

ALL FOR OUR COMMUNITY!



DURHAM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
building community through philanthropy



WE ARE YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Established in 1994, as a bridge between contributors, charities and community, Durham Community Foundation (DCF) is more than a grant maker. DCF is the charity's charity – their voice in the Region of Durham and beyond. DCF has invested \$4 Million in 200+ charities, contributing to Durham's significant growth. DCF is part of a network of 191 community foundations in Canada with assets of \$5.8 billion, allowing it to scale and leverage innovation.



Investments

DCF develops powerful relationships with donors including individuals, families, businesses, organizations, education, and government. We enable our donors to activate philanthropy to help solve Durham's greatest challenges and build community. DCF serves as a nexus in the philanthropic world of Durham, connecting donors and volunteers, keeping apace of community developments and needs, as well as identifying the most effective ways of addressing them through the benefit of the research and resources of the greater community foundation movement, which allows DCF to share with the community.



Leadership

DCF connects philanthropic, charitable, and community leaders to collaborate and catalyze innovation, partnership, and solutions. DCF facilitates learning and networking for charities' performance and impact. Our network in the Region is large, diverse, and collaborative. Connecting with the Region's charitable sector through regular correspondence, collaborative fundraising, skill building and training, DCF is at the heart of the charitable world in Durham. DCF is on the leading edge of trends, developments, concerns, and opportunities in philanthropy and among charities, their volunteers, and donors. In this role, DCF can affect change for good to help sustain a vibrant and thriving charitable sector in Durham.



Philanthropy

DCF builds philanthropy platforms, facilitates donors to invest, strengthens the community, and brings it closer together, by supporting initiatives in shelter, mental and physical health, recreation, arts, culture, and environment. Since inception DCF has enriched the lives of hundreds of thousands of individuals in our region.



Vision

Creating a legacy
for the future

Mission

Building community
through philanthropy

2021

\$ 5.5 Million

in permanent
endowments

\$ 4 Million

in confirmed bequests

\$ 4.5 Million

granted to 250+
charities in the Region
of Durham since
inception

1994

established by a
dedicated group of
individuals who loved
our community

OUR DONORS HAVE INSPIRED US LET THEIR STORIES INSPIRE YOU



QMHI SERVICE FUND

new emerging fund

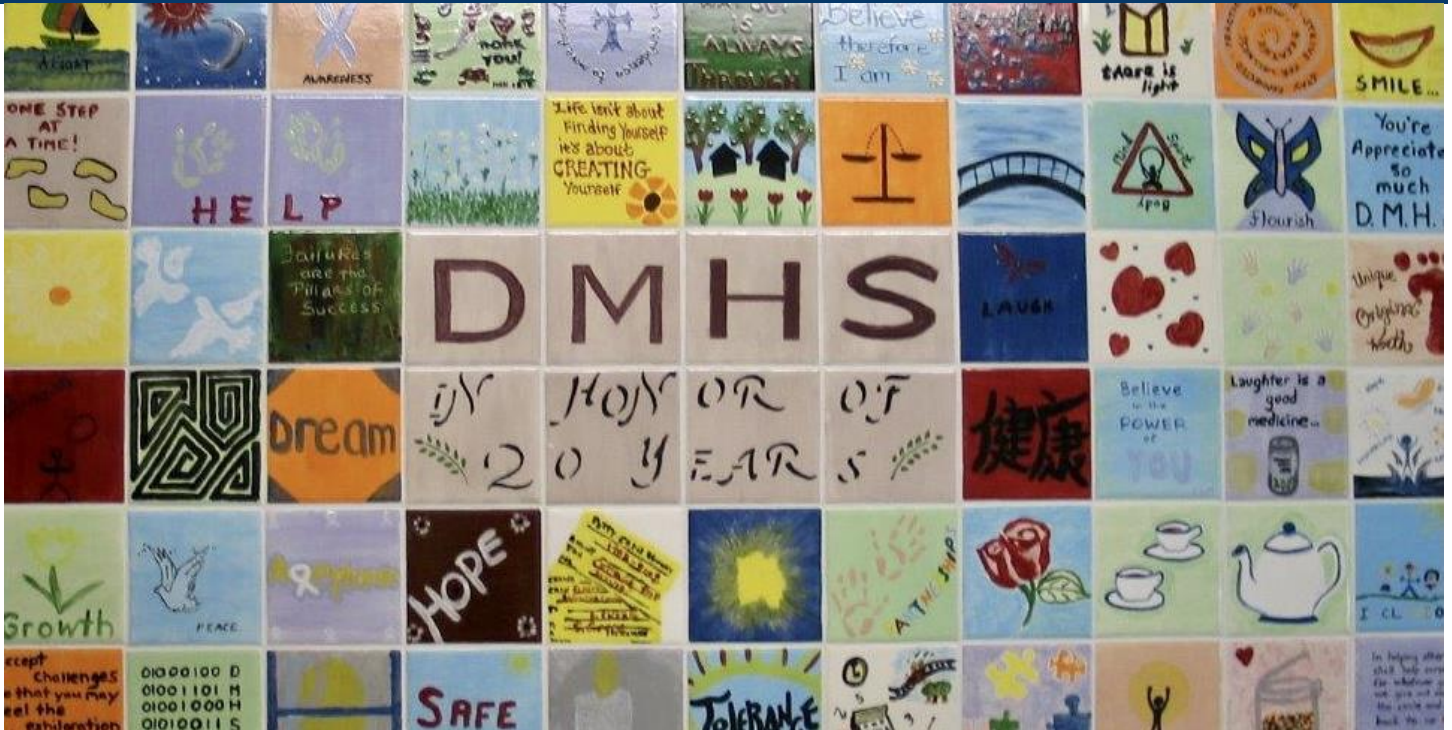
Established by Adam Wiseman, the Quality Mental Health Interventions (QMHI) Service Fund supports those who serve us in some of the most inherently psychologically unsafe professions; police, fire, paramedics, troops and veterans. This fund provides financial resources towards the provision of properly trained Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Service Dogs to these brave men and women whose job is to protect us.

PTSD is a workplace injury for these professionals. It is our collective responsibility to support the healing of these men and women from psychological injuries. These injuries extend beyond the affected individual to their loved ones and communities. Clinical evidence supports the efficacy of these animals as treatment. The average cost to train and provide a service dog is \$15,000 and public funding for animal training is woefully insufficient. The result is a seemingly never-ending waitlist for these life-saving animals, causing many in need to never get the opportunity to heal. This is reflected in the tragically high suicide rates of veterans and first responders. This fund is not only a good deed; it is a small payment on an enormous debt owed to these men and women.

"...it is our duty to tend to ALL injuries sustained at work; because everyone is entitled to the most psychologically healthy and safe work life possible."

-Adam Wiseman, Legacy Builder, QMHI Service Fund

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FUND

new legacy fund

Durham Mental Health Services (DMHS) was founded in 1987, by a group of dedicated parishioners at All Saint's Anglican Church in Whitby, who saw a desperate need for mental health support (including housing) in their community. Growing from one group home to an agency offering various levels of housing and mental health services, DMHS has been an essential supportive agency of the Region of Durham for nearly 35 years.

DMHS has always worked closely with other service providers in the community including Lakeridge Health (LH). Both organizations share a common vision of an integrated mental health and addictions system in the region that would better coordinate services in both community and acute care settings, facilitate smoother transitions and faster connections to appropriate services, and create a supportive continuum of care for clients. In the fall of 2020, DMHS and LH took an important and innovative step toward that vision through amalgamation.

In 1999, Durham Mental Health Services Foundation (DMHSF) was established to ensure that all incoming donations would be used to directly benefit individuals who needed mental health services and to create a legacy for the future. Following the amalgamation, the Board of Directors at DMHSF transferred their assets to Durham Community Foundation to ensure the continuity of their vision to improving mental health services throughout the region.

"By transferring our Foundation's assets to DCF we are able to ensure our commitment to improving mental health services in our community remains intact forever."

-Robert Adams, Durham Mental Health Services Foundation

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CORPORATE FLOW-THROUGH COMMUNITY GRANT

aspire climbing whitby

Aspire Climbing Whitby first opened their doors in October 2020 as the first full-service indoor rock climbing and ninja warrior facility in Durham. With such an active community, owners Bob and Sarah Kostadinov knew that building a rock climbing facility in the heart of Whitby would be the perfect location to serve residents throughout the Region of Durham.

Their goal was to provide a warm, welcoming, positive, and inspiring environment that not only offered a variety of programming, lessons, and camps, but also an opportunity for the community to gather to celebrate milestones.

The Aspire Whitby team is also actively involved in the community, raising awareness about charities and initiatives they are passionate about. That's why the company chose to work closely with Durham Community Foundation, utilizing the Foundation's knowledge of community needs, local charities, and the expertise of their Grants Committee.

For their one-year anniversary, Bob, and Sarah, held a silent auction and ninja warrior competition, raising \$1,100 for Durham Community Foundation as a flow-through community grant. These funds will be distributed during the annual DCF community grant program in support of local youth initiatives. It's just the start of Bob and Sarah's commitment to giving back to their community as they plan on continuing to raise funds to address emerging priorities impacting youth throughout the Region of Durham.

"Giving back to our community is an integral part of our corporate culture. Durham Community Foundation ensures our funds will address the most pressing needs of local youth."
-Bob and Sarah Kostadinov, Aspire Climbing Whitby

CREATING A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE



ENDOWMENT FUNDS

our heart work

We exist to improve quality of life for people in the Region of Durham – highlighting needs, engaging donors, and making grants.

Creating endowed funds is the heart of what our community foundation offers to donors. Efficiency, cost effectiveness and responsiveness to donor's philanthropic interests are the hallmarks of our work.

People from all walks of life can create or contribute to existing funds, which are held in perpetuity by Durham Community Foundation. In this way, people create a lasting legacy that will support the charitable causes they care about and their community for good, forever.

Durham Community Foundation offers a wide range of funds from which donors can choose to best fit their interests. We also offer donors the ability to name their fund at certain fund minimums. Donors may establish a fund in their own name, their family's name, the name of anyone they wish to honour, or any organization.

"Philanthropy is the heart and soul of our community. Many of our donors work with us all year round to ensure we are addressing the most pressing needs throughout our region."

-Vivian Curl, Executive Director, Durham Community Foundation

OUR ENDOWMENT FUNDS



COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

allow maximum flexibility to respond to emerging priorities throughout our region

Funds include: F.W. Kitchen Family Trust Fund, Garritano Bros. Ltd. Fund, Joe and Donna Dickson Family Fund, Lafarga Family Fund, Morrison Anniversary Fund, Pebblestone Multi-Services Inc. Fund, Sanderson Family Fund, and Tunney Family Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

support special interest areas from geographic location to health or the environment

Funds include: Ajax Community Fund, Art of Transition Culture Fund, Bernie's Legacy Fund, Clarington Fund, Colleen Fund, Hawkshaw Family Fund, Madison Alexander Fund, Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund, QMHI Service Fund, Reg and Lorna Braid Seniors Fund, and Whitby Historical Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

enable donors to advise annually on which charities should receive a grant from their fund

Funds include: Amanda Sarah Heron Fund, Dyll/Hutton Family Fund, Fraser Legacy Fund, George and Jean Lofthouse Fund, J. Donald Thornton Memorial Fund, Live Your Dream Fund, Professional Engineers Ontario – Lake Ontario Chapter Fund, and Stanley E. Lovell Family Fund

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD FUNDS

support the education of students for academic, performing arts, cultural or recreational purposes

Funds include: The Augustin Family Scholarship for Dreamers, Evelyn Burden Music Bursary Fund, Grace Fund, Jim Witty Scholarship Fund, Mildred and Jeremiah Coughlan Scholarship Fund, Randy and Margaret Chew Family Fund, Terry James Volunteer Scholarship Fund and Todd McNabb Memorial Scholarship Fund.

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

ensure the long-term financial stability for specific charitable organizations

Funds include: Deohaeko Support Network Agency Fund, United Way of Ajax, Pickering, and Uxbridge Agency Fund, and YWCA of Durham Agency Fund

GRANTING WITH IMPACT



PHOTO: SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL

GRANTING WITH IMPACT

the annual process

Donations from our endowed funds are pooled together and invested by a team of professional investment managers. The income from these investments is then used to make grants to support local registered charities. The capital in the fund remains untouched, which is why a fund can grant year-after-year. Granting is set at 3.5% and is based on a four-year average of the value of each endowment fund.

Each year, Durham Community Foundation connects with local leaders to determine key funding priorities based on data. DCF then invites Requests for Funding from charitable organizations within the Region of Durham.

Our Grants Committee diligently reviews each application in consideration of the funding priorities and the funds available to grant. Together with a completed application form, charities must submit their financial statements which are reviewed to ensure their stability. In cases of Donor Advised Funds, the donor is involved as part of the recommendation process. Ultimately, an overall grant recommendation, detailing each grant is provided to the Board of Directors for approval. Upon approval, cheques are written to each registered charity in the approved amount.

AJAX COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS



PHOTO: BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS SOUTH-WEST DURHAM

\$31,860 AJAX COMMUNITY FUND FLOW-THROUGH GRANTS supporting residents living in ajax

In 2020, the Town of Ajax contributed more than \$31,000 to grant as flow through funding to charities that supported residents living within Ajax.

\$3,000 **Active Scholars**

Provide space for the youth sports and STEM program

\$4,956 **Art With A Heart Inc.**

Deliver Art Box kits to vulnerable populations

\$4,000 **Big Brothers Big Sisters South-West Durham**

Offer a Virtual Art based support group for youth aged 9-14

\$5,000 **Community Justice Alternatives of Durham Region**

Host the Listening Circles of Inclusion program to address discriminatory practices, policies, beliefs, and attitudes.

\$5,000 **Girls Inc. of Durham Region**

Support the Allies in Action Virtual Anti-Bullying program

\$2,000 **Kidney Foundation**

Provide emergency short-term financial assistance to cover medical and other expenses for kidney patients

\$4,000 **Scientists in School**

Bring virtual STEM enrichment to children

\$3,904 **Their Opportunity**

Assist youth to participate in local sports programs

EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS



\$1,938,008 IN LOCAL GRANTS

supporting our most vulnerable population

Durham Community Foundation is proud to have partnered with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to deliver \$1,788,385 through the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) in the Region of Durham and an additional \$149,623 in the municipality of Northumberland County.

The fund was launched in May 2020, our Foundation responded to 450 calls from local charities, reviewed 198 applications and awarded funds to 140 registered charities providing support to children, youth, seniors, as well as special care and supports to our most vulnerable population.

We are grateful for the work these charities do to ensure our community remains strong and resilient during these unprecedented times.

EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS



\$65,604 **AIDS Committee of Durham Region**

Support street outreach program

\$65,000 **Feed the Need in Durham**

Enhance Feed the Need's Cold Chain and Logistics Infrastructure with a small, refrigerated van

\$58,176 **Carea Community Health Centre**

Provide new winter coats, boots, hats, scarves, and mitts to those in need

\$51,815 **Art With A Heart Inc.**

Offer Art Therapy to frontline workers

\$35,230 **Horizons of Friendship**

Assist migrant worker outreach program in Northumberland County during the pandemic

\$30,000 **Durham Alliance Outreach**

Virtual support platform for LGBTQ2 community

\$30,000 **Simcoe Hall Settlement House**

Purchase a new van to deliver food and supplies to families

\$18,850 **BGC Durham**

Support the holiday hamper initiative

\$16,839 **Durham Deaf Services**

Enhance social inclusion opportunities for deaf seniors

\$15,000 **Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, Durham Site**

Fund enhanced infection prevention and control measures within hospice programs

\$15,000 **Victim Services of Durham Region**

Support emerging needs of human trafficking during the pandemic

EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS



Abilities Centre
Ajax Pickering Navy League Branch
Ajax Public Library
Alzheimer Society of Durham Region
Bethesda House
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clarington
Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Durham
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-West Durham
Canadian Mental Health Association
Clarington Public Library
Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology
Durham Community Legal Clinic
Durham Deaf Services
Durham Family Court Clinic
Durham Rape Crisis Centre
Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre
Durham Youth Services
Epilepsy Durham Region
Friends In Toronto Community Services
Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre
Grandview Children's Foundation

Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre
Humane Society of Durham Region
Junior Achievement of Central Ontario
Lakeridge Health Foundation
Literacy Network of Durham Region
North House
Ontario Shores Foundation for Mental Health
Ontario Tech
Pickering Public Library
RESOUND Choir
Rose of Durham
Sedna Women's Shelter (The Denise House)
Starlight Children's Foundation
Sunrise Youth Group
The Durham Girls Choir
The Parkwood Foundation
The Power to Be International
The Refuge Youth Outreach Centre
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
The Salvation Army (Ajax, Whitby, and Oshawa sites)
Ummah Foundation of Durham

Note: The details of our Emergency Community Support Fund grants are listed on our [website](#).

CANADA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE



\$301,506 IN COMMUNITY GRANTS

creating safe ways for residents to access services and enjoy the outdoors

The Canada Healthy Communities Initiative was created to help communities adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic and create safe ways for residents to access services and enjoy the outdoors. It is a \$31-million investment from the Government of Canada to support organizations as they create and adapt public spaces to respond to the ongoing realities of COVID-19.

Funded projects fall under three main themes: creating safe and vibrant public spaces, improving mobility options, and digital solutions.

Durham Community Foundation is proud to be working with Community Foundations of Canada, the Government of Canada, and Toronto Foundation to allocate a total of \$301,506 over two rounds. This funding is supporting organizations in Durham Region that are showing creativity and resourcefulness in creating solutions that enable people to connect and access public spaces safely, support economic recovery, create jobs, and build vibrant, resilient communities.

\$29,600 **Central Lake Ontario Conservation**

Make trails more cycling accessible including bike racks, tire pumping and bike cleaning stations

\$62,700 **Durham Alliance Outreach**

Offer online training and digital support for the LGBTQ community to promote connection and provide education

\$41,00 **Durham Rape Crisis Centre**

Enhance digital security for online consultations

\$26,350 **Oshawa Public Library**

Purchase tablets for lending program in priority neighbours

\$79,800 **Victim Services**

Raise awareness and address human trafficking in our region

\$62,056 **Visual Arts Centre of Clarington**

Create and promote inclusion of BIPOC and Indigenous people and artists through an interactive sculpture garden

RBC FUTURE YOUTH LAUNCH GRANTS



\$45,000 RBC FUTURE YOUTH LAUNCH GRANTS

supporting youth living throughout durham

As part of the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge, grants are being made to youth-led projects in 150 small and medium sized communities across Canada. The goal of the program is to shift the power to young leaders making positive social or environmental change in their communities, while gaining valuable skills and experience. DCF is grateful to the RBC Foundation and Community Foundations of Canada in making this funding possible.

\$10,000

Brock Youth Centre

Growing Youth Entrepreneurship

Creating opportunities for rural youth to gain meaningful employment while mentoring younger youth in entrepreneurial initiatives.

\$5,000

Community Justice Alternatives

Durham Going the Distance

Bringing valuable youth workshops to North Durham enabling connections and growth throughout the Region of Durham.

\$15,000

Durham Rape Crisis Centre

It's 4 Her

Providing direct support services and an awareness program for youth impacted by sexual violence, utilizing technological innovations to remove barriers and address the unique needs of youth in our community.

\$15,000

Victim Services of Durham Region

Students Against Sex Trafficking

Developing a youth-led, peer-on-peer, public awareness campaign against local domestic human trafficking to be carried out in middle and high schools.

COMMUNITY GRANTS



OUR COMMUNITY GRANTS

charities funded by our endowments

Autism Home Base Durham Inc
Back Door Mission for the Relief of Poverty
Bereaved Families of Ontario – Durham Region
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-West Durham
Boys and Girls Club of Durham
Carea Community Health Centre
Community Living Ajax, Pickering, and Whitby
Durham Alliance Outreach
Durham Down Syndrome Association
Feed the Need in Durham
FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism
Friends of Second Marsh
Girls Incorporate of Durham
Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity
Literacy Network of Durham Region

Luke's Place Support & Resource Centre for Women
Migrant Worker Support @ St Saviour's Anglican Church
Minds on Math
Ontario Philharmonic
Precious Minds Support Services
Scientists in School
Station Gallery
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Their Opportunity Minor Sports Corporation
Uxbridge Youth Centre
Victim Services of Durham Region
WindReach Farm Foundation
Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham
Young Singers
YWCA Durham

GOING BEYOND THE GRANTS



UNFLOOD ONTARIO

together, naturally

Unflood Ontario is led by Durham Community Foundation, the Niagara Community Foundation, and the Toronto Foundation and is managed by the Small Change Fund. DCF is proud to have partnered with over 50 allies around the Golden Horseshoe to work together to Unflood Ontario: Together, naturally.

The network is working together to build public demand for urban-based natural infrastructure such as rain gardens, community gardens, green roofs, trees, and other technologies that eliminate hard surfaces and rely on natural processes. DCF is excited about natural infrastructure because it also delivers many social benefits including creating jobs, improving community climate resilience, addressing key social determinants of health, and reducing food insecurity.

Why flooding, you might ask? Because the fear of flooding is something many of us can relate to personally. If climate science is alienating, water seeping into your basement and the cost of repairs are impossible to ignore. What's more, the impacts of flooding do not discriminate; flooding is indeed an equity issue as is the broader devastation caused by climate change. Utilizing creative online communications Unflood Ontario aims to educate the public about natural infrastructure and provide tangible, achievable and accessible solutions that can be directly implemented in the community.

Find out more about natural infrastructure solutions [here](#).

GOING BEYOND THE GRANTS



DID YOU KNOW?

we strengthen local charities and nonprofits through our advocacy work, expertise, and initiatives

As a funder for 27 years in the Region of Durham, we recognize our sector (registered charities and nonprofits) is a vital contributor to the well-being of our community and local economy.

Our mandate is to strengthen the work of these organizations beyond the grantmaking through our advocacy work, expertise, and initiatives.

Advocacy

We are the voice of our sector at the local, provincial, and national levels, sharing their strengths and challenges and leveraging our relationships with community and local leaders to ensure the important work of our sector can continue.

Crisis Sector Support

We lend our expertise to help charities and nonprofits in crisis. Our Executive Director's experience as well as the knowledge of Community Foundations of Canada's leadership ensures we can support organizations in addressing their most urgent needs whether it's an unanticipated loss in revenue or staffing, board, or volunteer issue.

Durham Region Funders Table

The Durham Region Funders Table includes representatives from the Region of Durham, municipalities, Durham Community Foundation, the local Red Cross, and United Way. This table ensures a strategic approach, based on real-time data, to funding local agencies to ensure we are addressing the most pressing needs of our community throughout the region.

GOING BEYOND THE GRANTS



ED Connect

We facilitate a monthly chat to help Executive Directors share what's keeping them up at night and find tangible solutions to their concerns through a peer-to-peer driven support group.

GivingTuesday

We partner with CanadaHelps to champion #DurhamGivesBack on GivingTuesday, a giving movement driven by individuals, charities, and businesses across Canada to support the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live through volunteerism and/or financial contributions. We announce our grants to further profile local organizations and the work they do to strengthen our region. We also work with local leaders to foster a culture of philanthropy in our region.

Mental Health Support for Sector Leaders

We offer a series of mental health workshops led by psychotherapists with experience in our sector to help leaders navigate their entire organization especially through the COVID-19 crisis.

Philanthropy Forum

We provide a full day, leadership development and networking conference to support leaders in our sector. Our most recent virtual forum included 150 registrants from small grass roots organizations to larger local charities.

Walk for YOUR Cause

We organize a platform for charities, nonprofits, businesses, and individuals to raise funds for their respective organizations and the causes they care about. In 2021, 125 participants from 15 local charities walked together to raise funds for their respective organizations.

SUPPORTING OUR WORK



Our dedicated and passionate donors not only ensure our Foundation's organizational health and resilience, but also help us support local charities and nonprofits beyond the grants, ensuring a better community for all! We are profoundly grateful for their support.

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GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY



Each one of us is a product of our community. The communities we grow up in or move into make us who we are. Every community is the sum of the people who live within it – a unique mix of our personalities, cultures, and interests. The causes we care about, the time we invest, the people we bring together – all shape our communities now and for future generations. Giving back by creating a permanent endowment fund at Durham Community Foundation ensures the cycle of a vibrant and sustainable community.

JOIN THE GIVING MOVEMENT

we are here for you and our community

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