

About Our Foundation

OVERVIEW

Caledonia Community Foundation

Community means so many things to so many people, and the world to us. *In all we do and all we say, we are all for community.*

We are the Caledonia Community Foundation and community vitality has been our purpose, promise and passion since 2009 when we started connecting donors to community needs and opportunities. Together, we help build strong and resilient places to live, work and play.

Inclusive. Innovative. Forward-looking. Vital. This is our vision for our community.

In our vision, our community is able to include and offer opportunities to everyone. It has the knowledge and ability needed to help shape its own future. All our citizens are able to benefit from the best our community can offer: the arts, recreation, health care, education, safe and inclusive neighbourhoods and a healthy environment.

Our community foundation has 2 main goals to build community vitality:

- Vitality takes long-term resources for long-term solutions—using an endowment base we match donated funds to local initiatives through annual grants to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives. Our goal is to build this endowment base to fund projects for decades to come.
- Vitality needs leadership – our local charitable projects have brought donors and partners together to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy. By leading these initiatives, we provide a charitable donation while ensuring funds are directed at what the community really wants and needs. Our goal is to continue partnering with local groups, organizations and individuals to foster community growth and involvement.

Facts about the Caledonia Community Foundation

A group of dedicated individuals came together after the success of the Active Lives Campaign in 2004 to create the foundation.

Funds remaining from the campaign were invested and used for future community projects.

In 2013 the foundation partnered with Revitalization Caledonia, The Caledonia Rotary Club and the Caledonia Legion.

In 2015 the foundation, in partnership with Haldimand County built a new community hall at the HCCC.

Since 2014, the foundation has given \$40,000 in annual grants to local organizations working towards a stronger Caledonia.

The foundation looks forward to building a greater community in Caledonia and area by fostering ideas, and connecting people, initiatives and resources to create a lasting impact

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Ten reasons people choose community foundations.

one

We are a **local charitable organization** with deep roots in the community, and part of a nationwide movement whose support we build and share.

two

We bring donors to the table as **community builders**, working closely with them to align their philanthropic vision with the community's needs.

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We identify **long-term needs** and opportunities and invest in solutions that let our communities guide their own future.

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We take a broad and inclusive view of what a community is, and **provide grants** to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.

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We provide highly **personal and flexible service**, accepting a variety of assets and offering donors a **charitable tax receipt, anonymity or recognition** as requested.

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We build **permanent funds** and those that can respond to immediate needs, helping our communities ensure vital futures.

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We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts.

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We believe that diversity is strength, so we **bring the entire community together** to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

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We are **transparent and reputable stewards** of community resources, committed to being accountable, accessible and responsive.

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We build **community vitality** – the unique and essential spirit that flourishes when people believe their community holds possibilities for everyone.

Our Foundation in Action

Partnerships

Our largest successes have come from joining with local donors and partnerships for specific projects; the largest of which was the building of the Caledonia Lions Community Centre. In addition to a financial contribution of over \$1.5million from fundraised monies, our volunteer board members worked closely with our other partners to successfully complete the project. Other smaller partnerships have been just as successful and include the following:

Caledonia Agricultural Society Raise the Roof Campaign
Caledonia Agricultural Society Riverside Exhibition Centre
Caledonia Revitalization Committee (Benches Project)
Royal Canadian Legion Landscaping project
Royal Canadian Legion New Roof Campaign
Friends of LaFortune Park
Argyle Heights Fire Fund
Annual Scholarships
Summer Camp Assistance

Our approach

Many organizations are working for better communities, but a few important factors make our approach stand out:

We offer our charitable organization as the lead to your project

We partner with local groups and organizations to ensure charitable projects receive the correct tax advantages for donors.

We bring donors to the table as community builders

We help them formulate and realize their philanthropic goals, matching their interests and concerns with community needs and organizations of a charitable nature.

We take the broadest view of what a community is and what it needs to succeed

That's why our grants support everything from shelter, sustenance and care for those most in need, to recreation, sports, education, the arts, and the environment.

We take the long-term view for our communities

We identify long-term needs and opportunities and invest in sustainable solutions, helping

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