



WAINFLEET COMMUNITY FUND

The Wainfleet Community Fund exists to support other charities whose work helps make Wainfleet a better place to live. The Fund supports initiatives from a broad spectrum of interests including arts and culture, education, recreation, social services, health and the environment. We have a team of volunteers in place working with donors and charities to locally promote the work of your community fund. The Wainfleet Community Fund is one of the family of funds within the Niagara Community Foundation. The first gift to create the fund was a commitment of \$25,000 from the Township of Wainfleet.

Our Vision

Promoting philanthropy to build a healthy and vibrant Wainfleet

Our Mission

The Wainfleet Fund links caring people to their community forever by:

- Building endowments focusing on Wainfleet's community needs
- Granting monies with integrity, sensitivity and creativity
- Collaborating with the community and individuals to meet the philanthropic goals of the donors and the needs of the community
- Facilitating individual gifts that will have a long term benefit for the community

Creating Permanent Legacy Funds

Donors may create or contribute to any of the following funds, all of which are held in perpetuity. The donations to these funds are never spent – it is a portion of the annual earnings that are distributed as grants to charities, either through a grants program or at the direction of the donor establishing the fund.

Wainfleet Fund

This fund is comprised of donations, as small as \$50, from a variety of sources – individuals, corporations and foundations. A donation to this fund gives the fund advisors the greatest flexibility. The earnings on this fund support current community needs through the provision of grants to charities serving Wainfleet. A named fund, for example the Smith Family Fund, can be opened within the Wainfleet Fund with a gift of \$5,000, which can be gifted over a five-year period.

Area of Interest Fund

Donors identify an area of interest in Wainfleet that they would like their donation to support, such as the arts, environment, health, seniors, children, recreation, alleviating poverty or education. A specific area of interest fund can be opened with a gift of \$25,000 [which can be gifted over a five year period] and once opened, gifts of any size can be made to the fund.

Designated Fund

This type of fund gives the donor the opportunity to specify, at the time the fund is established, which particular charity or charities they would like to support in perpetuity. A Designated Fund to support one charity can be opened with a gift of \$10,000, which can be gifted over a five-year period.

Donor-Advised Fund

The donor, donor's family, or designates recommend annually to the Board of Directors which charitable organizations should receive the income. A Donor-Advised Fund can be opened with a gift of \$25,000, which can be gifted over a five-year period.

What makes us unique:

- We are a vehicle to preserve charitable capital in our community.
- Everyone can be a philanthropist – all gifts welcome, large and small.
- There is flexibility in purpose or use of gift, according to donor's wishes.
- Staff work with donors to support their charitable interests.
- The grants from endowments build on what's working well by helping charities increase their effectiveness in serving community needs.
- Our investment portfolio is managed by professional counsel with a record of good growth and returns – 4.5% over past 12 years
- Accredited with Imagine Canada (national standards for charitable organizations)

Volunteers helping with the Wainfleet Community Fund

Lorrie Atkinson, Lori Heemskerk, Stan Pettit, Kelly Robson, Sharon Svob

To receive further information, please contact one of the above volunteers

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