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Creating a legacy for Wainfleet

With the support of the Wainfleet Township Council, the Wainfleet Community Fund, spearheaded by resident Kelly Robson, is now a reality. “Since joining the board of the Niagara Community Foundation I wanted to find a way that residents of Wainfleet could create a legacy that would serve our community long into the future,” said Robson.

The Foundation works with donors wanting to create permanent legacies to support causes important to the donors during their lifetime. The donations to the Wainfleet Community Fund are never spent, but held in perpetuity with a portion of the annual earnings given to charities providing programs and services in Wainfleet.

Robson approached the township in 2011 with the idea to create this fund. Mayor April Jeffs, members of council and CAO Scott Luey supported the concept and made a \$25,000 commitment to be paid over a three-year period. “We have seen the success of this type of fund in other communities across Niagara and wanted to provide our residents with an opportunity to create the Wainfleet Community Fund,” said Mayor Jeffs.

A group of enthusiastic volunteers is now working to let more people know about the Fund and the different ways in which charities in Wainfleet can benefit. Created in 2000 the Niagara Community Foundation has raised more than \$14 million in endowment funds and has granted in excess of \$4 million to charities working in the arts, heritage, environment, social services, health, education and community development.

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