

A COMMUNITY WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

Annual Report 2021



Photo Rene Empalmado



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We acknowledge all our relations,

we acknowledge the first relationship with Mother Earth, the original nations of the trees and plants, the original stewards of the four legged, the flyers, the swimmers, the crawlers. We acknowledge the waters as being life and sacred as we acknowledge the carriers of those teachings, the females. We acknowledge the grandfathers, as well as Father Sun, Grandmother Moon and our distant relations, the stars.

We acknowledge the Oakville Community Foundation is located on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, as well as the Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-oh-'show-nee), and Huron-Wendat (hyur-aan-wawn-DA(t)) people.

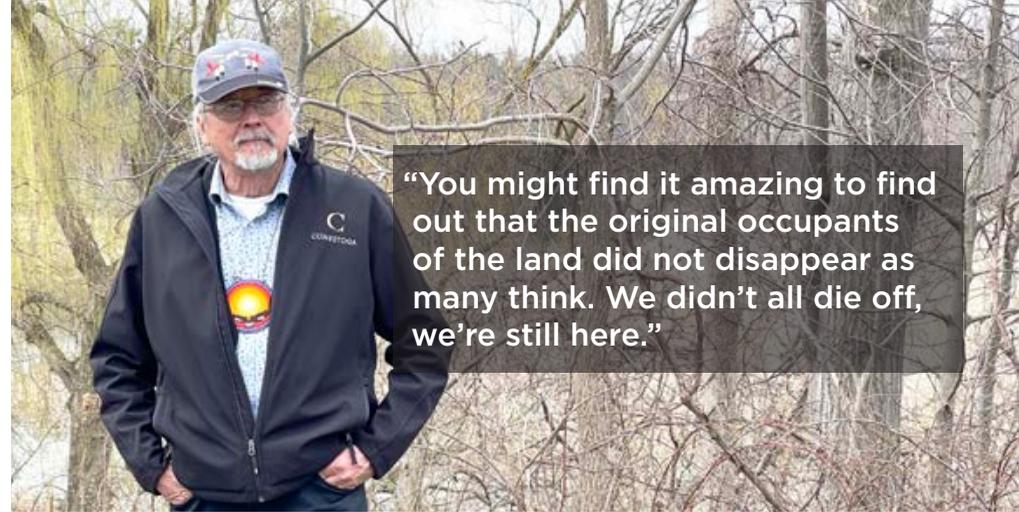
Further, we acknowledge that the Town of Oakville is covered by Treaty 14, the Head of the Lake Purchase (1806), and Treaty 22 (1820).



**DEBWEWIN
OAKVILLE**

Working towards reciprocity is an important part of our work at The Foundation. With that in mind we have partnered with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to develop the DebweWin project to better understand the history of Oakville.

www.debweWinoakville.ca



“You might find it amazing to find out that the original occupants of the land did not disappear as many think. We didn’t all die off, we’re still here.”

Our Indigenous Cultural Advisor:
Elder Peter Schuler

As we continue on our Reconciliation journey, The Foundation has engaged Elder Peter Schuler to assist us moving forward to undertake a number of initiatives to educate Oakville residents and ourselves on Indigenous culture and history.

Elder Peter Schuler is a grandfather and Elder of the Mississaugas of the Credit and a member of the Minweyweygaan Midewin Lodge in Manitoba. An amateur writer and artist, Peter tries to pass on traditional Ojibwe teachings through storytelling, art and craft making. Since retirement from construction work he has taken these stories to elementary and high schools and works to educate the public in an effort to fight racism and to promote understanding of First Nations history and culture. He also currently co-teaches a course entitled First Nations and the Environment with Professor Dan McCarthy at the University of Waterloo.

“This is a hand reaching out from the Mississaugas of the Credit. It’s another hand reaching out from the Six Nations Reserve to say ‘we’re still here. We’re not your enemy and we want you to know the truth. We want to share our knowledge with you.”

We live in a diverse community. In five prominent languages spoken in Oakville, we acknowledge the land we live on.

Arabic

كل ذلكو لى لوالا تم الال دهم احوس يسيم مملق او قده اعمل ا يضار ا لى ع ن ال ان اب ر قن
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Chinese

特此昭告：我们生活在第一民族密西沙加的保护土地，生活在易洛魁人和休伦人的传统保护区。特此昭告：我们受《奥克维尔镇第 14 号条约》（又名《湖泊采购条约》，1806 年）和《第 22 号条约》（1820 年）的保护。

French

Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes situés sur les terres et le territoire visés par le traité des Mississaugas de la Première nation de Credit, ainsi que sur le territoire traditionnel des Haudenosaunee et des Hurons-Wendats. De plus, nous reconnaissons que la ville d'Oakville est couverte par le traité no 14, l'achat de Head of the Lake (1806) et par le traité 22 (1820).

Punjabi

ਅਸੀ ਸਵੀਕਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਅਸੀ ਕ੍ਰੈਡਿਟ ਫਸਟ ਨੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਮਿਸਿਸਾਗਸ ਦੀ ਸੰਧੀ ਲੈਡਸ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਰੀਟਰੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਹਾਉਡੋਨੋਸਾਉਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਹੂਰੋਨ-ਵੇਂਡੇਟ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਰਵਾਇਤੀ ਖੇਤਰ 'ਤੇ ਸਥਿਤ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ, ਅਸੀ ਸਵੀਕਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਓਕਵਿਲ ਦਾ ਕਸਬਾ ਸੰਧੀ ਨੰਬਰ 14, ਝੀਲ ਦੀ ਖਰੀਦ ਦਾ ਮੁਖੀ (1806), ਅਤੇ ਸੰਧੀ 22 (1820) ਦੁਆਰਾ ਕਵਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।

Spanish

Reconocemos que estamos situados en las Tierras y en el Territorio del Tratado de los Mississaugas de la Primera Nación de Credit, así como en el Territorio Tradicional de los Haudenosaunee y de los Hurons-Wendats. Además, reconocemos que la ciudad de Oakville está cubierta por el Tratado nº 14, la Compra de Head of the Lake (1806) y por el Tratado 22 (1820).

A message from our Board Chair and CEO

We entered 2021 hopeful and optimistic after a year of so much uncertainty. We were ready to face new challenges, to support more solutions and begin facing our new normal. COVID-19 vaccinations were rolled out and we took slow but sure steps to reopening.

However, as the year progressed and new waves of different COVID-19 variants appeared in our community and in others coast-to-coast, we adjusted. We consistently pivoted but through it all, we continued supporting your charitable goals, the needs of our charitable sector and the people in our community.

At The Foundation, we engaged in another year of remote work, remote programming and remote events but together with our volunteers, Fundholders and donors, we were able to accomplish a number of exciting initiatives and fund important solutions. If anything, the pandemic has shown us how important it is to continue to work together.

Our 2021 Business Plan began a fundamental shift to align our work to the United Nations Social Development Goals



(SDGs). With three major SDG-aligned priorities, The Foundation envisions a community where no one is left behind.

The year was filled with many changes, challenges and successes. To meet our priority of local opportunities in Education, Employment and Training, our Community Education Awards Hub increased in funding by over \$30,000 through new Foundation Fundholder awards and increased its users by 37%. This program supports both local students and organizations offering scholarships, bursaries and educational awards in a time of virtual learning. The same is true for Community Classroom, which continued another year of online programming, free for students and teachers in publicly-funded schools in Oakville.

We thanked Brian Hanna for his tireless work through uncharted territory at our May Annual General meeting, as Bindu

stepped into the role of Board Chair. The same evening, we hosted Oakville-raised Olympian Donovan Bailey to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his Gold Medal wins at the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympic Games as part of Pass the Baton Canada.

In the summer, together with a number of community partners, we published Living Your Best Life: A Report on the Vitality of Older Adults in Our Communities. The report looked at what aging is like in our communities and highlighted a number of striking statistics and areas for improvement. It was our first multimedia report, including both video and written components, which we think is a great model for future reports. This research culminated in the funding of new park equipment for older adults at Memorial Park, with the Rotary Clubs of Oakville.

We have continued to listen and learn from our neighbours, our local organizations and others to educate not only ourselves, but those around us and meet our priority to reduce inequities in our operations and our communities.



Together with Enable Education, we created a new educa-

tional course to help charitable organizations improve their DEI knowledge and awareness. To improve our own DEI efforts, we introduced a new top-up program during our 2021 GIVEOakville campaign that allocated 15% of top-up dollars to BIPOC-led and gender equity organizations.



As part of our continuing journey to Truth and Reconciliation, together, with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Elder Peter Schuler, we launched Debwewin: The Oakville Truth Project to put a focus on having conversations around the truth of Oakville's past.

"What better place to begin to seek the truth than your own local community?"

Our third priority of Community Resiliency and Charitable Sector Recovery is crystallized in innovative solutions to problems in our community. We stepped up as a funder when no one else was able to, providing our first microloan to assist a charity that needed a new air conditioner to continue their programming. We were able to close this gap with the help of our Fundholders and implement

this pilot as a new initiative in our 2022 programming.

Our membership within Community Foundations of Canada continues to afford our community and local charitable organizations the opportunity to apply for national funding programs. This included the Gender Equality Fund, the Investment Readiness Program and the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative. This connection, and our connection to other community foundations across Canada, continues to be an invaluable asset.

After a rollercoaster year in 2020, our investments closed

at +14.3% in 2021 which helped our Fundholders meet their granting priorities and the charity agencies co-invested in our Investment Pool meet their budgets. The Foundation granted more than \$4 million throughout the year. In addition to this granting, we also stewarded \$1.8 million through two rounds of granting for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative.

We are grateful to our staff, committee and board members, volunteers and Fundholders for their tireless work in making Oakville a community where no one is left behind.

Thank you for supporting the Oakville Community Foundation.

Wendy Rinella
CEO



Bindu Cudjoe
Board Chair





Impact Investment



From L-R: Megan, son Benjamin, daughter Olivia, spouse Karen

Oakville-based Windmill Microlending recipient shares her experience

Megan Badenhorst moved from South Africa to Oakville in January 2020 with her family and a plan; to get settled, to requalify in Ontario as a lawyer and to be back in legal practice within a year. What she didn't account for was the global COVID-19 pandemic that locked down the province, delaying and cancelling the exams necessary for her requalification.

"It just slowed everything down," she said. "It was emotionally tough and you just ask yourself: 'Have I made the right decision? When are we going to get our lives back on track?'"

Working as an attorney in South Africa, Megan was keen to practice law here in Canada. She applied to do her conversion exams to requalify but the increasing delay and the

cost of the recertification put a strain on her family's finances. As a new immigrant to Canada and with two young children at home, she searched for ways to help lessen the financial burden.

"Obviously it's quite a big financial undertaking because there are two parts to the process – the exams for the Federation of Law Societies and then the Law Society of Ontario (LSO) bar exams to join the bar. There's a cost to having your file assessed by the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA), costs to buy textbooks, costs to attend courses if you choose to and then the cost of the, in my case, eight NCA exams. That's before you even qualify to buy the law society materials and pay to write the bar exams," Megan explained.

As she was studying for her NCA exams, Megan was put in touch with Windmill Microlending, which provides microloans to newcomers to help them attain Canadian professional certification requirements. Providing loans of up to \$15,000, the money can be used to pay for exams, training, assessments, books and materials and other expenses related to advancing their career.

Since 2020, the Oakville Community Foundation has supported Windmill Microlending and its clients with a \$50,000 Program Related Investment (PRI). PRI's are made for more than financial return with a focus on supporting a solution to a social, cultural or environmental issue.

"Windmill immediately set up a call with a representative and asked me about my background, my interests and what I'd be using the funding for," she said. "You don't feel like you're just another number with them. I felt like they really looked at my potential as a whole package, that it was more personal than just applying for a loan."

Megan's first set of NCA exams were postponed with the onset of the pandemic which she then had to complete online. Having passed those exams, she recently wrote her barrister and solicitor exams in November

and received the happy news that she had passed them both.

According to Megan, the team at Windmill takes it all a step further. Right from the outset, Windmill offered support for networking in her field and for her future plans.

"There was no way I could have paid for the LSO material and exams and got to this point in the whole process without that funding," said Megan. "I don't know what we would have done. It's made such a huge difference and it felt more human rather than just crunching numbers."

To date, Windmill Microlending has helped more than 60 people living in Halton Region with microloans to fund their recertification. According to Megan, there are people willing to help if you ask.

"I would just say thank you to people who support programs like this. It literally would not have been possible for us to get here without it. It's been amazing to get this kind of help."

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Megan Badenhorst



Remembering Gerry Wilson

“We were all fortunate and better off for knowing her”

Lisa Helsdon recalls her mother with great fondness, love and wistfulness. There are both tears and laughter when she speaks about the woman who she describes as generous, fun loving and a great humanitarian as well as a beloved mother and grandmother.

Gerry Wilson passed away peacefully in the fall of 2021 and leaves behind an enduring legacy of love and care for her family and her community. She will be dearly missed.

Gerry met her future husband, Larry Wilson, in her hometown of Peterborough, Ontario.

“They met on a blind date,” Lisa explained. “I’ve heard different versions but I believe it was my dad’s sister who set them up on a blind date in Peterborough and they went to a dance.”

It wasn't long after that Gerry and Larry were engaged and then married in 1962, before settling in Oakville by way of Scarborough and Montreal. Gerry was a proud Halton resident for more than 40 years, living in both Oakville and, in her later years, in Burlington.

She was a lifelong member of her sorority, Beta Sigma Phi, which she joined as a young woman in Peterborough. As Gerry and Larry moved, she would find and join the local chapter, taking part in various executive positions and hosting a number of social and charity events.

"Mom always kept in touch with her friends, even after relocating to a different city, and they supported each other through all of the good times and the more challenging times in life," said Lisa.

Gerry loved travelling to new places where she could learn about different cultures and participated in many different sports, even when she wasn't supposed to. She was like that, Lisa said, always up for an adventure.

Growing up, Lisa witnessed the role of philanthropy in the lives of both of her parents, calling it a core element and value of their family. Both Gerry and Larry were very involved in their

community as well as with the Anglican church.

Larry was one of the founders of the Oakville Community Foundation back in 1994 and served as a director from its inception. In 1994, they were among one of the first couples to set up their own Fund: the Larry & Gerry Wilson Family Fund and, after Larry's passing in 2000, Gerry began exploring philanthropy even deeper.

Always one to cheer on and support the underdog, Gerry focused her efforts on helping those at a disadvantage and poured her time, talent and treasure back into the community that she loved.

"We very much had a shared interest in philanthropy," Lisa said. "The Fund at The Foundation was a wonderful means of supporting many of Oakville's charitable organizations."

Together, they most notably supported Kerr Street Mission, Home Suite Hope, The Salvation Army Lighthouse Emergency Shelter and several Oakville Community Foundation Initiatives, including the 2018 Vital Youth Report.

Gerry loved being a grandmother. With two grandsons and a granddaughter, she attended every concert, dance recital, game and graduation

that she could, always insistent that she could hear her grandson Matthew playing the tuba in the band, even when he wasn't.

"The way she loved her grandchildren was just... like the sun rose and set on her three grandkids," Lisa said. "She was just so involved and nothing could light her up like her grandchildren. She was a great grandma."

The family would get together to celebrate birthdays and holidays at Gerry's house, and so often found themselves gathering there for no reason at all. Gerry loved being surrounded by her family

Lisa recalled how, for Gerry's 70th birthday, they arranged a surprise party for her at the cottage. All of the guests were standing on the balcony as they arrived back from church, a big "Happy 70th Birthday!" sign strung through the rails.

"She was like a little kid, completely surprised and filled with delight," Lisa said. "With emotion in her voice, she told

me that no one had ever thrown her a surprise party. That was a moment I'll never forget."

In addition to these moments of joy, Gerry leaves behind memories of warmth and welcome, of being a genuine, kind and loving person and of being a friendly face to those around her. When asked what always comes to mind now when she thinks of her mother, Lisa had one clear answer.



"She had a very beautiful smile," Lisa said. "She had a really beautiful smile."



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Why Blair and Sharon Richardson

chose to create a Bequest Fund with The Foundation

When Blair and Sharon Richardson were in the process of revising their Will, they sat down with their two kids to have a talk about what they were thinking of doing: creating a Bequest Fund with the Oakville Community Foundation. They wanted to leave their kids some money but also wanted to continue to give to the charitable organizations they had supported throughout their lives.

“They were both really supportive,” said Blair. “They were very enthusiastic about the whole idea.”

Through Blair’s role on the Board at Food For Life, he became acquainted with the Oakville Community Foundation and was interested in the prospect of being able to leave money to charity after they were gone that could continue supporting those most in need.

“You’re aware that when you make your Will that you can’t see into the future after you’re gone. You don’t know what’s going to happen,” said Blair. “I could see the pitfalls of saying, ‘I want to leave X amount of money to these organizations,’ while not knowing what the situation would be when it actually came time to carry out the Will.”

The Richardsons liked the idea for a number of reasons. First, there is no minimum commitment for setting up a Bequest Fund at The Foundation and all of the administration would be done for them. They also liked knowing the dollars would be in good hands in terms of investment management.

Another important aspect for them was knowing that their two children could have a say in where the dollars were directed. Bequest Funds can be set up with instructions on which charities or causes to support or, as the Richardson’s have done, their children can be named to make those decisions on an annual basis.

“I liked the idea that our kids could decide where the money could go,” said Blair. “They know what charities we typically support, but life changes and they could feel free to give it to any charity in Canada that they felt was worthwhile.”

Philanthropy is something that has grown on the Richardsons through their lives. Sharon volunteered for a number of years with Home Suite Hope and Blair with Food for Life, where he started as a volunteer driver and became Chairperson on the Board of Directors

Through the years, they both found themselves recognizing the responsibility they had to use their resources wisely and set out to find organizations that would do the same. Being so involved in volunteer work, both Sharon and Blair have some sense of an organization’s performance and capabilities.

But for others, it’s not so easy to see. Blair knew that if their children were to be the ones making decisions on where the money should go and The Foundation made a recommendation, that it would get them pointed in the right direction.

“The more I learned about the Oakville Community Foundation, the more impressed I was with their knowledge of both community needs and community resources.”





Community Classroom

In 2021, Community Classroom Online presented 36 new videos to assist in virtual learning, with more than 6,700 classroom video views!

This Foundation initiative has been running since 2018, and provides publicly-funded elementary school students in Oakville, from kindergarten through Grade 8, the ability to participate in a free arts, culture, heritage or environmental program. For the 2021-22 school year, the Community Classroom online programming was extended to include Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation students at Lloyd S. King Elementary School as part of our commitment to reciprocity.

New programming and content added in 2021 included the

“From Graduate to Gold” conversation with Olympian Donovan Bailey and Hockey Night in Canada host Ron MacLean as well as special offerings from both the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton and the Oakville Museum during Black History Month.

Community Classroom is just one program tackling the issue of “No Child Left Behind” in Oakville and was born of the challenges that exist for families in our community and the need to connect local students to local arts and culture to enhance their sense of belonging.

If you’re interested in learning more about Community Classroom read our three-year report program report.



To continue this enriching program successfully, we need your help. Running this program at no cost to students, teachers and parents requires the generosity of our community to ensure that every child has the opportunity to access local interactive programming.

Support Community Classroom today at:
www.theocf.org/initiative/community-classroom-online/

All photos on adjacent page are from Community Classroom Online Curriculum.



Oakville Symphony



Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton



Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association



One Stop for Local Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

With more than \$330,000 available in scholarships, bursaries and educational awards, the Community Education Awards Hub is thriving! In 2021, usership increased by 37% as even more awards were added.

The Community Education Awards Hub is the one-stop, free, online source for students to access numerous community scholarships, bursaries and awards. Each participating organization has customized their award application with specific requirements including financial need, leadership activities, academic achievement and more. Award values range from \$500 - \$20,000 depending on the application.

We are grateful to our participating Award Partners for making this an inclusive source for students in our community. Thank you to: The May Court Club of Oakville, Halton Learning Foundation, The Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association, The Rotary Club of Oakville, The Oakville Lions Club, The University Women's Club of Oakville.

Please contact Frances Pace, Director - Fundholder & Community Engagement, at frances@theocef.org for more information on using The Awards Hub for your scholarship, bursary or award.



Photo Kevin Sousa

Oakville Healthy Community Initiative

The Oakville Healthy Community Initiative (OHCI) was inspired by our membership with Community Foundations of Canada and made possible with the generosity of our Fundholders as we directed \$98,000 back into the community.

After stewarding dollars for the national initiative (pg. 23), we wanted to support local infra-

structure projects that keep residents safe and healthy by creating a safer, more vibrant and inclusive Oakville.

These projects were designed to help respond to immediate needs caused by COVID-19, as well as to create long-term solutions for our community's recovery and resiliency.

Four projects were funded by our Fundholders and with the support of The Foundation's matching dollars:

\$21,000

to the Halton District School Board/Halton Environmental Network for the Oakwood Community Gathering Space. (Full Funding)

\$56,363

to the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton for the Harmony and Community Garden. (Full Funding)

\$13,175

to the YMCA of Oakville for the Healthier Together Project. (Partial Funding)

\$7,461

raised for the Rotary Adult Fitness Park through OHCI and an additional \$25,000 added from The Foundation's Community Fund. (Partial Funding)

AWARD PARTNERS ON THE HUB



The Miller Family Foundation



University Women's Club of Oakville Scholarship Fund





**Giving Circle:
Women, Four Years and Strong!**

In the search for a way to give back inclusively while continuously growing and establishing funds for years to come, Oakville's very own Women's Giving Collective was established, bringing together like-minded women eager to make a difference now and in the future.

It was created as a space for women to come together and pool their resources, knowledge and desire to help their community, using the giving circle concept to embrace this social way of giving back.

Now in its fourth year, The Collective has granted \$30,000 since inception, having just completed a three-year commitment to Heartache-

2Hope, a local suicide loss support charity. They are now embarking on a new three-year commitment to the Halton Youth Collective. The Collective is a Community Building Initiative and focuses on providing wraparound support for Youth, 18-24 years old who are leaving the support of the Children's Aid Society of Halton. The Collective focuses on bringing services to support these youth so that they are able to excel in life, with opportunities for Education, Employment or Training.

For more information on the Women's Giving Collective or to join, please contact Sarah McPherson - Director, Philanthropy & Communications at sarah@theocf.org

“The Women’s Giving Collective enables us to do things together that I could not do giving alone” - Patti



**Giving Circle:
Oakville Dads Want to do Even More Good**

Oakville Dads originally started as a local support group for Dads living or working in Oakville. In the last two-and-a-half years, the group has grown to nearly 3,000 members and is now a major support network and fundraising group in the community.

The Oakville Dads Community Fund held at the Oakville Community Foundation helps the group expand their support in the community to continue to reach vulnerable individuals, couples and families and explore other charitable organizations to support.

“After throwing our Golf Tournament, we could immediately

write cheques to Fare Share Food Bank and to Meals on Wheels through the Oakville Dads Fund at the Oakville Community Foundation.”
-Jeremy Sims

They currently support Oakville Fareshare Food Bank and Oakville Meals on Wheels and in 2021 raised \$18,000 in their inaugural Oakville Dads' Golf Tournament. They're long term goal is to create a Scholarship Fund, something that partnering with The Foundation, enables them use of The Foundation's Community Education Awards Hub when they're ready. And they're close!

Do you want to set up a Collective Giving Program. Reach out to Sarah McPherson - Director, Philanthropy & Communications at sarah@theocf.org.



Photo: Vital Older Adults Report

Supporting Older Adults Through Research and Grants

In June, The Foundation launched Living Your Best Life: A Report on the Vitality of Older Adults in Our Communities. This report examined what it is like to age in our communities and looked at the areas where we are excelling and the areas where there is room to improve.

In order to address the sedentary lifestyle of older adults identified through the research, The Foundation supported the Rotary Oakville Trafalgar's project which brought Adult and Senior Fitness Equipment

to Memorial Park. The project involved the installation of fitness equipment, with some geared specifically to older adults and those with disabilities.

The project was one of four projects funded by the Oakville Healthy Community Initiative (OHCI), The Foundation's granting program exclusive to Fundholders. All projects were place-based, long-term solutions focused on natural and physical infrastructure bringing connectivity to Oakville.



Photo: YourTV

Pass the Baton Canada

Over the spring and summer, The Foundation embarked on an exciting journey with Olympian Donovan Bailey as we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his 100M Gold Medal and the Men's 4 x 100M Relay Gold Medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

Pass the Baton Canada raised \$42,000 for youth race kits and charitable donations for youth charities. The race kits went to children and youth across the country who wanted to participate in the virtual race

and the donations supported Boys and Girls Club of Canada, Big Brother Big Sisters of Canada, the Special Olympics, the Andre DeGrasse Foundation and the Donovan Bailey Sports Excellence Award held at The Foundation.

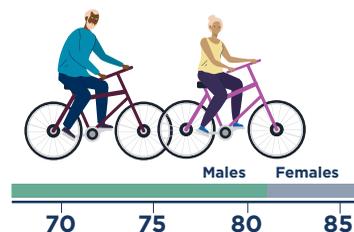
Did you see the conversation we hosted between Hockey Night in Canada host Ron MacLean and Donovan Bailey? It's available to watch on our website through the Community Classroom Online programming.

How many people are older than 65?

Total Oakville*
28,170 (14.5%)
Total Halton Population*
81,810 (14.9%)
Total Ontario Population*
2,251,655 (16.7%)



Life Expectancy Between 2014-2016



In its inaugural year, 2020 Ontario Winter Games speed skating champion Kai Abdool and recent 2022 Beijing Olympian and figure skater Madeline Schizas were awarded \$2,500 each in the pursuit of their Olympic dreams. Congratulations Kai and Madeline!

Data: Living Your Best Life: A Report on the Vitality of Older Adults Available at www.theocf.org

As a member Community Foundations of Canada, community foundations coast-to-coast are given the opportunity to bring national granting programs down to the local level. These granting programs bring additional dollars into our community, most often funded by the Government of Canada.

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative

The Golden Horseshoe Hub in Southern Ontario worked together to distribute \$736,076 to transform public spaces in response to COVID-19 through the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI). CHCI was a national initiative to create and adapt public spaces to respond to the new realities of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Golden Horseshoe Hub was led by The Foundation

and was a consortium of eight community foundations including: Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation, Brant County Community Foundation, Burlington Foundation, Community Foundation of Halton North, Hamilton Community Foundation, Community Foundation of Mississauga and Niagara Community Foundation.

This funding supported the Oakville Public Library's Story-Walks® project. Featuring outdoor trails and locations across Oakville, this provides Oakville residents of all ages with access to year round, self-guided walks with selected stories.

The Fund for Gender Equality

The Foundation was proud to be one of 21 community foundations across Canada that took part in the The Equality

Fund, granting \$140,000 to seven local charities that support women, girls, Two-Spirit and gender diverse individuals working towards a future grounded in equity, inclusion and justice. At the same time The Foundation made a commitment to gender lens investing, with a \$250,000 investment in the Ilu Women's Empowerment Fund (pg 19).

The charities funded spanned a variety of purposes, including efforts to pilot new initiatives, to address long-standing community needs, or to support a just recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Investment Readiness Program

As the lead partner in the Brant | Halton | Peel partnership, we helped distribute 709,168 to 19 social purpose organizations (SPOs) in the second round

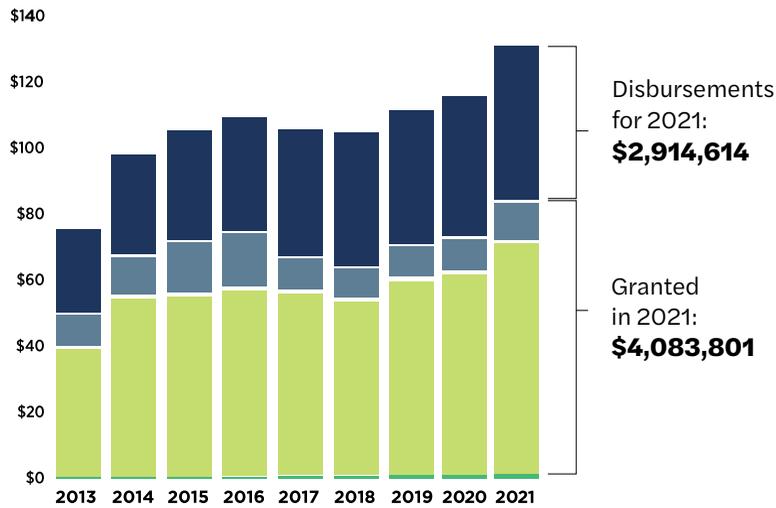
of the Investment Readiness Program (IRP). This national initiative provided time-limited investments to support a broad range of SPOs that include charities, non-profits, co-operatives, hybrid social enterprises, and mission-focused for-profits who are advancing a social, cultural, or environmental mission.

The IRP was a national initiative where The Oakville Community Foundation was the lead partner of the Brant | Halton | Peel partnership, a consortium of six community foundations that included Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation, Brant County Community Foundation, Burlington Foundation, Community Foundation of Halton North, Community Foundation of Mississauga – and Sheridan College.

Finance and Investments

The Foundation provides careful stewardship of the monies given over to our care. These charts and graphs are a way of providing a clear and concise snapshot of our Fund positions for the past year, as well as demonstrating our historical data.

Funds By Balance Type



Disbursements for 2021: **\$2,914,614**

Granted in 2021: **\$4,083,801**

- Held on Behalf of Community Organizations
- Grant/Flow-Through
- Endowed
- Operating and Stabilization

Investment Returns



Annualized Returns	
3 Year	13.0%
5 Year	9.9%
10 Year	9.5%

Photo: Christopher Dias

Audited Financial Statements are available at www.theocf.org/about-us/financial-statements/



Impact Investing

Halton
Children's
Aid Society

Ilu Women's
Empowerment
Fund



Investment as at December 31, 2021: \$598,059

Ilu Women's Empowerment Fund

To meet our gender lens investing commitment to the Equality Fund, in 2021, The Foundation added a new Impact Investment to its portfolio with the purchase of \$250,000 in bonds in a Canadian investment fund.

The Ilu Women's Empowerment Fund is focused on fixed-income investments in Latin America and the Caribbean, in companies with missions to promote women in leadership and governance, products and services that meet the needs of women and girls, gender-sensitive value chains, and workplace equity.

For information on our other impact investments, please visit:

www.theocf.org/ways-to-give/impact-investing/

In Memoriam

We remember the following individuals, who were Fundholders, friends and volunteers of The Foundation.

Alf Dobell, Carlyle Dunbar, Sandra Kerr, Bill Sargent, Terry Smith, Gerry Wilson.

20+ Year Funds

We recognize the following Funds that have been building community through their philanthropy in Oakville for over 20 years.

- **Adrian and Mary Coote Family Trust**
- **LM Rocca Family Fund**
- **Sexual Assault and Violence Services of Halton Fund**
- **The Donovan Bailey Fund**



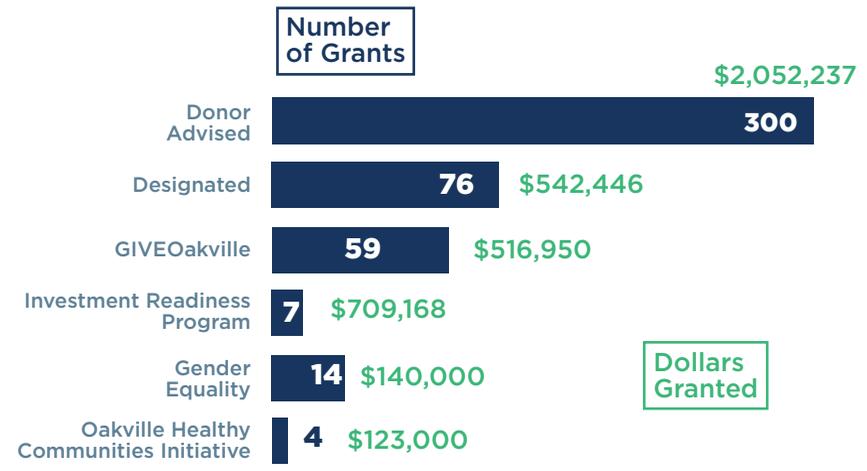
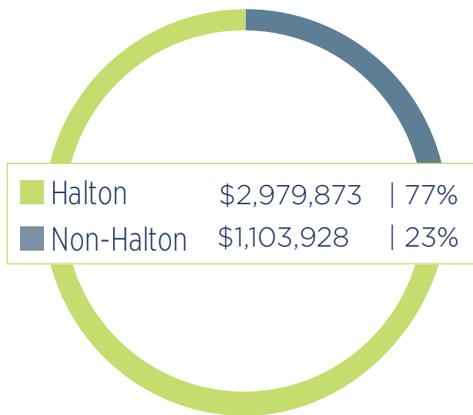
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Grantmaking

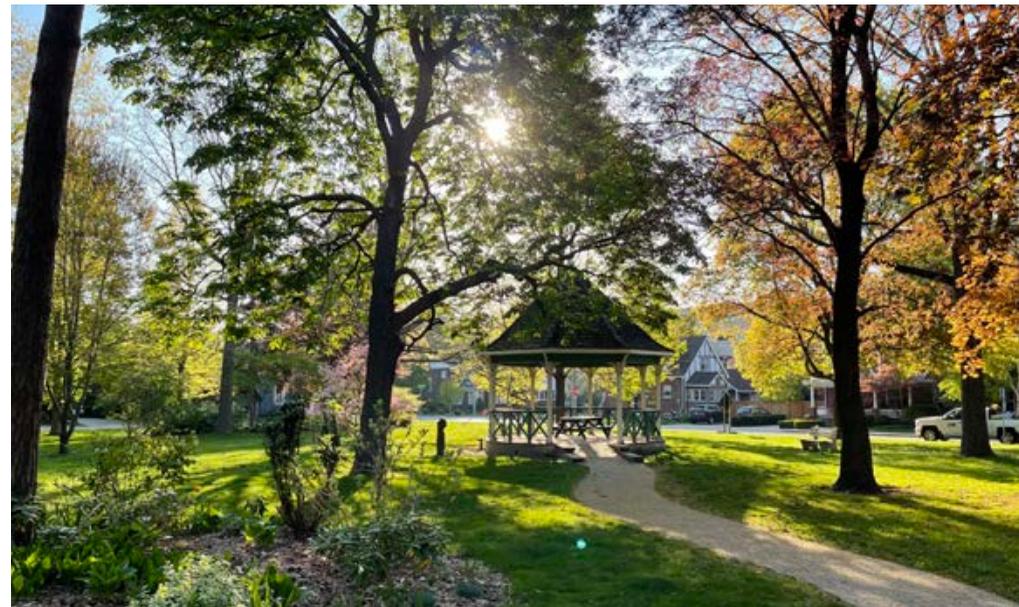
The Foundation offers donors a powerful and diverse range of opportunities to drive positive change. We enable donors to grant to CRA designated charitable organizations and initiatives. Together with our Fundholders, our community granting is a focused, collaborative effort to build back better.

Granting Totals 2021:
\$4,083,801



The 2021 **GIVEOakville** campaign, combined with The Foundation's Top-Up Funds, granted \$575,062 for local charities in the Oakville and Halton areas. The campaign supported grant requests from 55 local charities working within six different causes including: Arts, Culture & Heritage; Children, Youth & Families; Community; Education & Employment; Environment & Animal Rights and Health & Wellness.

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Board and Committees

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We are honoured to work with the following volunteer committee members who supported The Foundation. Through their knowledge, due diligence and guidance, The Foundation is able to ensure we are building community through philanthropy.

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Program-related Investment/Impact Investment

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Review Committees

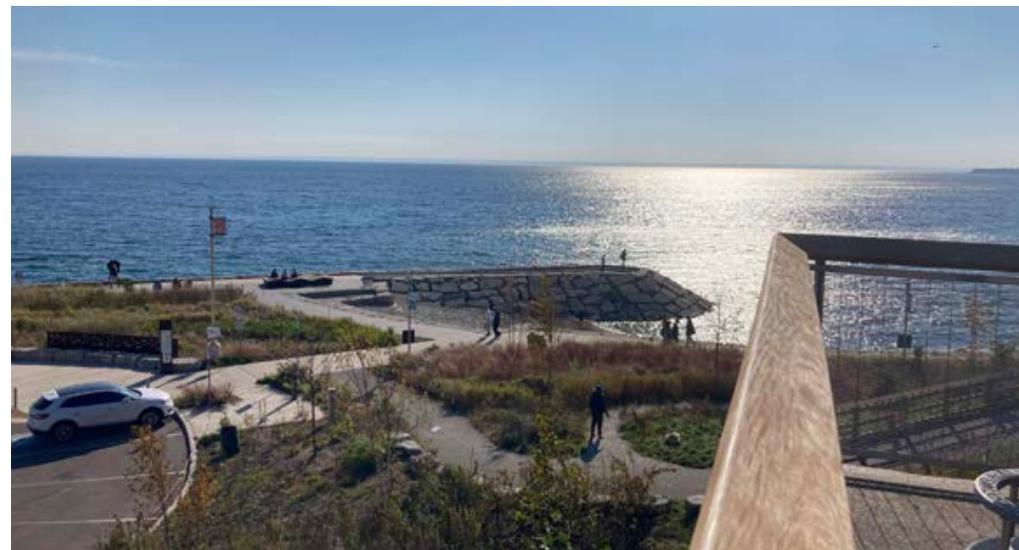
Alexander and Bernice DeMaio Education Award

Binu Dhas, Daniela Hampton-Davies, Joanne Peters

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative - Regional Hub

Wendy Rinella (Oakville Community Foundation) Chair, Anne Marie Peirce (Mississauga Community Foundation), Lois Thomas (Six Nations of the Grand River), Gilmar Militar (Ontario Trillium Foundation), Terry Cooke (Hamilton Community Foundation), Mira Backo-Shannon (Oakville Community Foundation Board Member)

Photo Frances Pace



Staff



Staff in order of appearance.

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A special thank you to the following students and interns who have worked with us throughout the year

Interns: Charlotte Bright, Jawaria Khalid.

Sense of Belonging Report: Danesh Sheikh, Ifunanyachukwuka Udezue, Victory Eragbon

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Let us know what your passion is.
We'll help you find a way to support it.



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