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# Celebrating the First 25 Years of For Ever



It all started in 1984 with a group of visionaries who had the *Courage to Dream* to make Kingston a better place to live. Through the Martello Tower Society, this Community Foundation became a reality. As the President of

the Martello Tower Society, Eveline Flint oversaw the transition. Eveline recalls that:

"When we reached a capital pool of \$7 million, our founding president, Michael Davies, commented to the effect that we could relax from our concentrated initial fundraising efforts: the Foundation had succeeded and would continue to do so.

"I asked how he knew: he simply replied that as a long-time fundraiser in our community, he recognized the 'tipping point' of success. He was right!

"Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the realization of the dream – your Community Foundation."



EVELINE FLINT, HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



I joined the Foundation in 2013: it continues to awe and inspire me!

While I am pleased and proud of all our accomplishments, what really gives me joy is working with people passionate about making our community a better place for all.

This is truly the Community's Foundation: founded and built with a vision of collective well-being. Its success is built on the contributions of so many: donors, volunteers, staff, grantees, and friends. An enormous thank you to everyone for your contribution to our success, so evident in the following pages.

Years after Michael Davies recognized the early fundraising 'tipping point', we have reached yet another 'tipping point': the magnitude of our impact on community well-being.

I am excited about the future and welcome you to be a part of the *ripple effect:* For Good, For Ever, For All.

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TINA BAILEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## 25 Years of Sustained Growth

In 2005 Michael Davies, the founding President, observed that "Hundreds of Kingstonians have embraced the concept of providing capital to finance a better community through grants derived from the interest on that capital. Unlike taxes these gifts are motivated by altruism."

#### For Good

"Hundreds" of Kingstonians has grown to "thousands" of area residents, many of whom have become repeat donors. We know from *Vital Signs®* 2018 that fewer Canadians are giving, but those who do, give more; however, this chart shows the Foundation steadily increasing donor participation. There are many ways to give, but you can join in right now at cfka.org/give

#### For Ever

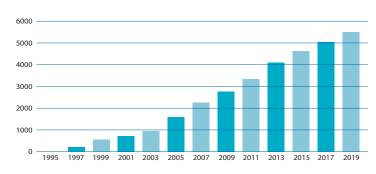
A community foundation is formed around endowment funds. Donations are invested For Ever to produce an annual income available for grants to charities to enhance community well-being. Any gift, even the most modest, to the Foundation today continues to benefit the community year-after-year. The Foundation now administers 222 funds: see cfka.org/funds-list

## For All

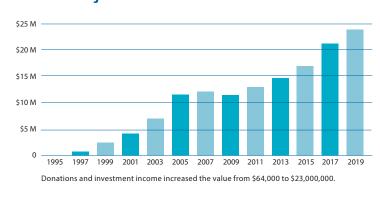
We call it 360° Granting.

Since 1995, the Foundation's
Community Grants Program has
distributed \$3.5 million to 355 area
charities in all our fields of interest:
Recreation, Heritage Preservation,
Children's Mental Health, Environment,
Education and Literacy, Health and
Social Services, Youth, Arts and
Culture, and Community Development.

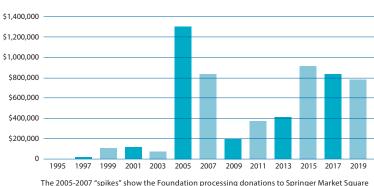
## **Cumulative Number of Donors**



## Value of Funds



### **Grants to Charities**



The 2005-2007 "spikes" show the Foundation processing donations to Springer Market Squar and the Grand Theatre renovation projects as a community service.

# **A Smart & Caring Community Foundation**

A gift to our community to mark the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation: the *Smart & Caring Community Fund,* designed to be responsive to changing community needs. Thank you to the founding contributors who donated \$10,000 each to seed this new fund.

## Current priorities are:

Getting Started: Giving children, youth, and newcomers a strong start to life in our community.

Food Security: Supporting systemslevel change to reduce food insecurity in our community. Community Engagement: To increase our collective sense of belonging and well-being by inspiring everyone to be active participants in our communities

See cfka.org/smartandcaring

## **Getting Started**

"I've benefited so much over the years from the support *Pathways* to *Education* has provided me. The tutoring sessions throughout high school assisted with my academics. The social support kept me on track to achieve my goals. The financial support helped me invest in my future. *Pathways* simply gave me a chance to succeed. Thank you for helping *Pathways* to *Education* build a graduation nation."

"You are truly making a difference!"



Logan, a Pathways Alumnus

## Save the **Date**



THE POVERTY CHALLENGE

Date: April 20

SPRING GRANTS CELEBRATION

Date: May 25

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, MEMORIAL HALL, KINGSTON CITY HALL

Date: June 1

For further details go to cfka.org or call 613.546.9696.

## **Food Security**

Loving Spoonful

First Foundation grant: 2009 Number of Community Grants awarded: 13 Total: \$111,876

"The impact of the Community Foundation has been staggering; providing a boost to every aspect of what we do!" (Loving Spoonful)



A Foundation grant funded this carrot that animated Loving Spoonful's early days.

## **Community Engagement**

Since the publication of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's *Calls to Action* (2015) the Foundation has been on a learning journey Walking Side-by-Side into the Future with local Indigenous community leaders.



Community Foundation for Kingston & Area "Talking Circle", January 2017.

## We Make Grants!

Since 1995 our Community Grants Program has invested \$3.5 Million in 355 local charities.

Fall 2019 Community Grants: Fourteen grants totalling over \$151,000 were awarded to local charities to undertake innovative projects benefiting 11,213 people, and thousands more indirectly. This is made possible by our donors: we thank each of you.

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

**\$2,300 Kingston School of Art:** Online Course Registration System

**\$7,100** Agnes Etherington Centre: Art and Wellness Symposium

**\$6,000 Kingston Chapter of Autism Ontario:** Creating Social Opportunities for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

#### **CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**

**\$13,000** The Psychology Clinic at Queen's: Identifying Support Needs to Keep Kids in School

**\$8,125** Canadian Families and Corrections Network:

Making Connections – Supportive Events for Children

\$21,850 KFL&A Children & Youth Planning Committee: Coordinating Rural Transportation Services for Children and Youth

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

**\$3,650** Land Conservancy for KFL&A: A sustainable model for an annual Passport to Nature

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

\$10,023 Kingston Community Health Centre – Immigrant
Services Kingston Area: Art and Play Wellness Group



Representatives of local charities showing off their cheques at the Fall 2019 Grants Celebration.

#### **EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**\$7,000 Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston:** Reading and Robots Rock: Summer Camps 2020 expansion

## **HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

\$1,500 Partners in Mission Food Bank: Walk-In Freezer Repairs

\$13,000 Resolve Counselling Services Canada:
Women's Intensive Support Program Counselling

**\$24,637 The Poverty Challenge:** Next Level – Updating Materials and Holding Events

"A domino effect with wonderful results" is how Judi Wyatt, described events leading up to The Poverty Challenge receiving this grant. After speaking at a Foundation event and hosting a challenge for 100+ members of the community, Wyatt (the founder), identified the need for updated profiles, scripts, and on-line tools. They were encouraged to apply for a grant to ensure that their volunteers can continue to raise awareness of the realities of poverty, starting with an event April 20.

For the "domino effect" go to cfka.org/domino-effect

### **YOUTH**

\$9,000 La Salle Intermediate and Secondary School
Environmental Club: Gould Lake Centre
Equipment Replacement

\$23,870 Kingston Community Health Centres:

Pathways to Education – Trauma Responsiveness Training

# Apply for a grant.

Application deadlines: 15 February and 15 September each year.

cfka.org/community-grants-program