

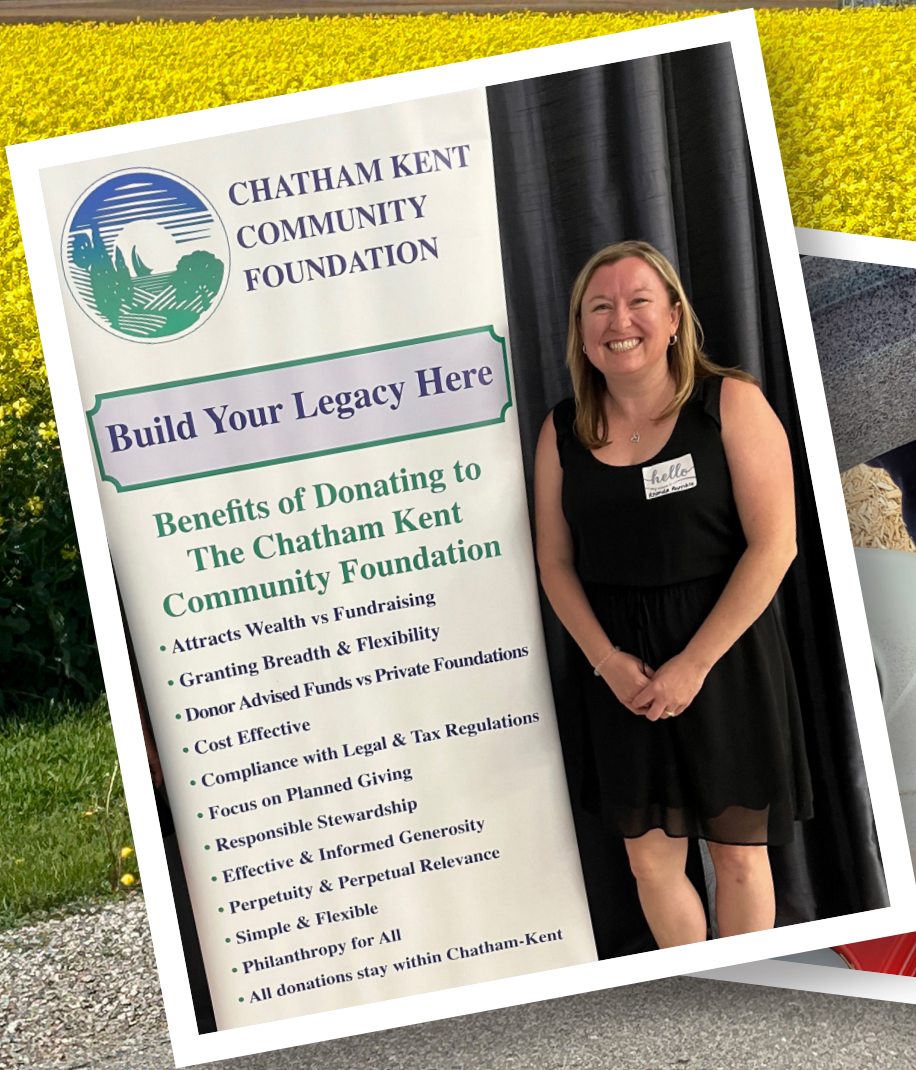



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**Benefits of Donating to  
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- Attracts Wealth vs Fundraising
- Granting Breadth & Flexibility
- Donor Advised Funds vs Private Foundations
- Cost Effective
- Compliance with Legal & Tax Regulations
- Focus on Planned Giving
- Responsible Stewardship
- Effective & Informed Generosity
- Perpetuity & Perpetual Relevance
- Simple & Flexible
- Philanthropy for All
- All donations stay within Chatham-Kent



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

# OUR PURPOSE

To be an agent of positive change and thereby improve the vitality and the quality of life in Chatham-Kent.

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# OUR VALUES

## Trust - Building and maintaining trust

CKCF will act with a high level of ethics, professionalism and accountability in its stewardship and granting responsibilities.

## Collaboration - Working with and supporting others

CKCF will work diligently with a wide variety of community organizations to support well-being and resiliency in our community.

## Openness - Welcoming everyone, making everyone feel appreciated/seen

CKCF will help provide access to opportunities and/or resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized and prioritize outcomes that are equitable and fair.

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# OUR PRIORITIES

The Chatham Kent Community Foundation is a trusted and respected philanthropic leader with three principal roles: donor services, community impact and community leadership.

## 1 DONOR SERVICES

**Increase CKCF's impact in the community by broadening, deepening and engaging its donor base**

Thanks to our many donors, CKCF's current grant offerings encourage and support over 85 charitable organizations each year. Over \$700,000 in grants, scholarships and bursaries were distributed to 88 local charitable organizations by the Chatham Kent Community Foundation in 2024.

The Foundation will require greater resources both to build endowed and long-term funds and to increase the operational revenue to sustain the organization. Going forward, CKCF will focus on growing investments and increasing its donor base, with the aim of building granting capacity and increasing impact, for the well-being and resiliency of our community.

## 2 COMMUNITY IMPACT

**Build community capacity and understanding of the Foundation**

Knowledge of community needs is a key component in helping to better support well-being and resiliency in Chatham-Kent. CKCF will connect with various community partners to gain a deeper understanding of the evolving needs of the Chatham-Kent community to help improve its vitality.

The intelligence gained will inform and assist the Foundation in grant-offering, promote thoughtful stewardship, guide investing and fund development as well as help shape the organization's practices and procedures.

## 3 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

**Build organizational sustainability, including Board leadership and operational practices**

Sustainable organizations ensure a framework of good governance practices to ensure that decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, and that risks are managed efficiently and effectively. CKCF will focus on its ability to adapt and be nimble to meet the evolving needs and challenges facing the Chatham-Kent community.

Every organization should regularly review its current practices and procedures to strengthen effectiveness, responsiveness and accountability.

# REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chatham Kent Community Foundation (CKCF) had an amazing 2024. As Chair of the Board of Directors, it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I share with you some of the many accomplishments of the past year. In 2024, CKCF distributed \$705,123 in grants, scholarships and bursaries to 88 local charitable organizations, thanks to the generosity and ongoing support of our many donors and volunteers. I would be remiss if I did not specifically recognize the importance of the South Kent Wind Community Fund, a Donor Advised Fund, for helping make this community support a reality, with its generous contribution this year in the amount of \$295,699.

We are proud to announce that two new major Donor Designated funds were established in 2024. The Merv and Goldie Howes Fund and the James B. Gee, Linda L. Gee and Dr. Andrew J. Gee Fund. The Merv and Goldie Howes Fund will benefit the Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation while the James B. Gee, Linda L. Gee and Dr. Andrew J. Gee Fund will support continuing education for staff and employees of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance. The Elaine Hook Children's Fund was also established in 2024. This Field of Interest fund will enhance the health and wellbeing of children in Chatham-Kent. Grants from these funds will be given annually in perpetuity.

In 2024, the Board of Directors engaged in a strategic planning exercise, developing a three-year plan for the Foundation. For more information on the CKCF strategic plan, please refer to page 2 in this Annual Report. Last June, CKCF hosted its Annual General Meeting at the Active Lifestyle Centre in Chatham. It was gratifying and heart-warming to welcome many of our grant donors and recipients at this event. Many in attendance were thrilled to learn about the growing number of charitable organizations in our community that are impacted by the funds distributed by the Foundation. I would like to extend a big thank you to the Board members, past and present, to the many donors, to the numerous volunteers who, each year, help improve the vitality and the quality of life in Chatham-Kent through their contributions to the Foundation.

CKCF held its annual Golf Tournament in September at the Willow Ridge Golf and Country Club in Blenheim. We were blessed with fantastic weather, and the many golfers, sponsors and volunteers helped make this event a great success. We raised \$19,500 to help support the Foundation, ensuring investment dollars are retained and able to grow over time. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in our upcoming annual Golf Tournament on September 19 2025, at Willow Ridge Golf and Country Club. We hope to see there!

Once again, thank you for your support of the Chatham Kent Community Foundation. We hope that you will consider donating to the Foundation in the future to help us fund an even greater number of projects, programs, and services in our community.

Sincerely,  
**Janine Griffore**  
*Board Chair, 2024*



## ***On the cover:***

### ***Bottom Left:***

*St. Clair College nursing graduate Rhonda Rumble was a recipient of the Mary Christina Uniac Nursing Scholarship. This scholarship is funded by the Frank and Mary Uniac Fund, a donor-designated fund of the CKCF. Full story on page 4.*

### ***Bottom Right:***

*A local boy takes part in recreational programming provided by the newly-launched Boys and Girls Club of Chatham-Kent. Full story on page 5.*

## UNIAC SCHOLARSHIPS

Caring. Compassion. Hope.



Local nursing graduate Rhonda Rumble is not your typical college student. Likewise, neither was her route to the nursing profession.

Ms. Rumble recently graduated with honours from the St. Clair College School of Nursing. The journey was long and full of challenges, particularly as she went back to school as a mature student who had not thrived at her first attempt at post-secondary education.

“At the end of high school I took nursing, but it wasn’t a good fit for me,” Ms. Rumble said.

“You need focus, dedication and commitment, and I wasn’t ready for it.”

Ms. Rumble took an office administration job at a local agriculture business, where she met her husband, Ian. When they began their family, she opted to be a stay-at-home mom. Life became more challenging when Ian was faced with his own health crisis.

She admits that challenge re-ignited her interest in a health-care career. She was struck not only with the professionalism of the many health-care providers they worked with, but with their unwavering compassion.

“I liked the personal element that was in it, and I thought ‘I want to be the one who brings peace and caring to patients.’ ”

And while her growing children were navigating their own high school and post-secondary experiences, Ms. Rumble was struggling too.

“Second year was awful,” she said.

“But I had great friends who stepped up and pulled me through.”

Ms. Rumble was rewarded for her hard work and commitment in 2024 with a Mary Christina Uniac Nursing Scholarship. This scholarship is funded by the Frank and Mary Uniac Fund, a donor designated fund of the CKCF.

John Fairley, the Vice President of College Communications and Community Relations at St. Clair, said the annual scholarship is important to students on many levels.

“For many students, scholarships are not just a form of assistance. They are a turning point,” he said.

“They relieve financial stress, open doors to opportunities, and allow students to focus fully on their studies, clinical placements, and the compassionate work that nursing demands.”

The legacy of Frank and Mary Uniac is far-reaching in Chatham-Kent, through their fund with the CKCF and other local charities. It’s a legacy that friend and former neighbour Mike Peach said is given without a lot of fanfare.

“On a yearly basis, the Uniac foundations dispense over \$400,000 into the Chatham-Kent community,” he said.

“They have left an incredible legacy of giving to the community.”

Frank Uniac was born in Stratford, and at the age of 16 he was recruited to play professional hockey in the eastern US. His career as a goalie eventually landed him in Chatham, playing for the Maroons. That same year, 1949, he began work at International Harvester. It was here that he met the head nurse, Mary Christina Clapp, a graduate of the nursing program at Public General Hospital.

They married in 1954, and throughout their 56-year marriage they were active supporters of many local organizations. Frank continued this support in Mary’s memory after her passing in 2010 by establishing the nursing scholarship. In 2013 Frank and his late wife were named Outstanding Philanthropists by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

*“They were just the sweetest people,” Mike Peach said. “They touched the community in so many ways, and they’ve left everything to their community.”*

John Fairley said the support of the Foundation, through this scholarship, is important to the students and to the community.

“Being a donor is about more than financial support,” he said.

“It’s about belief. When donors like the Uniac family and organizations like the Chatham Kent Community Foundation invest in our students, they send a powerful message: We believe in you and your future.”

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

### Local funding responds to local needs

As she saw the needs of children and youth change in this community, Amanda Clarke recognized that the non-profit she was heading up was not working to its full potential. The executive director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters was growing increasingly concerned with having to put children on waiting lists, and the constant search for mentors to sign on to support these children.

“This wasn’t solving the core issues that we were seeing in youth,” Ms. Clarke said.

Together with the volunteer directors of BBBS, she began the task of creating a new non-profit that would better serve young people in Chatham-Kent. Their goal: a fully functional chapter of Boys and Girls Club of Canada that would provide programming in schools and community hubs throughout the municipality.

That timeline for winding down BBBS and launching Boys and Girls Club went in overdrive when insurance costs for the former organization came in over-budget.

“We had to shut down,” she said.

“We had no money to go into 2024.”

Ms. Clarke said most of the prep work had already been done to create a new organization. The only thing missing was appropriate funding.

“All we were working on was reserves, and it was not enough to support the launch and new programming for Boys and Girls Club,” Ms. Clarke said. “The financial support from the Foundation was pivotal.”

The newly-launched Boys and Girls Club of Chatham-Kent received \$17,700 in the spring 2024 round of CKCF grants. The non-profit received \$10,000 from the South Kent Wind Community Fund, and just under \$7,000 from the O’Neill Community Betterment Fund.

Ms. Clarke said the creation of the local chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of Canada was not a re-branding. She said BGCC is a completely different organization with a different set of objectives that are better suited to the children and youth in our community.

*“It has been the best move we’ve ever made,” she said. “We’re working better, we’re serving our youth - we’re actually serving them rather than putting them on a wait list.”*

Programming that is now available includes “CORE”, a recreational after-school program for children aged 4 - 12, and ‘Ready, Set, Thrive’. This program is delivered in-school to grades 3-8, and can also be offered virtually.

Ms. Clarke said other programs will be launched soon in satellite locations in Tilbury, Dresden and Morpeth. The goal, she said, is to reach children in all communities in Chatham Kent.

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## CHATHAM-KENT SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTRE

### Working together to end sexual violence

As part of its role to offer education and support, the Chatham Kent Sexual Assault Crisis Centre has developed a workshop aimed at area high school and college students challenging them to work together to end sexual violence.

And while the goal of the workshop was to increase awareness among youth, it also prompted several young women to come forward and ask for help.

The Executive Director of the CKSACC said funding from the Chatham Kent Community Foundation was instrumental in allowing the centre to create the workshop, entitled “Stand Together to End Violence.” The centre received a \$10,000 grant from the CKCF and South Kent Wind in 2024.

*“We would not have been able to do this without this funding,” Linda Soulliere said.*

*“It had a really positive impact on the students. And it also led some young women to seek out our services.”*

The centre offers services for women and girl-identifying, trans, and non-binary persons 16 years of age or older who have experienced sexual assault, harassment, exploitation, and /or abuse. Ms. Soulliere said, however, that the centre has been getting calls from schools with younger victims.

“Sexual assault is definitely a problem in our community,” she said. She added the program is important, because it helps young people understand the impact of sexual abuse. And talking about abuse also helps create allies - young men and women who will do something when they see a friend or peer suffering.

“The more exposure we can get into the schools, the more we can influence how young men grow up,” she said.

## DR. JIM RICHARDSON FUND

### Standing the test of time



In the early 2000's, residents of Tilbury were facing a desperate doctor shortage, and had limited means to address the challenge.

And while volunteers had formed two committees, one to work on recruiting a doctor and another to establish a community-led family

health team, they had limited funds to work with.

It was just the thing the late Dr. Jim Richardson would have loved to have supported.

The local family doctor, who passed away in December 1999, had been a proud champion of his home town. It was this belief in local people and their causes that motivated him to establish a donor designated fund with the Chatham Kent Community Foundation.

*"He just wanted to do good things for the people who needed it," Paul Courey said.*

*"It's what he had done his whole life."*

Mr. Courey is a local lawyer, one of three volunteer directors of the Dr. James Richardson Fund, and a relative of "Dr. Jim." He said the fund has disbursed \$409,493 to Tilbury and area organizations since its first grant was awarded in 2001.

And, he said, the fund will continue to support initiatives as the principal investment has remained intact.

"This is why these perpetual funds are so incredibly valuable," Mr. Courey said.

"We still have the original gift."

James Frank Richardson was born at the home of his parents on Canal Street in Tilbury in March, 1911. His father passed away when he was only seven years old - his sister was just 10 and his brother was not yet three. James went on to study medicine at the University of Western Ontario, and in 1939 he set up his medical office in the family home on Canal Street. Except for 3 1/2 years served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp during World War II, Dr. Jim practised in Tilbury until 1981.

The first initiative that the fund supported was the work of the family health team and physician recruitment. Funding was made available to hire two nurse practitioners, which was a huge relief to the community. It also set the stage for further development of the family health team model.

"The funding gave them liquidity," Mr. Courey said. "The money they needed to set this up came from this fund. It enabled them to get things done."

Over the years, the fund has also supported the work of the Tilbury and District Historical Society. Mr. Courey said Dr. Richardson had deep family ties to the area, and that he always had an interest in the history of this region.

And now, more than 20 years after that first grant was given out, the fund continues to support locally. Recent grant recipients include Ashley's Place and the Tilbury Help Centre.

Paul said the work of the Dr. James Richardson Fund is an apt reflection of a man who was proud of his roots.

"He just worked so hard for this community."

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## BLenheim AND AREA PREVENT-A-LITTER

### Small actions often have a big impact on a community.

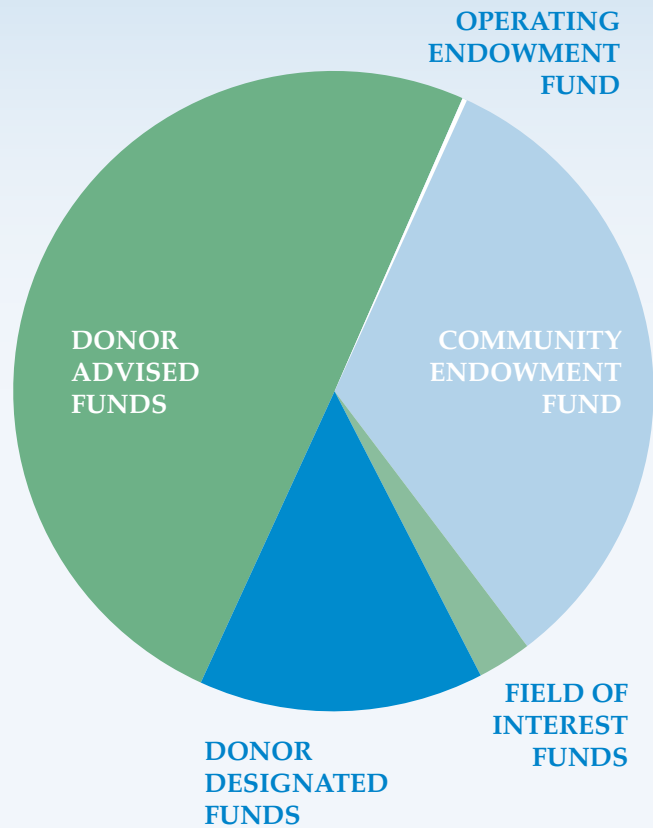
In early 2024, Patti Dauphin was growing increasingly concerned about a colony of feral cats that was living in underbrush across from her home on Chittim Road in Blenheim. She knew the only way to control the growth of this colony was to begin to trap and neuter each one of them. So she enlisted the help of neighbours and friends, and together they were able to bring that colony under control. It was through this community effort that Patti realized that with a bit of organization, more could be done to manage feral cats in the area.

So began B A PAL - Blenheim and Area Prevent-a-Litter. The committee of eight local volunteers humanely traps feral and community cats, pays to have them neutered or spayed, and then returns them to their original territories. TNR reduces the incidence of unwanted litters, which often results in overcrowding of shelters and potentially euthanasia of unwanted cats. The neutering of these cats helps reduce aggressive behaviors, such as fighting and spraying, that can be a nuisance to local residents.

The \$5,000 grant that helped kick-start B A PAL in early 2024 came from the Mary and Al Woods Animal Welfare Field of Interest Fund. This fund was established in 2020, when the estate of Mary Ethel Wood made an \$850,000 donation to the Chatham Kent Community Foundation. At the time, it was the largest donation ever made to the Foundation. This fund provides grants to local organizations that are involved in the care, maintenance, benefit and general welfare of domestic and wild animals.

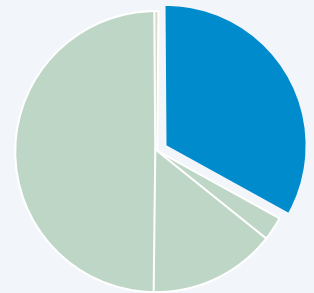
# ABOUT OUR FUNDS

The Chatham Kent Community Foundation has five types of funds. The first fund, namely the COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND, is a general type of fund that leaves control over the granting of investment income to the discretion of the Foundation Board. The remaining four types of funds, specifically the FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS, DESIGNATED FUNDS, DONOR ADVISED FUNDS and the OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND, differ from the Community Endowment Fund essentially in the way they direct how the investment income is granted.



## 1. Community Endowment Fund

These discretionary funds offer the greatest amount of flexibility to the Foundation in responding to the immediate and changing needs of the community. Donors do not place restrictions on the use of the funds and rely on the Board of Directors to make grant decisions that meet current community priorities and needs. The Community Endowment Fund has within it the opportunity to have Funds “Named” in the name of the donor or some other honoree.



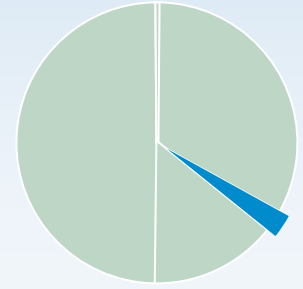
### Named Funds within the Community Endowment Fund

The Allen Family Fund	\$32,143
Anakin Templeton Fund	34,284
Dave & Brenda Baute Fund	285,000
The Bellringer Family Fund	25,000
J.P. Bickell Foundation	5,000
Tom & Charlene Campbell Fund	10,575
Proctor A. Dick Family Memorial Fund	24,019
Ross & Lois Eberlee Fund	69,860
Richard & Eva Eddington Family Fund	10,000
H.J. (Sandy) & Geraldine Elliot Fund	5,550
Beryl M. Ivey Fund	103,500
Honey MacDonald Fund	1,162,000
Raymond & Lucienne Myers Estate	141,710
Ruth Sadlier O’Rourke Memorial Fund	18,200
Robert & Verna Parry Family Fund	55,992
Robert & Mary Rule Family Fund	11,770
Sybil & Blake Ward Fund	10,166
Neil Wood & Janet Mallory-Wood Fund	53,220
Edward T. Little Fund	6,000
Dr. Jack and Doris MacWilliam Fund	30,000

Additional donors are listed in “Donors of Distinction.”

## 2. Field of Interest Funds

These funds work much like the Community Endowment Fund except that the donors will identify an area of interest that they would like to support. The donor empowers the Foundation’s Board to select worthwhile projects to support. Named Funds are also possible. The Chatham Kent Community Foundation has seven Field of Interest Funds currently available to our donors:



### Wayne & Sylvia Barnard Family Fund: \$23,993

Established in 2017 by Wayne and Sylvia Barnard, the Wayne and Sylvia Barnard Family Fund was created to provide grants to support Chatham-Kent organizations that provide services or programs to Chatham-Kent residents under the age of 19 years. The services or programs may be recreational, educational, artistic, therapeutic, medical, cultural, social or environmental in nature.

### Mary & Al Woods Animal Welfare Fund: \$1,025,199

Established in 2020 by the Estate of Mary Woods, the Mary & Al Woods Animal Welfare Fund will support organizations in Chatham-Kent that are involved in the care, maintenance, benefit and general welfare of domestic and wild animals, with a particular emphasis on cats.

### Lindsay and Cindy Boyd Fund: \$10,000

Established in 2020, the Lindsay and Cindy Boyd Fund will support those in Chatham-Kent who face food insecurity issues, specifically those served by food banks and soup kitchens.

### JoLynn Deprez Athletic Fund: \$40,717

Established in 2021, the JoLynn Deprez Athletic Fund will support Youth in Athletics in Chatham-Kent, specifically to those living and pursuing athletic activities in Blenheim and Ridgetown.

### Ontario Endowment for Children & Youth in Recreation in Chatham-Kent

This Fund was established through a matching grant from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, of the Province of Ontario. Within this Fund there are a number of “Donor Named Funds” all of which are used for advancing and supporting participation by children and youth in healthy and safe physical activity and recreation.

#### Named Funds within the Ontario Endowment for Children & Youth in Recreation in Chatham-Kent Fund:

H.J. (Sandy) & Geraldine Elliot Fund	16,615
William & Eve Stacey Fund	10,200
Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation	54,095
Rotary Clubs of Chatham Fund	13,000

### Elaine Hook Children's Fund: \$10,000

Established in 2024, this Field of Interest fund will enhance the health and wellbeing of children in Chatham-Kent, specifically for organizations operating school food programs.

#### Other Donors

##### \$2,500 - \$5,000

KPMG  
Lyle & Nancy McCormick

##### \$1,000 - \$2,499

Uffe & Sharon Blok-Andersen  
Jack & Janette Carroll

Francis Denomy  
Ross & Lois Eberlee  
Robert & Lynne Fox  
Rick Kempling  
Robert McKinlay  
David & Anita Pudwell  
Russ & Shirley Templeton  
Neil Wood & Janet Mallory-Wood

##### \$500 - \$999

Don & Janet Braddon  
John Bradley  
Brad-Lea Meadows  
Paul Courey  
Hugo & Tomassina Rossini  
Paul & Rosemarie Roy  
Leigh Ann Shoji-Lee

##### Many others below \$500

### The Environmental Legacy Fund: \$1,400

This Fund was established through a partnership with the J.W. McConnell Foundation of Montreal. The income from this fund is used to financially support environmental initiatives within Chatham-Kent that relate to increasing our understanding of environmental issues and interconnection with the community. It supports initiatives that acknowledge the impact of today’s environmental actions on future generations and build relationships with service groups and funding providers to ensure long term sustainability.

The Environmental Legacy Fund is principally financed by a major contribution from the Stan Wonnacott Family. There have also been other donations that were directed to the Environmental Legacy Fund.

#### Named Funds within the Environmental Legacy Fund

Stan Wonnacott Environmental Fund	\$40,895
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### Dr. Don and Denny Patterson Environmental Legacy Fund: \$250,000

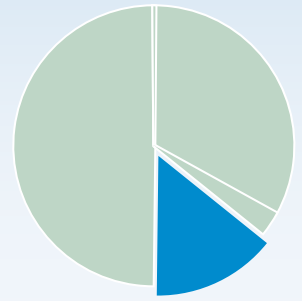
Established in 2023, grants from this fund will support organizations that prioritize protection of waters and wetlands, endangered species and natural habitats; that address air, soil and water quality issues of concern to humans; and that seek to educate and raise awareness at all levels including students, decision makers and the general public.

**Total of Field of Interest Funds** **\$1,496,114**

### 3. Donor Designated Funds

By establishing a Designated Fund, donors have the opportunity to specify which particular charity or charities they would like to support in perpetuity. If a specified charity ceases to exist and the donor has not named a successor beneficiary, and the donor is unavailable to advise the Foundation, the Foundation will redirect the funds to a Named Fund within the Community Fund.

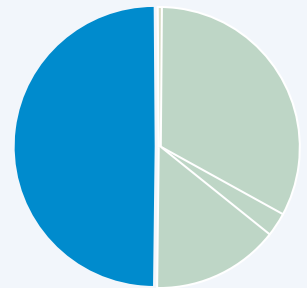
Larry Babcock Memorial Fund	\$82,756
Jack & Janette Carroll Fund	10,965
Carlo Corsini Fund	34,550
Rosa G. Corsini Fund	16,115
Dr. Doug & Betty Keeley Fund	269,342
Mayrand Family Fund	60,828
McKeough Library Endowment Fund	118,350
William & Eve Stacey Fund	33,823
Wesley D. & Pat Thompson Fund	80,850
Frank & Mary Uniac Fund	279,325
Adolphus & Armintha Weese Scholarship Fund	219,133
Jim & Jann Wicket - Dr. Jack Parry Scholarship Fund	12,440
Steve & Lorie Baker Fund	50,100
Carlo Rossini Memorial Diabetes Fund	103,554
Lois and Margaret Pearce Fund	45,071
Walter P Coulter Memorial Garden Fund	50,000
Dr. Jack and Doris MacWilliam Fund	30,000
Merv and Goldie Howes Fund	10,000
James B. Gee, Linda L. Gee and Dr. Andrew J. Gee Fund	400,000



### 4. Donor Advised Funds

Donor Advised Funds enable a donor to have ongoing participation in the selection of charities that will benefit from their gift. Donors are involved in the grant making process; however, the Foundation, as trustee, retains the responsibility for final decisions. Provisions should be made in the Donor Advised Fund Agreement to provide directions to the Foundation in the event of the death of the donor or designated advisor.

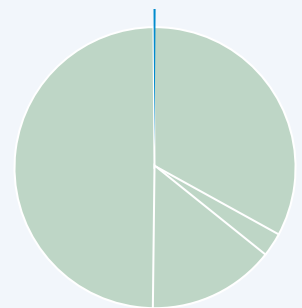
Bradley Family Fund	\$742,743
Garnet George Case Fund	330,000
Donald Allan Cottingham Fund	57,784
Joseph P. & Colleen O'Neill Community Betterment Fund	251,125
Dr. Jim Richardson Fund - for registered charities in Tilbury	506,804
South Kent Wind Community Fund	4,191,050



### 5. Operating Endowment Fund

The purpose of this fund is to help offset the costs of operating the Foundation. A Named Fund can be established within the Operating Endowment Fund.

J. Bradley Administrative Fund	\$22,850
Scott Geddes	3,750
Mike & Penny McGregor Fund	17,598



## The Chatham Kent Community Foundation Managed Funds

In addition to managing the Endowment Funds of the Chatham Kent Community Foundation, the Foundation also manages one other Fund for a charity within the community, namely the Chatham-Kent Canadian Diabetes Fund. This Fund is owned by the donors and is invested in strict accordance with the Foundation's established Investment Policy.

The earnings from this fund are distributed to the designated organizations on an annual basis. Donations to the Chatham Kent Community Foundation may be directed to this fund.

Chatham-Kent Canadian Diabetes Fund	\$82,028
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# GRANT MAKING

## Timeline:

The Chatham Kent Community Foundation follows a Grant Review Process. The Grant Committee reviews all requests twice per year and makes grants in June and November. In this way, it is hoped that the Foundation can be responsive to the needs of charitable organizations within the community.

## Guidelines:

The Board of Directors has developed the following application guidelines:

1. The Foundation supports charitable organizations concerned with EDUCATION, HEALTH, ARTS and CULTURE, RECREATION, the ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE, and SOCIAL SERVICES that operate for the citizens of Chatham-Kent.
2. Grants are made only to REGISTERED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. Organizations seeking funds must demonstrate a strong, committed Board, fiscal responsibility and management qualifications.
3. Grants are awarded for DEFINITE PURPOSES, and for projects covering a specified period of time. Multi-year grants are subject to periodic performance reviews.
4. Preference is given to projects which:
  - (a) encourage more efficient use of community resources
  - (b) expect to test or demonstrate new approaches and techniques in the solution of community problems
  - (c) are developed in consultation with other agencies and planning groups, and those which promote coordination, co-operation and sharing among organizations, and the elimination of duplicated services
  - (d) promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement in the community
  - (e) expect to strengthen internal management capabilities of agencies.
5. CAPITAL PROJECTS will be considered if there is a demonstrated need.
6. BURSARIES and SCHOLARSHIPS are usually awarded to educational institutions and not to individuals.
7. Grants are not usually made to support OPERATING EXPENSES of established organizations or programs.
8. Grants are not made to establish or add to ENDOWMENT FUNDS.
9. Grants are not usually made to RELIGIOUS or POLITICAL organizations for direct activities.

Please obtain a GRANT APPLICATION FORM online: [www.chathamkentcommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.chathamkentcommunityfoundation.ca) or call 519-351-3348. Once your application has been submitted, the Grant Committee will review the request and make a full report to the Chatham Kent Community Foundation Board of Directors for a final decision.

*Sincere thanks to all of the players, sponsors and volunteers who contributed to the great success of the 2024 CKCF Golf Tournament!*

*Join us in 2025 for another fun day on the links!*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Willow Ridge Golf & Country Club | 439 Chatham Street, Blenheim

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start | \$150 for Golf, Cart, Lunch and Dinner

**Tek Savvy**

Main Event Sponsor

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

Email: [info@ChathamKentCommunityFoundation.ca](mailto:info@ChathamKentCommunityFoundation.ca)

Phone: 519.351.3348

All proceeds from the golf tournament support the operating costs of the Foundation

## Grants from Donor Designated Funds

Carlo Rossini Memorial Diabetes Fund — Carlo Rossini Memorial Diabetes Foundation \$ 3,767  
Larry Babcock Memorial Fund — Chatham-Kent Pool Sharks \$2,017  
Larry Babcock Memorial Fund — Chatham Kent Women's Centre \$1,009  
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## Grants from Donor Advised Funds

Joseph P. & Colleen O'Neill Community Betterment Fund — Boys and Girls Club of Chatham-Kent \$6,639  
Joseph P. & Colleen O'Neill Community Betterment Fund — Active Lifestyle Centre \$5,605  
Donald Allan Cottingham Fund — Tilbury Solid Rock Café Youth Centre \$1,817  
Donald Allan Cottingham Fund — Tilbury Area Action Team \$1,000  
Garnett George Case Fund — Catherine McVean Chapter IODE \$7,500  
Garnett George Case Fund — Westover Treatment Centre \$4,050  
Garnett George Case Fund — Thamesville Sertoma Club \$4,540  
Dr. Jim Richardson Fund — Tilbury and District Historical Society \$11,120  
Dr. Jim Richardson Fund — Tilbury Food Bank \$11,120  
Dr. Jim Richardson Fund — Tilbury Maple Leaf Cemetery (In Memory of Bryon Fluker) \$2,470

## Grants from Field of Interest Funds

Wayne & Sylvia Barnard Family Fund — Kenesserie Camp \$1,170  
Wonnacott Environmental Fund — Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority \$2,070  
Ontario Endowment for Children & Youth in Recreation Fund — Kenesserie Camp \$6,140  
JoLynn Deprez Athletic Fund — Blenheim Youth Centre \$1,254  
Dr Don and Denny Patterson Environmental Legacy Fund - Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority \$6,095

## Grants from Funds that Support the Operations of the Chatham Kent Community Foundation

J.Bradley Administrative Fund \$1,104  
Scott Geddes Operating Endowment \$183  
Mike & Penny McGregor Fund \$801

## GRANTS MADE BY THE CHATHAM KENT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### **Blenheim Youth Centre \$1,254**

This grant allowed staff to purchase program supplies and materials for the 'Recreation and Leisure' pillar of BYC programming. Funding included a contribution from the JoLynn Deprez Athletic Fund.

### **Active Lifestyle Centre \$5,605**

This funding supported the planning and installation of horseshoe pits at the Centre. Some of the grant dollars came from the Joseph P. and Colleen O'Neill Community Betterment Fund.

### **Blenheim Area Prevent a Litter (B-A-Pal) \$5,000**

This grant was used to establish a Trap, Neuter, and Return program, which in turn promotes responsible pet ownership. Funding included a contribution from the Mary and Al Woods Animal Welfare Fund.

### **Catherine McVean Chapter IODE \$7,500**

The Dresden community was able to put up a fence around the Central Bark Dog Park thanks in part to this grant. Funding includes a contribution from the George Garnet Case Fund.

### **Chatham Kent Animal Rescue \$6,000**

This grant funded two programs at the Chatham animal rescue facility. It was used to support the Precious Partners Program, which provides vaccines, covers the cost of dental work for strays, and spay/neuter costs. The grant also supports a one-year grant writing course for shelter staff. Funding includes a contribution from the Mary and Al Woods Animal Welfare Fund.

### **FreeHelpCK \$10,000**

For the past six years, FreeHelpCK's Operation Backpack program has distributed 5,000 backpacks filled with essential school supplies to children in our communities. The program affirms this community group's commitment to ensure that every student has the tools they need for success.



*Volunteers with FreeHelpCK show off some of the hundreds of backpacks that were distributed to local school students during their annual Operation Backpack program.*

### **Kenesserie Camp \$20,000**

This funding covered the costs of relocating camper cabins away from the Lake Erie bluff. Funding included a contribution from the Wayne and Sylvia Barnard Family Fund and the Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation.

### **Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority. \$8,165**

This grant allowed the local Conservation Authority to purchase trees, and to carry out website development. Funding included a contribution from the Dr. Don and Denny Patterson Environmental Legacy Fund, which was established in 2023.

### **PAW Pet and Wildlife Rescue \$5,000**

Volunteers at PAW used the grant to build an adoption centre for local shelter cats at the Chatham Glasshouse Nursery. Funding included a contribution from the Mary and Al Woods Animal Welfare Fund.

### **R.O.C.K. (Reach Out Chatham-Kent) \$5,000**

This grant supported staff wages, and helped cover some of the costs of establishing a new drop-in centre. R.O.C.K. currently has drop-in centres in Chatham and Wallaceburg, and serves on average 30-60 people a day.

### **University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus \$31,235**

Funding was used to make improvements to the small animal colony housing at the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph. Funding included a contribution from the Mary and Al Woods Animal Welfare Fund.

### **YMCA of Chatham-Kent \$5,000**

This grant supports subsidies for children, families and individuals, allowing them to access the local YMCA facilities and programs.



*Blenheim resident Patti Dauphin with Stuie, one of the first cats that was neutered through a program established by B.A. Pal — Blenheim and Area Prevent-a-Litter.*

# GRANTS MADE BY THE SOUTH KENT WIND COMMUNITY FUND, A DONOR ADVISED FUND OF THE CHATHAM KENT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## **Alzheimer Society of Chatham-Kent \$5,444**

This grant allowed the Alzheimer Society to renovate and improve its offices.

## **Blenheim Area Prevent a Litter \$3,000**

This is a first-time grant to the organization, which runs a Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) program for feral and stray cats in Blenheim and surrounding communities.

## **Blenheim Christian Reformed Church \$5,000**

The church was able to continue the Good Things Outreach program through this grant. The program offers weekly food delivery to people in Blenheim and Ridgetown.

## **Buxton National Historic Site & Museum \$7,500**

Guests to the site have improved accessibility through the use of a portable ramp, which was purchased with this grant.

## **Chatham Kent Women's Centre \$5,000**

This funding was directed to the Chatham-Kent Trauma Support Program.

## **Chatham-Kent Drug Awareness Council \$3,000**

Grant money was used to support several programs, including an International Overdose Awareness Day event, a Recover Out Loud event, and a Recovery Breakfast.

## **Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Foundation \$15,000**

This was the first of two grants which will help purchase a new bladder scanner for use at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Chatham campus.

## **Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation \$7,500**

These funds supported the Comfort & Care Enhancement Program for families at the hospice.

## **Highgate District Agricultural Society \$5,500**

Grant money was used to purchase a new refrigerator and freezer at the Highgate Fairgrounds.

## **Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity \$2,000**

This non-profit organization provides financial assistance to low-income families with a child experiencing a significant illness.

## **Junior Achievement South Western Ontario \$2,000**

This grant enabled JA to deliver financial literacy programs in Chatham Kent schools.

## **King George VI Home and School Association \$10,000**

Students were the beneficiaries of this grant, which was used to purchase 20 Chromebooks.

## **Knox Pantry & Soup Cellar \$5,000**

These funds were used to purchase food for hot lunches, and to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and meat for weekly distribution in Wallaceburg.

## **Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent \$1,500**

This grant supported the FRIENDS program, which is based on cognitive behaviour therapy.

## **Linck Child, Youth and Family Supports \$7,155**

Funds were used to develop an intensive training and consultation model for staff who support youth with complex mental health and behavioural needs.

## **Linck Child, Youth, & Family Supports \$5,000**

A new technology system which supports Measurement-Based Care (MBC) was implemented through this grant.

## **Make Children Better Now \$2,324**

These funds supported a week-long performing arts summer camp hosted by MCBN.

## **Merlin Parks & Recreation \$4,000**

This grant provided for upgrades to landscaping around the equipment shed, the multipurpose building, the bathroom and the dugouts at the Merlin community park.

## **Moraviantown United Church \$1,000**

This grant money was used to provide nutritious meals to the Delaware First Nation community.

## **New Beginnings ABI & Stroke Recovery Association \$5,000**

These funds supported the association's Day Programming, covering the costs of supplies and transportation.

## **Palmyra Community Club \$1,500**

Club members used this grant to repair the roof and paint the former schoolhouse, which is now a community centre.

## **R.O.C.K. (Reach Out Chatham-Kent) \$3,000**

This grant covered day-to-day expenses, and was used to purchase supplies for the Wallaceburg Drop-In Centre.

## **STEM Camp Foundation \$5,600**

Twenty local children were able to attend a STEM Camp in Chatham through the support of this grant.



*Local children were able to take part in a unique summer camp experience, growing their skills in science, technology, engineering and math, through the STEM Camp Foundation.*

## **The Village Resource Centre \$7,000**

This resource centre in Wheatley houses a food assistance program for local residents.

## **Wallaceburg & District Ukuleles \$2,700**

Funding was used to purchase a portable speaker and amplification system.

## **Wallaceburg Concert Band \$3,000**

The concert band used this grant to purchase musical instruments.

## **WDSS Tartan Booster Club \$4,250**

This group, which supports activities at WDSS, used this grant to purchase a commercial treadmill for student use.

## GRANTS MADE JOINTLY BY THE SOUTH KENT WIND COMMUNITY FUND AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE CHATHAM KENT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### **Blenheim Youth Centre \$4,750**

This grant supported BYC summer programming, including covering the costs of materials, travel, staffing costs, field trips, and promotions.

### **Boys and Girls Club of Chatham-Kent \$17,700**

Funding supported the 'Ready, Set, Thrive!' and 'CORE' programs that the BGCC delivers in area schools.

### **Campfire Circle \$6,000**

A local family was able to experience Rainbow Lake Camp with the support of this grant. Rainbow Lake provides a unique and safe camp experience for children with cancer and/or other serious illness, and their families.

### **Canadian Cancer Society \$10,000**

The Canadian Cancer Society's Wheels of Hope Transportation Program provides people living with cancer rides to and from their cancer treatment appointments. Dedicated volunteer drivers donate their time and use their own (or Society-owned) vehicles to help people living with cancer get to the hospital or cancer centre.

### **Chatham Hope Haven \$38,951**

This grant was used to carry out much-needed repairs and improvements to Chatham Hope Haven's facilities on Wellington St. CHH provides a safe space for people experiencing homelessness. Volunteers provide hot meals, and guests have access to shower and washroom facilities. People can stay to watch TV, use the phone and internet, and do their laundry.

### **Chatham Kent Women's Centre \$30,000**

This funding was used to replace a security fence around the Women's Centre building. The Chatham Kent Women's Centre offers 24-hour residential service to women and their children in a safe, confidential environment. Staff also provide immediate crisis counselling and support that is confidential and non-judgmental.

### **Chatham Off Road Biking Association \$10,000**

This grant allowed CORBA to complete construction of a multi-use pump track in Chatham. The pump track is designed to be ridden by riders "pumping," or generating momentum by up-and-down body movements, rather than pedalling or pushing. It can be used by BMX bikers, skateboarders, scooter riders, and is fully wheelchair accessible.

### **Chatham-Kent Drug Awareness Council \$5,000**

This community group includes partners with varied experiences working together to raise awareness and reduce harms associated with substance use. This grant supported upgrades to the council website and social media. Funds were also used to promote International Overdose Awareness Day.

### **Chatham-Kent Sexual Assault Crisis Center \$10,000**

This grant money was used to develop and deliver a workshop focussing on safety and sexual consent. The workshop was presented at two local high schools, and at St. Clair College. Staff at the CK Sexual Assault Crisis Centre also created pamphlets and marketing materials to support the workshops.

### **First Presbyterian Church \$10,000**

This grant supports the Saturday Outreach Breakfast program. Church volunteers have provided a hot breakfast on Saturday mornings to people in the downtown Chatham community, free of charge, since 2001. Each week they serve between 100 to 150 guests.

### **Floyd Foundation for Animal Treatment \$5,750**

This foundation subsidizes veterinary services for clients who cannot afford expensive surgery or medical treatments for their pets. A portion of the funding came from the Mary and Al Woods Animal Welfare Fund.

### **HomeCare On Wheels Foundation \$15,000**

This Foundation provides home care visits for seniors and persons with disabilities in Chatham-Kent.

### **Kiwanis Club of C-K /**

### **Dollywood Foundation of Canada \$8,000**

In partnership with the Dollywood Foundation, the Kiwanis Club provided children's books to over 500 Chatham-Kent families in 2024. The club's strategic statement, "Children are our focus. Literacy is our goal", has guided many of its activities.

### **Knox Food Pantry and Soup Cellar \$10,000**

Funds were used to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, canned goods, and other staples for Knox Food Pantry. The pantry is open every Thursday morning and provides food staples to those who are in need in Wallaceburg and the surrounding area.

### **Lend-A-Hand School Breakfast Programs \$10,000**

This local group used this grant to fund breakfast and snack programs in six schools in Wallaceburg.



*The Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Kent has partnered with the Dollywood Foundation of Canada to provide children's books to local families.*

### May Court Club of Chatham \$7,500

This grant supports the Breakfast Program that the May Court Club has carried out at Queen Elizabeth II Public School for many years. The club also co-ordinates an Emergency Lunch Box Program in 19 area schools.

### Merlin Senior Citizens Friendship Club \$12,000

This social club, located on Erie Street in Merlin, offers programming on Tuesdays. This grant was used to replace the floor in the main room of the clubhouse, and in the washroom.

### Merlin United Church Food Bank \$5,000

This grant was used to purchase supplies for the once-weekly food bank.

### NeighbourLink C-K \$5,000

This grant was used to support 'aWAY Opportunities', a seasonal program that allowed local children to attend summer camps in Chatham Kent in July-August 2024 at no charge. Chatham-Kent Christians have been working together through NeighbourLink since 2005.

### Ridgetown District High School \$10,000

Funds were used to purchase supportive items for Special Education classes, including sensory equipment, new playground equipment, and Chromebooks.

### Scouts Canada Camp Catarauqui \$5,000

The local Scouts Canada group was able to make upgrades to two cabins at Camp Catarauqui, including the installation of electrical power, insulation and heating.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul/ St. Joseph St. Ursula Conference \$5,000

Funds were used to purchase supplies for the Food Pantry and Bagged Lunch programs. Both programs are offered at the Spirit and Life Centre, located beside St. Joseph Parish in Chatham.

### SWONT Conductive Education Trust Fund \$5,000

This grant helped cover the cost of housing, transportation, and wages for a Conductor Teacher to come to Chatham Kent and provide programming to local children and their caregivers.

### The Village Resource Centre \$10,000

The Village Resource Centre serves as a community hub in Wheatley, which experienced a devastating environmental disaster in the village core in August 2021. This grant allowed the volunteer group to purchase safety items, and instructional and professional equipment.

### Rotary Club of Tilbury / Tilbury Area Action Team \$10,000

This grant was used to fund leadership training, educational, and recreational activities for youth in Tilbury and the surrounding area.

### Thamesville Sertoma Club \$9,540

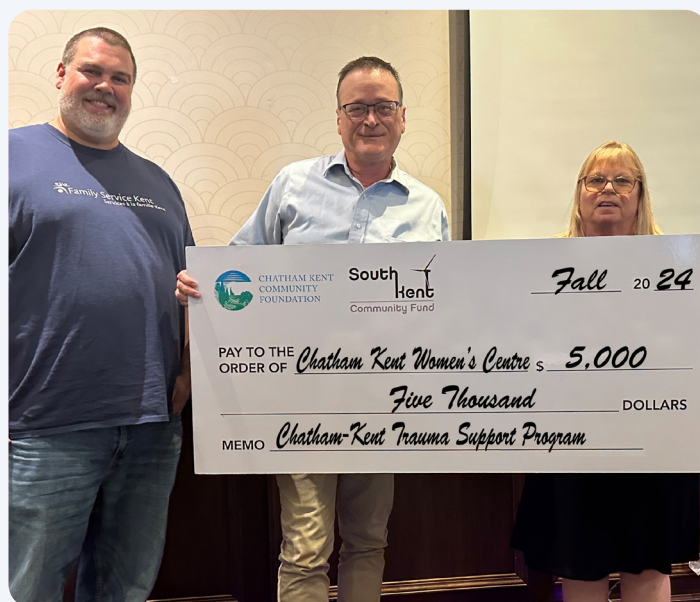
Funding was used to renovate the washroom at the Sertoma Hall.

### Trinity United Church \$5,000

This funding was used by the church to provide a free full-course hot meal, once a month, that is available to the whole Wallaceburg community.

### Westover Treatment Centre \$8,050

This grant was put towards the purchase of new folding chairs that are used for client meetings, programming sessions and events at the Treatment Centre.



Dan Farrow of Family Service Kent (left) and Karen Hunter of the Chatham-Kent Women's Centre (right) accept a cheque from CKCF Executive Director Chris Pegg. The two organizations partnered in 2024 to offer a Trauma Support Program at the local Women's Centre.



A Wallaceburg District Secondary School student tries out a new treadmill that was gifted to the school from the Tartan Booster Club. The Club received a grant from the South Kent Wind Community Fund to purchase the commercial treadmill.

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## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2024

	Operating Fund	Perpetual Fund	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets	91,459	2,900,980	2,992,439
Investments	550,657	11,516,346	12,067,003
	642,116	14,417,326	15,059,442
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	227,247	17,665	244,912
Fund balances	414,870	14,399,661	14,814,531
	642,116	14,417,326	15,059,442

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Operating Fund	Perpetual Fund	Total
Revenue	117,824	2,526,232	2,644,056
Expenses	136,762	95,842	232,603
Distributions	-	706,936	706,936
	136,762	802,778	939,539
Excess of revenue over expenses	(18,937)	1,723,454	1,704,517
Fund balances, beginning of year	185,557	12,924,457	13,110,014
Transfer to operating fund	248,250	(248,250)	-
Fund balances, end of year	414,870	14,399,661	14,814,531

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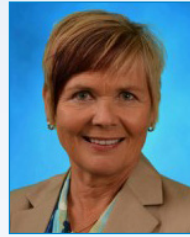
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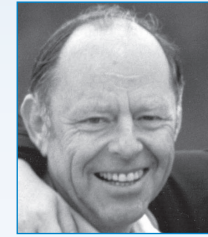
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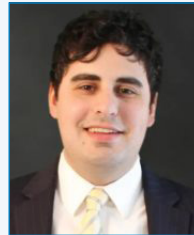
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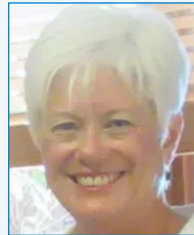
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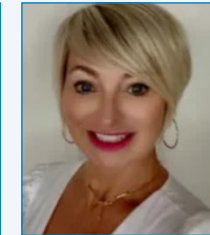
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