



# FOUNDATION FOCUS

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WISHING YOU A  
HAPPY HOLIDAY  
& JOYFUL  
NEW YEAR



### NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: COMMUNITY SERVICES RECOVERY FUND

\$400 MILLION INVESTMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO SUPPORT CHARITIES AND NON-PROFITS

The Community Services Recovery Fund will provide funding to Community Service Organization such as non-profit organizations, Indigenous Governing Bodies or Registered Charities located in Canada that provide services to communities across the country.

Now more than ever, charities and non-profits are playing a key role in addressing persistent and complex social problems faced by all Canadians.

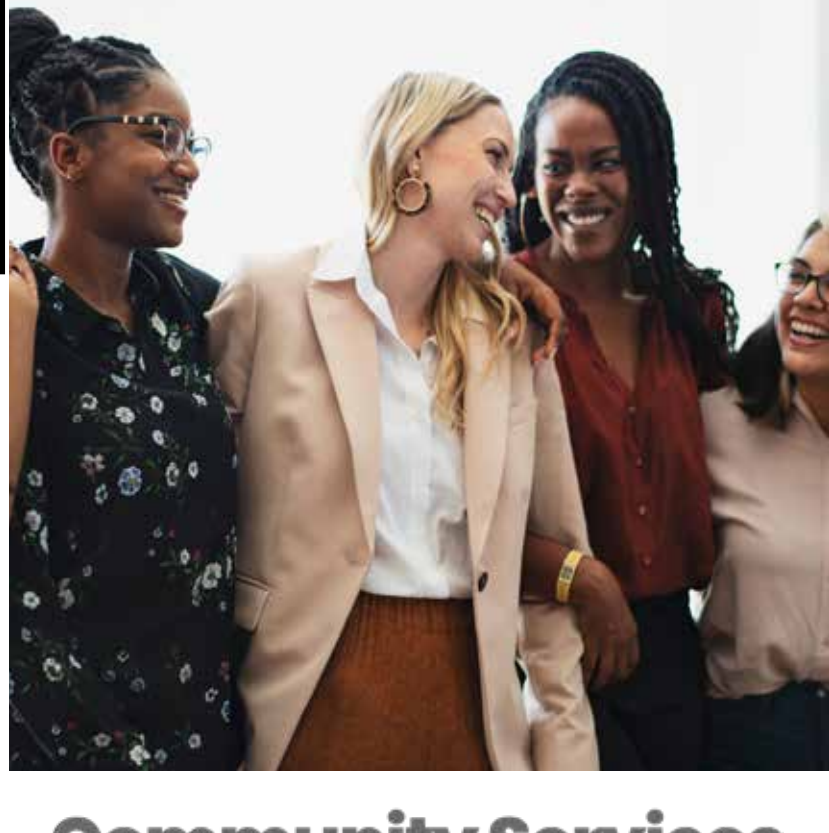
The Community Services Recovery Fund responds to what charities and non-profits need right now and supports organizations as they adapt to the long-term impacts of the pandemic.

The Community Foundation has been tasked with distributing a portion of this funding to organizations in the City and County of Peterborough, as well as Haliburton County.

The Foundation's funding focus is on investing in organizational systems and processes. Examples include: organizational restructuring, mergers/amalgamation, strategic planning, governance structure and review, financial stability, fundraising feasibility plans, fund generation, and business continuity.

Applications will be accepted from January 6 to February 21, 2023.

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### Community Services Recovery Fund



### UPDATE: VITAL COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Community Foundation announced in late November that 17 organizations shared \$110,000 in Vital Community Grants. These grants are at the heart of the Foundation's vision of building a vital community for everyone.



Each year the Community Foundation offers Vital Community Grants to address a theme of community need. For the past few years that has been an Equitable COVID-19 Recovery. The foundation chose to stay the course in 2022 as we all persevere into the third year of the pandemic.

As part of the grant-making process, ten applicants were invited to participate in a granting circle, which empowered its members to decide collectively how to best distribute the available funds.

Participatory grant making reflects the Community Foundation's values of trust, inclusivity, collaboration and community vitality. The practice is based on the principle of "nothing about us without us" which acknowledges that those on the front-lines best understand how to meet the complex needs of their clients.

Vital Community Grants are made possible thanks to pooled contributions from fifteen of the Foundation's many funds including the Housing Field of Interest Fund, the Pilkington-Henniger Fund, and for the first time, the Almira Grover Foley Fund, which has been dedicated to serving the marginalized since the late 1800s.

Donors choose to support funds like the Vital Community Fund because they trust the Foundation's expertise in knowing where the funds will have the greatest impact. Together, these funds allow the Foundation to respond to urgent community needs and to emerging opportunities for projects, programs, and services across a broad range of charitable organizations.

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### SPOTLIGHT: JUDY SIMMONDS FUND

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of the Judy Simmonds Fund, which will support the Kawartha Youth Orchestra (KYO). The fund was established by Judy Simmonds' daughters Jill, Cathy, Joy, and Anne.

Judy's daughter, Joy Simmonds, moved to Peterborough 15 years ago and has played cello with the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra ever since. She is also a board member and passionate supporter of Kawartha Youth Orchestra.

The Simmonds family decided to fund a fund in their mother's name at the Community Foundation to benefit young musicians at the KYO because "there's a tradition in our family of honouring our elders when they pass by creating gifts towards education for young people," Joy said. "My mother's mother was a concert pianist and when she died we created a music bursary at the University of Toronto in her memory. We hope the Judy Simmonds Fund will encourage and support a young member of the Kawartha Youth Orchestra who has some passion and love for their instrument to play music with other people, find a sense of community and belonging, and thrive musically."

Judy Simmonds (1929-2022) was an enthusiastic ukulele player and singer who contributed considerably to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra as a volunteer. "The arts were certainly a driving force in my mum's life," says Joy. "She loved meeting the musicians and conductors, but she also enjoyed the social aspect of working with that volunteer committee, many of whom became her life-long friends." Her crowning achievement with the symphony came in the late 1970s and early 1980s when she singlehandedly raised \$2 million towards the construction of Toronto's now-revered Roy Thompson Hall.

If you would like to support young musicians through the Judy Simmonds Fund, you can donate at the link below. Or, get in touch if you would like to set up a fund in honour of someone you love.

[DONATE TO THE JUDY SIMMONDS FUND HERE >](#)



JUDY SIMMONDS

### IN MEMORIAM: DR TOM PHILLIPS

The Community Foundation joined the rest of Peterborough in mourning the loss of Dr Tom Phillips, who died suddenly on October 13.

Tom was a long-time Fleming College and Trent University professor, active community builder and respected member of our board. Tom chose to live, work, and volunteer in his hometown because he genuinely loved it and believed that he had an obligation to serve the community.

"We are devastated to have lost Tom," said Jennifer Harrington, Board Chair. "Tom brought his love and deep knowledge of community to the Foundation and was an integral part of our team. He will be greatly missed."

A memorial service was held on November 19 at Emmanuel United Church followed by a reception hosted by his friends and family at The Venue.



TOM PHILLIPS

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BUILD A VITAL COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE

Thanks to generous donors like you, Peterborough's first ever Consumption and Treatment Services Site (CTS) successfully launched in the summer. Client uptake has exceeded every expectation, which means our neighbours are getting the help they need. The problems associated with street-level drug use have also been significantly reduced, which has had a major impact on the residents of downtown as well as our business community. This is a great example of how the Community Foundation works: bringing people who care together to create positive change.

While a success story like the CTS deserves to be celebrated, our community continues to grapple with other matters that need our attention. The effects of the pandemic continue to touch all of us in one way or another. Systemic issues of inequality affect many people and extra attention is needed to help charities address this imbalance.

Foundation donors have been inspired to set up or make contributions to one of our many funds, which has enabled us to grant over \$500,000 to local charities so far this year!

We know many are struggling to deal with multiple demands, especially as the holidays approach. Please know your support really does make a difference to our work at the Foundation and we are sincerely grateful for it. Thank you!

Your continued generosity will help us build a vital community for everyone.

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