

## *Home Making*



*The Rudy Hulst Commons rises on Main Street East*

**P**utting more Foundation assets to work in the community is the goal of HCF's Hamilton Community Investment Fund (HCIF). The fund's latest loan is a great example.

Early in 2015, HCIF provided mortgage financing to Indwell to build 47 supportive housing units on Main Street East just east of Kenilworth - on a former used car lot. Indwell has a stellar track record in Ontario and enthusiastic support in the neighbourhood. Its Perkins Centre, across the street, provides 46 affordable bachelor apartments.

The 47 new units are much needed: the City of Hamilton counts 5,600 households on its waiting list for affordable social housing.

"Financially," says Indwell's executive director Jeff Neven, "with all levels of government, private donations and Hamilton Community Foundation's loan, this is a model that works for building affordable housing. And it's an important example of the Hamilton community taking care of its most marginalized citizens."

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## **HCF BOOSTS THE ARTS**

Hamilton Community Foundation has committed an additional \$300,000 to local arts funding next year, with a potential for the same amount over the next two years.

HCF has a long-standing record of support to arts and culture in Hamilton, providing over 450 grants to 100 local organizations, totalling over \$3.1 million in the past decade. The Foundation's offer to top up the City of Hamilton's own proposed new arts funding was announced during the annual municipal budget discussion. Council approved the motion unanimously and, as a result, landmark funding of \$800,000 will go into stabilizing this critical sector in the coming year.

"Obtaining a \$500K increase in funding was quite an accomplishment," said Tricia LeClair, Chair of the Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission. "This additional funding sends an even stronger message that the arts are worth such an investment. There is no doubt in my mind that Hamilton Community Foundation's additional funding offer played a key role to support the unanimous decision."

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## Affordable housing

As a condition of government capital funding, Indwell guarantees that the apartments will remain affordable for 40 years for tenants receiving assistance from the Ontario Disability Support Program.

HCF's Executive Vice-President of Finance and Operations, Annette Aquin, is passionate about the HCIF role: "Lending is another tool in the Foundation's toolbox. The Indwell loan illustrates the power of investing a portion of our assets differently: it's low risk, high-impact recycling of capital to address urgent community needs."



## Local Foundation Moves to HCF

Malloch Foundation board members, from left, Jay Rosenblatt, George Simpson, Anne Bermingham, Diane Arrell, Colin Lazier, Libby Hammond.

One of Hamilton's long-standing private foundations, The Malloch Foundation, has turned to HCF to continue its legacy.

Established in 1964 by Francis and Kate Malloch as a memorial to their son David, The Malloch Foundation has been supporting local charities for five decades.

Hamilton-area organizations — like a sanctuary that rescues injured owls and an arts group that takes Shakespeare into local schools — have benefited from grants over the years. The Malloch Foundation has also helped some of Hamilton's iconic institutions through good times and bad.

That legacy will continue as The Malloch Foundation becomes The Malloch Foundation Fund at Hamilton Community Foundation and four dedicated Malloch Foundation board members — Jay Rosenblatt, Anne Bermingham, Diane Arrell and Colin Lazier — become the new fund's advisory committee.

George Simpson, a founding member of The Malloch Foundation and longtime friend of David is stepping down after 50 years of service. He feels that transferring the fund to HCF is the right decision. "Hamilton Community Foundation has the expertise to maintain The Malloch Foundation legacy. Its future is assured, and the excellent advisory committee will continue to make meaningful grants in David's memory."

## Collaboration works for everyone MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT & CEO: TERRY COOKE

Anyone who knows me, knows that I love competition. Whether it's on the basketball court, the squash court, or a Hamilton history quiz, I just love to compete.

While competition surely has its place in our lives, collaboration is what works to change communities.

The Foundation is increasingly focusing on education as a means to a vibrant, inclusive Hamilton. Recently we invited leaders from both Hamilton school boards, Mohawk, McMaster and Redeemer to share

strategies and plans, hear what the other institutions are doing and give us input on proposed directions for an educational initiative. Many ideas were generated in a very rich exchange, but what struck me was the overriding and unanimous concern for young Hamiltonians and their futures.

In this issue, you'll read about the first Mohawk College Partnership Dinner. It's happening May 25, and HCF is proud to be selected as the first partner. The dinner represents not just our shared focus on improving access to post-secondary education, but also the truth we see all around us: that big, complex change comes about when a community works together on a common goal.

## Grants at a Glance

### Gifting a gizmo

The Tetra Society is a charity that uses technically-skilled volunteers - often engineers - to create customized assistive devices for children and adults with disabilities. A grant from HCF will enable Tetra's Hamilton chapter to design, build and install 10 devices for local children through its Tools for Tykes program.

From a baby dining chair for a child with cerebral palsy, to a crib designed for a child with seizure disorder, the outcomes are ingenious and inspiring. Each device helps a particular child with daily living, mobility, and personal care challenges.

The program responds to requests and referrals from doctors, parents, therapists and teachers. The children can have any type of disability, and many of their families could not afford the costs of a custom device. Volunteers work directly with the children to overcome obstacles in their environment, and purchase parts to design, build and install the unique devices.

## Flying high

Spirits are soaring as Grade 6 students learn about the properties of flight right underneath the wings of a vintage aircraft.

The experience is part of a new outreach program at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum that gives students from inner-city schools the chance to enjoy educational activities among the exhibits. "Project High Flight" uses hands on learning to help students understand the science and technology behind aeronautics. Instructors include pilots, retired educators and others who share a passion for aviation.

The museum estimates that 12,000 students at more than 25 Hamilton schools cannot rely on assistance from parents or the community for educational field trips like these. This program, supported by an HCF grant, allows children from low-income households to benefit from the same opportunities as their peers.



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## ROCK SOLID SUPPORT



Getting a start in the workforce is challenging for all youth but especially for street-involved youth, where the unemployment rate is above 80 percent.

Rock Resources, a program at Living Rock, helps these young Hamiltonians to acquire the skills they

need to make a successful transition to adulthood. Supported by an HCF grant, the program provides training and experience that leads to employment readiness. Youth participate in work crews in areas like maintenance, food service, and shipping and receiving. Coaching sessions help them identify and achieve their development goals. Practical incentives such as bus tickets, food cards and other provisions help meet their basic needs, offer dignity to the participants, and reward their personal development.

Last year, 19 percent of food service participants found employment in the industry, while others found work outside the sector as a result of their work readiness and the job reference provided to successful participants.

# Save the Date

Mohawk College is launching a new community event with HCF as its inaugural partner.

“At Mohawk, we rely on more than a thousand partners to transform our students into future-ready graduates,” says Mohawk president Ron McKerlie. “We’re proud to host our first Partnership Dinner with Hamilton Community Foundation. Like Mohawk, HCF is committed to building community through unlocking the potential of young people and removing barriers to education.”

The Partnership Dinner, on May 25 at LIUNA Station, will support access-to-education initiatives at both organizations. Mohawk has established a President’s Partnership/Everyday Heroes Access Bursary for youth from priority neighbourhoods. HCF will fund programs across the community that remove financial and non-financial barriers to education beyond high school.

“Our partnership dinner recognizes that when two community leaders come together and work for a greater good, everyone benefits,” says Ron.

For more information and tickets go to [tinyurl.com/kl3yj7f](http://tinyurl.com/kl3yj7f)



Local arts and culture lover Gail Robinson-Gow is the first donor to HCF’s Arts Endowment Fund.

Gail has been interested in Hamilton’s cultural scene since moving here in 1980. “Hamilton’s arts scene is vibrant and it’s an important local asset,” she says. “I’ve known about HCF’s tremendous support for community needs for many years, so when I learned about the Arts Endowment, it just seemed to fit with what I wanted to support.”

The Arts Endowment Fund focuses on keeping Hamilton’s cultural sector strong and sustainable. HCF is matching the first \$1 million of donations to this fund. We do the same for the Environmental Endowment Fund: a donation to either doubles your impact.

Both funds are part of our larger Community Fund, which is focused on Hamilton’s most pressing issues. You can support these funds in many ways. You can donate now or leave a donation in your will. You can contribute gradually over time and when your donations total \$5,000, create a fund in your name. You can start a family legacy or honour a loved one. To learn, more call Jill Anderson at **905.523.5600 ext. 254**, or e-mail [j.anderson@hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca](mailto:j.anderson@hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca)

## DONATION ALERT

If you have, or are considering, a gift to charity in your will, we want to make you aware that there is new legislation affecting estate gifts that will become effective on January 1, 2016. We encourage you to review your plans with your professional advisor to ensure your goals will be accomplished under these new rules.

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