honouring Harvey & Erma Beaty funded the purchase of 100 insulated cooler bags for the Meals on Wheels Program. 560 meals were delivered in February alone. "It's definitely much more than a meal" comments Jen Olesvary, Fundraising & Community Engagement Coordinator. Clients receive a nutritious meal delivered by a volunteer, but this also means they get a friendly face and often a much-needed safety check.



DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES OXFORD/ INGAMO HOMES

The pandemic was particularly challenging for women experiencing domestic abuse. Congregate living arrangements at DASO were no longer permitted and ways of providing services quickly had to change. Social distancing meant that multiple families could not use the kitchen at the same time. A kitchen supervisor was hired to oversee meal planning and preparation, including culturally appropriate food. \$500 from the Fran & Ross McElroy Fund supported DASO initiatives ensuring women and their families received care, guidance and most importantly a safe space to rebuild their lives.



OPERATION SHARING

\$10,400 from the Operation Sharing Agency Endowment Fund, the Frank & Marion Smith Fund and the Dennis and Joan Vollmershausen Family



Fund supported The Christmas Place and other services and programs that challenge the stigmas surrounding poverty. Supports allow community members to maintain their dignity and choice, while simultaneously providing them with tactile skills developed in a community environment. They're creating long-term skills facilitating self-sufficiency.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES OF OXFORD COUNTY

\$2,135 from the William & Mary Mackesy Fund and the Canada Summer Games Fund funded wellness kits for clients struggling financially, providing activities that offer respite from their daily struggles to meet basic needs. Wellness kits include items such as movie, swimming and bowling passes to ensure a positive and fun experience for the families.

And more....

Additional disbursements were made from the Joland Family Fund, Dr. I. Patricia Brown Memorial Fund, the Maple Leaf Community Fund honouring Harvey & Erma Beaty, the Thamesford Lawn Bowling Fund and the Dennis & Joan Vollmershausen Family Fund to the following organizations::

- **ALS Society of Canada**
- **Beginnings Family Services & Pregnancy Care Centre**
- **Canadian Red Cross**
- **English Language Institute China Society**
- **Grand Erie District School Board**
- **Innerkip Presbyterian Church**
- **Knox Presbyterian Church**
- **Thames Valley Education Foundation**
- **Thamesford Lions Club**
- **United Way Oxford**
- **VON Oxford**
- **Woodstock Hospital Foundation**
- **Zorra Township**

THE HEROES AMONG US

We all know a local hero in our community. They may be a friend, neighbour, or family member who makes a positive impact every single day, making the place we live a better one through their actions and contributions. They don't ask for recognition for their efforts; they just keep contributing in a quiet and generous way. They don't think of themselves as heroes. But we know they are.

Now there's a way to recognize these people and build on their legacy of contributions to their community through the Heroes Among Us Fund. This fund is for anyone who would like to recognize a hero in Oxford. Donations, big and small, will be invested and each year investment income will be granted back to worthwhile Oxford initiatives in recognition of these unsung heroes.



We remember our first Heroes:

Jeff Brooks for being a loyal, supportive friend and mentor.

Teun DeBeer for never giving up and for his passion for the dairy industry in Oxford.

Eleanor Elliott for being a kind and caring neighbour and friend.

Dale Fanset for smiling and laughing often, for spreading comfort and joy.

Sam Horton for being an inspiration and an instigator of good things.

Deb Landon for unconditionally sharing her caring heart and great warm smile.

Jean Elizabeth Matheson for her positive attitude and being an inspiration.

Robert M. Matheson for his generosity to community and family.

Claude Normandeau for his devotion to his beloved family and city of Montreal.

Eleanore Wardrop for her kindness, positivity and amazing raspberry tarts.

We are proud to share stories about our newest heroes:



Janet Mazerolle

Janet Mazerolle was more than a teacher and principal. She's a hero for showing us what's possible, for opening our eyes to the broader world especially as it pertained to literature, music and relationships. For demonstrating and encouraging reflection, compassion, curiosity, respect and much patience. For helping so many find the joy and possibility in our lives.



Steve Zehr

Steve Zehr is a hero with a great smile and laugh. He was a proud husband, dad and grandad and his philosophy was "Kindness always wins." He will be missed for his advocacy and charity work across the county. He showed others what coming together as a community can do for so many people. He volunteered with "Relay for Life" in Woodstock, was a past president of Woodstock/Oxford Rotary Club and was involved in the Woodstock Transitional Homes Project in Woodstock.

Want to nominate a Hero?

Contact us or go to our website to find out how.

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2022 OXFORD COUNTY WARDEN'S CHARITY

Golf Tournament

THANK YOU for supporting Oxford Community Foundation at the 2022 Oxford County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament held on Friday, September 23rd, at Oxford Hills.

We were thrilled that even in a year that challenged so many organizations and individuals, you showed up. You provided your support through sponsorship, prizes and by showing up for a fun day of golf and comradery.

Without tournament sponsors, golfers and generous contributors, the Foundation would not be able to accomplish everything that we do. The tournament is our major fundraiser and you helped raise over \$30,000 to support OCF operations. These funds help make it possible for us to distribute grants, for all the initiatives you are reading about in this report. You help us keep money in Oxford and you help us bring new money to Oxford. You help make Oxford a better place for all, now and forever. Your support and that of the many volunteers who helped make this day a success is sincerely appreciated.



CREATING A LEGACY WITH IMPACT

Customized Options Make Creating Your Legacy Easy

Oxford Community Foundation (OCF) helps people leave a personalized, lasting legacy in Oxford County, to make it a better place. We make it easy, working with you to develop a fund that meets your timelines and provides you with your desired degree of impact and involvement. And we protect your legacy by investing and granting wisely. We are here to help you establish a Fund that becomes your personal legacy of giving - forever.

NEW FUNDS

During 2022, two new endowment funds were established helping to grow the stream of grants our community can expect to receive year after year.

KLOSLER FAMILY FUND

George Klosler is a proud Canadian and family man, a lifelong learner and a man of action, and he's a man with immense gratitude and generosity. George came to Canada from Romania in 1951 and not long after attending the Ontario Agricultural College and the University of Guelph while still working on the family farm. He became a business owner, farmer and educator, and a dedicated volunteer and contributor to his community.

George shared, "Canada has given me and my family so much opportunity. Why wouldn't I give? Why wouldn't we share our good fortune and help others? I was able to get a good education. My wife Gerri and I have had a good life in Oxford County with our three boys." George believes that education can change people's lives for the better and that's why they set up the Klosler Family Fund to support continuing education at the University of Guelph. Now retired, George continues to explore more ways to give back, to make an impact where it's most needed, especially in the areas of education and the environment. He's thrilled that he'll be able to do so through this fund now and long after he's gone.

OXFORD COUNTY YOUTH FUND

There are people in our lives that leave a lasting impression on us. A humble and anonymous donor established the Oxford County Youth Fund in honour of one such person. This donor grew up on a farm in Oxford County and he fondly remembers the simple everyday acts of kindness shared by a cherished and caring neighbour. "Sometimes we come across a person who changes our life for better. She made a real difference in my life. I will forever remember her quiet, extraordinary examples of how to look after each other and our community," he shares. He believes that one of the best ways we can look after our children and show them how much we care, is to support organizations that will create a better world for them and their children. With the establishment of this fund, this donor is expressing his gratitude for the love and support offered by his neighbour, and he is contributing to a better future for the youth in our community. Grants from this fund will support youth initiatives in the areas of community building, mental health, recreation and education each and every year – forever.

CREATING A LEGACY WITH IMPACT

EXISTING FUNDS

We are truly inspired to have so many forward-thinking and generous donors and fundholders each of whom is building a stronger, more resilient community for everyone, today and always. Please see below for a list of OCF funds and fundholders.

Community Funds

You leave it up to us and our grants committee to ensure the community's most pressing needs are supported. We fund all aspects of community well-being — arts and culture, education, the environment, health and wellness, heritage, recreation, and social services — trust the Foundation to find the groups that need money the most.

- Founders' Circle Fund
- Builders' Circle Fund
- Alabastine-Wilkinson Family Fund
- Dolson Family Fund
- Doug & Yvonne Eckel Fund
- Henning Hansen Memorial Fund
- The Heroes Among Us Fund
- Jean Matheson Heroes Fund
- Norwich Township Community Fund
- Oxford County Youth Fund
- Donald Post Fund

Field of Interest Fund

On your behalf, our grants committee will target gifts to address a community issue in an area important to you.

- Tyler Arts Legacy Fund
- Hawkins Family Memorial Fund
- Klosler Family Fund
- Oxford Environmental Fund
- Oxford Manufacturers Skill Development Fund
- George & Lorna Roberts Fund
- Pat & Barry Smith Fund
- WDDS Rosemary George Fund

Donor Advised Fund

Functioning like a private foundation, a donor-advised fund allows you to be involved with choosing which charities and initiatives to support each year.

- 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 Fund

You select your favourite charities at the time you establish the fund, and we ensure they are supported, forever.

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

Flex Fund

Offers you the flexibility to meet your unique needs by combining one or more interests and fund types.

- Joland Family Fund
- Thamesford Lawn Bowling Legacy Fund

Agency Fund

Allows registered charities and non-profits to building a sustainable source of funding for their organization. This allows the community to contribute to the fund and for the organizations to concentrate on their community mission knowing that funding is available each year.

- Children's Aid Society Oxford Endowment Fund
- Operation Sharing Endowment Fund

Gift In Will Or Other Planned Gift

A commitment that allows you to support your favourite causes even after you are gone. Including a charitable bequest in your will or through a life insurance policy is a simple way to make a lasting gift that will live on in your community.

*To start your giving journey today, please contact us at:
lwardrop@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org or 226-667-6404*

2022 FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We are committed to transparency and accountability.

We publish activity reports and financial statements each year and solicit feedback regularly on our work from our donors and community partners. Our financial statements were prepared by MW&CO.

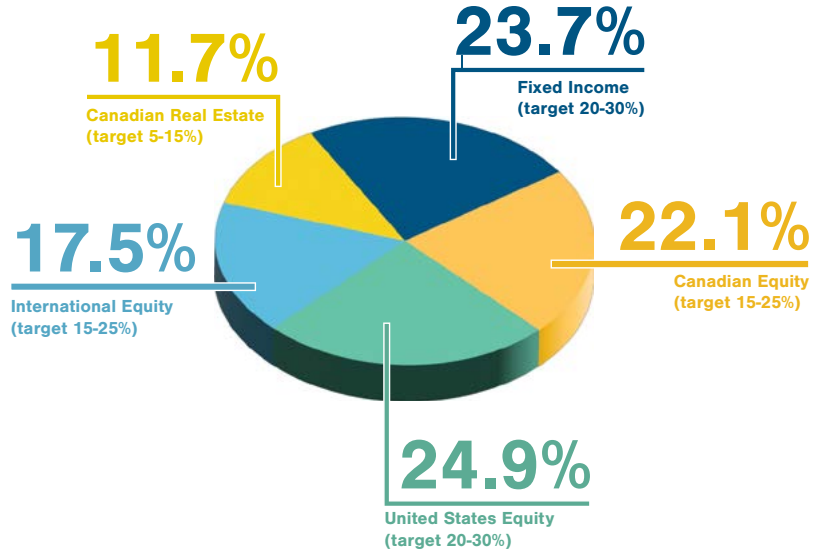
Copies are available by contacting the office at info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org or 226-667-6404.

Despite market fluctuations, our funding ability remains solid in large part due to granting reserves put in place over the years. Our stakeholders can depend on us to be professional stewards of gifts received. Donor gifts are pooled, and investment management is provided by the London Community Foundation. This arrangement helps us maximize growth and minimize costs. The relationship is re-evaluated annually by OCF's Finance and Investment Committee.

The Foundation's investment program is focused on generating returns that allow OCF to meet its granting objectives, recover operating costs, protect the purchasing power of the capital, and establish a reserve to protect against potential market declines.

Asset Allocation of the Investment Fund

OCF is a long-term investor and believes the asset mix, ensures we can continue to impact our community in a positive and meaningful way.



Summary of Statement of Operations and Fund Balances

Year Ended December 31, 2022.

OCF continues to be focused on sound management and strong governance. Operating costs as a percentage of average asset value has been commonly used by community foundations as an indicator of efficiency. OCF continues to meet the benchmark for foundations of similar asset size.

2022 Financial & Investment Highlights

	2021	2022
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,400,324	\$2,373,486
<i>Operating Expense as % of Total Assets</i>	4.9%	5.1%
<i>Investment Returns Net of Fees</i>	12.2%	-5.8%
Donations and Fundraising	\$562,246	\$349,513
FUNDS BALANCE		
Endowed funds (community, individual, agency)	\$2,085,797	\$2,089,349
Operating Funds (Founders & Builders Funds)	\$171,306	\$153,327
Funds held on behalf of other parties	\$30,607	\$28,246
Total Fund Balance	\$2,287,710	\$2,270,922
GRANTS & DISBURSEMENTS		
OCF Grants (Keeping money in Oxford)	\$84,063	\$115,693
Partnership Grants (Bringing money to Oxford)	\$126,980	\$30,135
Total Grants	\$211,043	\$145,828

Total Amount
Granted in 2022

\$145,828

FOUNDERS' & BUILDERS CIRCLE

Creating a Strong Foundation

The Community Foundation movement is now more than 100 years old in Canada and has grown to more than 200 across our country. Each community foundation drives local solutions on issues that matter most in our local communities.

Creators of Oxford Community Foundation brought together a group of people passionate about making Oxford a better place for all. They were successful in obtaining charitable status for the foundation in December 2003.

Each of our Founders and Builders, listed below, initially pledged \$2,000 to help cover general operating costs. We are grateful for their dedication and financial commitment. They provided us with the stability from which to grow.

Over time, several of our Founders and Builders established their own funds, amplifying their legacy and positive impacts in our community. They are listed separately in the first column.

Founding & Building Members who also created Endowment Funds

(year 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
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Edward Down
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Edward Down
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Keith & Fran Hudson
Estate of Marjorie Lowe
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Tanya Murray
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Mary Anne Silverthorn
Don & Beth Taylor

Our Sincere Thanks

To each and every OCF donor and fundholder: we hope you know how much you mean to us and the community you support!

Sincere thanks for the generosity of the individuals, families and organizations listed below who made a gift of \$100 or more in 2022.

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Our seniors are the pillars of our community

As we reflect on 2022, many of us breathe a sigh of relief. We are coming through the COVID-19 pandemic with our health intact and are eager to gather with friends and family once again. We returned to our offices, resumed our gym memberships, and dined at our favourite restaurants. Sadly, this hasn't been the case for everyone. Our seniors, the most vulnerable of our community, were significantly affected. Statistics Canada reports that seniors aged 65 and over accounted for 93% of the deaths attributed to COVID-19. Pre-existing health conditions and strong susceptibility to the virus, saw most seniors isolated in their homes, often lacking the technical ability to stay virtually connected.

Our community service organizations are the quiet heroes of the pandemic. Faced with unprecedented circumstances, lockdowns and social distancing restrictions, they rallied and used OCF grants to serve our isolated seniors in kind and creative ways. They pivoted to virtually connecting to those who could, and for those who could not, then it was a daily phone call to check in. This could be a friendly conversation, a mental health wellness check, or making sure sufficient food was on hand. Our partners at the South Gate Centre and Multi-Service Centre Tillsonburg adapted their meal services to include food deliveries where volunteers ensured it was "more than just a meal." If the phone went unanswered or the delivery bag untouched, our community service organizations moved to action, alerting family members and emergency services.

Moving our seniors out of the pandemic and back into the community has been equally as challenging. Once again, our community service organizations have risen to the challenge to ensure being part of the community is socially and cognitively stimulating, fulfilling and safe. Grants were used by Parkinson's SWO and Alzheimer Society Oxford to create programs that feed the body and soul through dance, crafts, cognitive and mobility exercises but most importantly fellowship and connection.

To our partners, our community service organizations, our deepest thanks for all you do. To our seniors, thank you. We need you, and your experience and wisdom to make Oxford County better.




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