



# Hamilton Community Foundation

## Overview

### Our vision

A vibrant, inclusive Hamilton.

### Our mission

To drive positive change by connecting people, ideas and resources.

### We do this by

- *Helping people give in a way that has meaning to them and impact in the community.*

Like other community foundations, HCF is unique from other charities because donors may support any area of charitable interest including arts and culture, education, health and human services, environment and recreation.

- *Supporting all aspects of community life through grants and financing to a wide range of charitable organizations and initiatives.*

Beyond our traditional granting, HCF is unique in Hamilton because we also offer loans to charitable organizations. This strategy puts more of our capital to work for Hamiltonians. We have also increased the amount of funds flowing to Hamilton programs by leveraging partnerships and matching gifts from a range of private and public partners.

- *Engaging in community leadership by bringing people together to address priority issues that affect Hamiltonians.*

Leadership is an HCF hallmark. We mobilize our knowledge, assets and relationships to address emerging community issues and opportunities, taking action to foster a vibrant, inclusive city.

### HCF Facts

Year ended March 31, 2015

- Total assets: \$180 million
- HCF operating expenses: 1.3% of average total assets
- Donations received: \$12.6 million
- Grants: 561 to 227 organizations last year  
\$5.8 million last year  
\$88 million since 1954
- Impact investing commitment: \$44.9 million
- HCF is one of more than 191 Canadian community foundations who together serve some 90 percent of Canadians.

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### Why donors choose Hamilton Community Foundation

- We know Hamilton's issues and opportunities and align donors' philanthropic interests.
- We create innovative solutions and partnerships to advance community goals and maximize donors' impact.
- We provide expert, reliable, professional, flexible donor services to meet philanthropic and financial goals.

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### Current community leadership initiatives

- *ABACUS: Advancing post-secondary access.* ABACUS is a partnership initiative of Hamilton Community Foundation and The Fairmount Foundation. Recognizing the impact that increased high school graduation and post-secondary access would have on Hamilton, ABACUS focuses on improving the academic, community and environmental factors that most directly affect the likelihood of students continuing their education. By starting intervention in the middle-school years, the goal is to help young Hamiltonians facing multiple barriers increasingly access post-secondary education. This year, HCF will grant over \$1 million from the Community Fund to ABACUS programs.
- *Building healthy neighbourhoods.* In 2002, HCF's launched a multi-year commitment to poverty reduction, focused on strengthening low-income neighbourhoods. Our ongoing commitment includes funding community development in collaboration with the City of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy (NAS) and supporting the small grants program in each NAS neighbourhood. Part of our community knowledge role is to advance the consideration of mixed-income neighbourhoods and schools as a strategy in creating healthy places to live throughout the whole of Hamilton.
- *Neighbourhood Leadership Institute:* This program enhances the skills of neighbourhood and community leaders from the NAS communities. Students participate in leadership training while developing a local project idea.
- *Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction:* HCF and the City of Hamilton launched the Roundtable over a decade ago to focus on systemic-level change needed to reduce and eliminate poverty in Hamilton. As the 2015 recipient of the national Cities Reducing Poverty Award, the Roundtable continues to be acknowledged for its collaborative efforts to influence public policy and promote social inclusion.
- *Women 4 Change.* A collective giving initiative with the dual focus of increasing the capacity of women to be effective philanthropists and having a positive impact on the lives of Hamilton's women and girls.
- *Impact investing.* Impact investing is a way to put more of our assets to work in support of our mission, using strategies that target both financial returns and social impact. While the bulk of our endowment is currently invested in traditional markets, we are piloting direct impact investments and an ESG public market portfolio. Our impact investing portfolio also includes the \$5 million Hamilton Community Investment Fund which provides loans to local charities and non-profits. Currently our impact investing portfolio commitment is \$44.9 million.