



# Ripples

## Your generosity has a ripple effect

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### More Than \$1 Million Granted from Foundation Funds

#### How did this happen? Leadership, Partners, Volunteers, and Donors



I am delighted to lead the Foundation's Community Grant's Committee. It is an exciting time to chair our amazing **volunteer** grant reviewing team. It recommends our **partners'** projects that are innovative, strategic, and have large impact. This is hard work:

Requests always exceed available resources.

Yu Jier Kou, our Grants Coordinator, brings impressive analytical skills as well as a strong awareness of principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion. As our Grants Committee increases its knowledge with the support of the Foundation's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisory Council, we recognize how important it is to have representation on our committee that reflects the communities we seek to support.

We want Community Grants Committee members to be open to innovative granting processes, connected to a wide range of communities in Kingston and area, and sensitive to the rich potential of a diverse applicant group.

One exciting equity initiative aims to improve access for potential **partners** who might not have the resources or capability to complete *effective* conventional written applications: We are piloting an oral application process.

COVID-19 presented unique challenges: The Federal Government helped us provide extra support for many of our trusted **partners** in 2020. Our **volunteers** stepped up to review even more applications in a timely manner, finding new ways to do pre-COVID in-person consultation remotely. In 2021 the Foundation decided to provide emergency operational support for **partners** in need. It has been an exciting first year for me as chair of this committee and I am proud of the work that has been done by our our Community Grants Committee to bring aid to the most vulnerable.

Finally, huge thanks go to all those **donors** who have contributed generously to the funds that allow us to grant. None of this could happen without you!

WILLA HENRY, BOARD MEMBER

# 22 Partners Receive Grants in Fall 2021 Totalling \$256,703

“We are very grateful for this grant from the Foundation which makes it possible to continue to fulfill our vision of providing community support for individuals with disabilities in our community,” said Maria Cordeiro, Community Development Coordinator with Extend-A-Family Kingston, one of the five \* charities that received a pandemic-related *emergency operational grant*.



**Next Community Grants Programme Application Deadline: 15 September 2022**

## Arts & Culture

- \$4,500** **The People's Theatre Kingston:** Lights for Theatre Incubator space.
- \$1,000** **Kingston Canadian Film Festival – Alanis Obomsawin Exhibit:** To celebrate the work of acclaimed Indigenous filmmaker, Alanis Obomsawin.
- \$10,000** **Queen's University – The Isabel Bader Centre for Performing Arts:** To produce *Sounding Thunder: The Song of Francis Pegahmagabow*.
- \$2,500** **PeerLess Productions – We're All in Jeopardy:** To produce a multimedia theatrical event.
- \$5,500** **Radioland Media Collective:** To produce a fictional radio/podcast series addressing future climate change responses.
- \$8,400\*** **H'art Centre – H'art Studio: Reconnect to Purpose** To create 20 more safe in-studio spaces.

## Children's Mental Health

- \$13,110** **Sistema Kingston at Queen's University – Winter Program:** Music training for elementary students.
- \$25,000** **Big Brothers Big Sisters KFL&A – Big Bunch Mentoring:** To provide on-site, free programs for waitlisted vulnerable children exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

## Community Development

- \$3,396** **Wintergreen Studios:** To create outdoor classrooms to enable programming and workshops safely outdoors.

## Education & Literacy

- \$11,110** **Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston – Literacy Pilot Program:** To pilot a Structured Literacy tutoring program in English and French.
- \$16,650** **Queen's University Biological Station Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre – Braiding Indigenous and Scientific Perspectives:** To provide funding for Indigenous Knowledge Keepers and Elders, a Teaching Assistant, and Grade 7-10 student transportation subsidy.

## Environment

- \$5,309\*** **Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre:** To produce *Love Wildlife*, 4 virtual presentations for K-12 students.

## Health & Social Services

- \$15,000** **New Leaf Link – Program Manager:** To facilitate NeLL's COVID-19 recovery plan.
- \$14,740** **Sexual Assault Centre Kingston – Crisis and Support Program Expansion:** To enhance the Centre's trained volunteer program and add an Emergency Coverage Team.
- \$7,500** **The Epilepsy and Seizure Disorder Resource Centre of South Eastern Ontario Inc.:** To offer *Project UPLIFT* three times a year, to empower people with epilepsy and caregivers to improve their mental health.
- \$15,000\*** **Outreach St. George's Kingston – Lunch by George:** To purchase food and supplies to meet pandemic-related increases in demand.
- \$25,000** **Lion Hearts Inc. – Community Food Redistribution Warehouse:** To provide the ways and means to collect and redistribute food donations to local frontline agencies mitigating food insecurity.
- \$12,161** **Addictions & Mental Health Services KFL&A – Lyon's Street Community Garden:** To create an interactive safe greenscape where clients can learn, participate, and heal.

## Recreation

- \$6,970** **Seniors Association Kingston Region – Here We Grow with Kingston East:** To initiate programmes at the new Kingston East community centre.
- \$15,000\*** **Extend-A-Family Kingston – Adult Day-Program Pandemic Recovery:** To assist EAFK to adapt and recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Youth

- \$10,900** **YMCA of Eastern Ontario – Work Hard, Eat Well Program:** To provide a free physical and food literacy programme for Rideau Heights children and youth.
- \$13,500\*** **YMCA of Eastern Ontario – Pathways to Education YMCA Membership Program:** To guarantee 50 Pathways to Education students full access to YMCA services and programming.
- \$14,456** **Rural Frontenac Community Services Corporation – Building Rural Youth Resiliency:** To provide rural youth with programming in their communities to build resiliency.

# Volunteers Wanted

Are you interested in making our communities stronger and more resilient?



## JOIN THE FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE

**The Work:** Twice a year the Community Grants Committee reviews and evaluates funding requests for projects that enhance individual and collective community well-being. The members' recommendations are approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors.

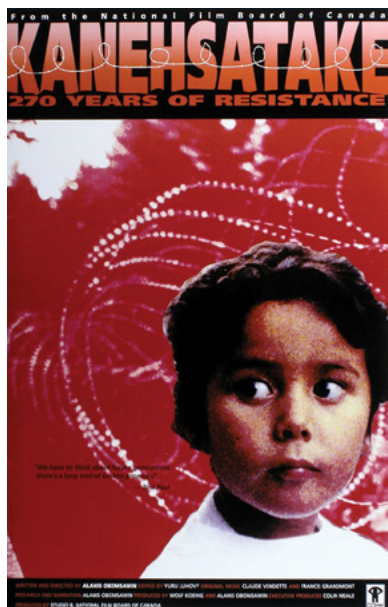
**Your Commitment:** You volunteer for a three-year term and participate in at least one of the two review sessions per year (approximately 12 hours of work). At present, the review process and meetings are completed virtually. You will require access to the Internet.

Diverse voices, ideas, and perspectives are the essence of community well-being. We welcome the perspectives of equity-deserving groups such as Indigenous Peoples, women, racialized individuals, persons with disability, persons who identify in the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and others who reflect the rich diversity of the Kingston and area communities. The Foundation is guided by its *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisory Council*: see [cfka.org/committees/](http://cfka.org/committees/)

If you are interested in exploring this opportunity please contact our Grants Coordinator, Yu Jier Kou, at 613.546.9696 or by email at [grants@cfka.org](mailto:grants@cfka.org)

Could this be you? We look forward to connecting with you.

## The On-going Project of *Truth and Reconciliation*



### Recently Funded Projects:

The Kingston Canadian Film Festival presents an exhibition of the work of *Alanis Obomsawin*, one of the most acclaimed Indigenous filmmakers in the world.

*Braiding Indigenous and Scientific Perspectives through Land-Based Learning* (Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre) integrates Indigenous Knowledge Keepers into a new programme for Grades 7-10.

*Sounding Thunder: The Song of Francis Pegahmagabow* narrates the life of the renowned Ojibwe

World War 1 sniper, decorated officer of the Canadian Military, and a founder of Canada's Indigenous political movement, Francis Pegahmagabow, Sounding Thunder. Written by local Ojibwe poet Armand Ruffo, music composed by Tim Corlis, and presented at THE ISABEL.



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# Jim and Joan established a Climate Crisis fund

The climate crisis requires everyone's attention and action now.

"Climate change is happening now and to all of us. No country or community is immune," according to UN Secretary General António Guterres. "And, as is always the case, the poor and vulnerable are the first to suffer and the worst hit."

This donor-advised fund will support youth education, newcomers, Truth and Reconciliation, local food and

energy security and will consider initiatives that seek to prevent or alleviate hardships due to the climate emergency.

"May others be inspired to create funds to amplify the urgency of our community's and the world's climate crisis, the existential threat of the century. Doing so can spur citizens to call for and vote for action NOW! Leave no one behind."

— Jim and Joan

## Did you know?

The 100-year flood prediction has now become twice-a-decade!

## Your Climate Action Toolkit

is available at [www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/environment-sustainability/climate-change-energy/climate-action-plan/toolkit](http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/environment-sustainability/climate-change-energy/climate-action-plan/toolkit)

## Act Now.

## Why a donor-advised fund?

This type of fund provides a way for a donor to be involved in the decision to fund a project that matches the stated purpose of their fund. Seeing results in their lifetime.

**Do you have a cause that you would like to support? Contact us at 613.546.9696**



"My wish for this fund is to support innovative projects that can have impact on the lives of people living with developmental disabilities and their families."

— Dr. Patricia Minnes

Dr. Patricia Minnes has established a donor-advised fund also. Dr. Minnes' academic and professional career in the field of developmental disabilities spans four decades.

She has seen first-hand how gaps in funding can limit access to services and support. Through her teaching, research, and clinical practice, Dr. Minnes has worked with many students, professionals, and organizations who are eager to try to improve the service system but need funding assistance.

Dr. Minnes approached the Foundation about making a legacy gift; however, seeing a possibility to start something during her lifetime, her new donor-advised fund became a reality.

## IN MEMORIAM

Michael Davies (1937-2022)

This Community Foundation's first President and the spirit behind its creation.

## Community Foundation for Kingston & Area

The Community Foundation is a public charitable foundation, created by and for the people of our community. It enhances community well-being by providing grants to a wide range of local charities each year. Grants are made from earnings on its endowment funds: A donation to the Foundation will continue to benefit the community FOR EVER.