



**Community
Foundation**
of Greater Peterborough

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Giving together in 2020

Last year, our community created the **COVID-19 Community Response Fund**.

It was a way for us to help sustain the local charities supporting our community's most vulnerable residents throughout the pandemic. More than 200 individuals contributed nearly \$400,000 to provide support to charities. It was an amazing act of collective generosity.

The Community Foundation combined local donations with funding from partners and government. As a result, we were able to flow more than \$1.5 million in emergency grants to local charities.

As we pass the one-year mark of the pandemic, local charities are stretched further than they thought possible. Some organizations are unsure how long they will be able to keep their doors open. It's a profound uncertainty.

As we reflect on 2020 we can be certain of our community's strength and resilience. Looking toward the future, we can be sure that our work is not done. As we move toward recovery from the pandemic, our community will need local charities more than ever. And local charities will need our support.

Last year we proved that we can do incredible things when we give together. That is the purpose of our Community Foundation, to inspire giving to build a vital community for everyone.

Let's keep giving together.

\$1.5
million
granted

89
charities
supported

\$12.6
million in
long-term
assets

Funding the fight against rising inequality

After five years working as Chief Medical Director of the mental health and addictions program at Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Kayhan Ghatavi has witnessed firsthand how inequality affects wellbeing.

“The majority of patients we treat for severe mental health and addictions issues lacked adequate housing,” says Kayhan. “Without safe and stable housing it is almost impossible to achieve stable mental and physical health.”

Sally Harvie, a Radiologist who also works at PRHC, was inspired to learn more about housing issues when her family attended a local film festival. A portion of ticket sales supported the YES Shelter for Youth and Families.

After the film was over, a representative spoke about how YES works to reduce and prevent homelessness by providing shelter, education, and transitional supports

for youth and families in the Peterborough area.

Working full-time with busy lives and two kids of their own, the importance of a stable home life is not lost on Sally and Kayhan.

Wanting to take action in a meaningful way, the couple established the **Harvie Ghatavi Fund for Housing Security** at the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough.

It was the Foundation’s knowledge of the community and long-term approach that appealed to Kayhan and Sally, who were focused on making meaningful change on a complex issue.

The partnership with the Foundation made even more sense when their financial advisor mentioned the advantages of donating appreciated securities during a year-end tax planning discussion.

The fund was established immediately and, since then, the Foundation has helped Sally and Kayhan to identify local charitable programs and services that align with their values and goal of getting at the root causes of housing insecurity.

Peterborough AIDS Resource Network (PARN)



Set up a fund

Tap into the Community Foundation’s expertise, and tailor your charitable giving to reflect your values and priorities.

Learn more at cfgp.ca/giving

Legacy of local giving

In 2020, the Pilkington-Henniger Charitable Trust transferred funds to the Community Foundation to establish the **Pilkington-Henniger Fund**. The Foundation is honoured to be carrying on the long-standing Pilkington-Henniger legacy by continuing to make local grants in the spirit of the Trust.

Supporting emergency housing

Last spring, the Community Foundation provided emergency financial relief through the **COVID-19 Community Response Fund** to Community Counselling & Resource Centre (CCRC). The organization used the grant to acquire the technology needed to engage with clients remotely, and purchase supplies to operate the Housing Help Clinic safely outdoors.

Still, the organization faces ongoing challenges in supporting the housing needs of local residents.

“We expect to see a drastic increase in clients contacting us for emergency financial assistance throughout the pandemic,”

says Annie Hedden, Program Manager at CCRC’s Housing Resource Centre.

“We are concerned that there won’t be enough emergency financial assistance in the community to help people facing eviction for rent arrears.”

Creating a safe place for survivors to connect

Demand for services at Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre (KSAC) increased significantly during the pandemic, while the ability to provide in-person counselling became limited. A grant from the **COVID-19 Community Response Fund** helped

support one of Ontario’s first 24/7 text lines for survivors of sexual violence — a new service that arose from increased social isolation and physical distancing measures.

The text line has been invaluable in providing a safe connection for survivors, but KSAC continues to struggle to meet the ongoing need for support and counselling. “Despite the supports that we’ve received, we continue to experience challenges in responding to the increasing demand for our services,” says Reem Ali, Executive Director at KSAC.

“Our staff capacity was already stretched prior to the pandemic, and the growing caseload means that we are constantly strained as we continue to support survivors of sexual assault.”

In 2020

We granted over \$1.5 million to local charities. To see the full list of charities that received grants, and learn about our granting practices, go to cfgp.ca/grants





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Peterborough
Public Health

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monthly
donor.

Join the vital community movement

Support the Foundation

The Community Foundation has been bringing people together to create meaningful and lasting change in the Peterborough area since 2009. Working with donors, we've provided more than \$4.2 million in grants that support charitable organizations and activities that make our community more welcoming, vital and resilient.

We're here for good, stewarding an ever-growing pool of long-term funds and community assets that provide the staying power needed to address complex issues.

Donate to the Community Foundation Fund online at cfgp.ca/project/community-foundation-fund or send your donation by mail to:

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Our thanks

The Community Foundation is deeply grateful to the many individuals, businesses and organizations who share our vision of a vital community for everyone and have contributed to our work throughout 2020. For a full list of donors and volunteers, go to cfgp.ca/donors-and-partners.

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