



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 \$5 Million in 250+ charities, contributing to Durham's significant growth. DCF is part of a network of 201 community foundations in Canada with assets of \$6.3 billion, allowing it to scale and leverage innovation.

## Investments

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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

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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

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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.

# OUR DONORS HAVE INSPIRED US LET THEIR STORIES INSPIRE YOU



## THE AUGUSTIN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR DREAMERS new emerging fund

The Augustin Family Scholarship for Dreamers was created in 2022 by two sisters, Stacey-Ann Augustin and Ginelle Augustin-Lesmond, who graduated from the Durham Catholic District School Board. In recognition of their academic excellence and contributions as young leaders, both women received community support through scholarships to pursue post-secondary studies, an act of generosity they hope to continue and inspire in others. The Augustin Family Scholarship celebrates the excellence, leadership and unlimited potential of Black, Indigenous and racialized youth in Durham Region. In partnership with the Durham Community Foundation, the sisters are committed to building a resilient and caring community where young people are celebrated as leaders and go for their dreams.

This scholarship supports the development of BIPOC youth leaders who are willing to dream big. Their leadership can be quiet or loud and demonstrated through actions that impact their families/friends, schools, and/or community. The awards will celebrate the excellence, leadership, and unlimited potential of Black, Indigenous and racialized youth in Durham Region.

This year's recipients included Jordan Kiara Thom, Jade-O'Shea Kyanna Spence and Morsal Moradi.

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## QMHI SERVICE FUND new emerging fund

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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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## 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.

Bob, and Sarah, held a silent auction and ninja warrior competition, raising \$1,000 for Durham Community Foundation as a flow-through community grant. These funds were distributed to Melly's Workplace in Whitby. 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.

# CREATING A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE



## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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### 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.

# OUR ENDOWMENT FUNDS



## COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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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

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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

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

Funds include: Amanda Sarah Heron Fund, Dyall/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

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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

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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



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### 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.

# COMMUNITY GRANTS



\$113,300 in community grants impacting 185,179 residents in Durham  
the following charities were funded by our endowment funds

Art With A Heart Inc.

Autism Home Base Durham

BGC Durham

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clarington

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Durham

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-West Durham

Bowmanville Older Adult Association

Durham Alliance Outreach

Durham Children's Aid Foundation (DCAF)

Durham Deaf Services

Durham Down Syndrome Association

Durham East 4-H Council

Durham Hospice - Whitby Build

Durham Youth Services

Feed the Need in Durham

Girls Inc. of Durham

Lake Scugog Historical Society

Luke's Place Support & Resource Centre for Women & Children

Melly's Workplace

Newcastle's Art Show (A Gift of Art)

Durham Rape Crisis Centre

Precious Minds Support Services

Resound Choir

Scientists in School

Sedna Women's Shelter (The Denise House)

Station Gallery

Sunrise Youth Group

The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre

Their Opportunity Minor Sports Corporation

Uxbridge Youth Centre

Victim Services of Durham Region

Whitby Historical Society

Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham

YWCA Durham

# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE



## \$588,577 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 worked with Community Foundations of Canada, the Government of Canada, and Toronto Foundation to allocate a total of \$588,577 over two rounds. Funding supported organizations in the Region of Durham 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.

# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANTS



**\$94,071**      **Ajax Public Library**

Provide two mute boxes at the main branch for public use

**\$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

**\$95,000**      **Municipality of Clarington**

Create a Covid safe, barrier free community fitness area outdoors

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

Purchase tablets for lending program in priority neighbours

**\$98,000**      **Pickering Museum Village, City of Pickering**

Create a safe and vibrant place at Pickering Museum Village for the public to enjoy

**\$79,800**      **Victim Services of Durham Region**

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

# GIDINAWENDIMIN – WE ARE ALL RELATED



**TRUTH AND  
RECONCILIATION WEEK**  
SEPTEMBER 26—SEPTEMBER 30

# REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN

## Truth and Reconciliation Week empowering youth

**Truth and Reconciliation Week** was a 5-day national event continuing the conversation about the truths of the Residential Schools system and its legacy on current and future generations. This year's theme, Remembering the Children, honoured the many communities whose children did not come home, and the 215 unmarked graves found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. The program ran between September 26th and 30th, 2022.

The program consisted of 20 video presentations, primarily created for a student audience, which ran over the course of 4 days. Days 1-3 included educational video content, Q&As, and interactive activities for students, supported by artistic and cultural performances by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists. Day 4 featured a live stadium-sized youth empowerment event, attended by 4600 people. Day 5 was a commemorative day for The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day, and featured a nationally broadcasted program.

Durham Community Foundation joined nine other community foundations serving the following areas Brampton and Caledon, Burlington, Halton North, Mississauga, Durham Region, Hamilton, Niagara, Oakville, and Toronto. Together we supported the Youth Empowerment live event featuring Indigenous speakers and artists. The event was held in Mississauga and included youth attendees from the Region of Durham

*“Like the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation(NCTR), community foundations are at the forefront of the movement towards a just and sustainable future for all. This future would not be possible without Reconciliation. This partnership represents a step in the long journey towards the future we all aspire to.”*

*-Stephanie Scott, Executive Director, NCTR*

# GOING BEYOND THE GRANTS



## DID YOU KNOW?

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

As a funder for 28 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.

# GOING BEYOND THE GRANTS



GivingTuesday DCF Directors from left to right: Randy Chew(Treasurer), Carrie-Anne Atkins(Chair), Audrey Andrews, Mary Desjardins-Therrien, Bobby McBride(Vice-Chair)

## Durham Region Funders Table

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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.

## ED Connect

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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

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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

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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.

# GOING BEYOND THE GRANTS

## Philanthropy Forum

We provide a full day, leadership development and networking conference to support leaders in our sector. Our most recent virtual forum included 55 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 2022, 100 participants from 14 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.

## OUR RESILIENCY FUNDERS

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Bell  
Coughlan Homes  
OPG  
The Pension Specialists

## OUR COMMUNITY BUILDERS

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Vivian and Kelly Curl  
Mary Desjardins-Therrien  
Dyall – Hutton Family  
Bonnie and Robert Fraser  
Janet and Alex Georgieff  
Charlene and Brad Lockner  
Mary and Bill Morrison  
Joan Thornton

# VOLUNTEERS ARE THE ROOTS OF STRONG COMMUNITIES



## DURHAM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Chair: Carrie-Anne Atkins

Vice Chair: Bobby McBride

Treasurer: Craig Loverock CPA, CA

Secretary: Randy Chew

Directors: Audrey Andrews  
Beverley Bettens  
Mary Desjardins-Therrien

Scott Hildebrandt  
Sharon Kovacic  
Randy Pickle

## DCF GRANTS COMMITTEE

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Beverley Bettens, Tim Casey, Mary Desjardins-Therrien, Cameron Hunt, Shelley Johnston, Michelle Miles, Bill Morrison, John Stafford, and Darryl Swain

## DCF INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

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Tyler Marche, Chair

Alan Densham, Bobby McBride, Ehren Mendum, Nadeem Siddiqui

# 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.

**OUR VISION**                      *Creating a legacy for the future.*

**OUR MISSION**                      *Building community through philanthropy*

## JOIN THE GIVING MOVEMENT

**we are here for you and our community**

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