



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 that affect Hamiltonians.

HCF Facts

Year ended March 31, 2017

- Total assets: \$193 million
- HCF operating expenses: 1.2% of average total assets
- Donations received: \$3.2 million
- Grants: 587 to 227 organizations last year \$7.2 million last year \$103 million since 1954
- 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

Our goal: to increase the health and prosperity of people and neighbourhoods

- *ABACUS: Advancing post-secondary access.* This 10-year partnership initiative of Hamilton Community Foundation and The Fairmount Foundation aims to increase Hamilton's high-school graduation rates and access to college, university and the trades, especially among those typically under-represented in post-secondary. ABACUS concentrates on the factors most directly affecting students' likelihood of continuing their education and focuses on the middle-school years where youth undergo significant developmental changes, yet which are among the least supported by focused community programming and strategy. In its first full year of granting, ABACUS funded 17 projects through 16 organizations which in turn engaged 4,393 students, 274 parents, and 308 teachers. Read more at ABACUSatHCF.ca
- *Neighbourhood Leadership Institute:* The "NLI" enhances the skills of Hamilton's neighbourhood and community leaders. Participants engage in leadership training while developing a local project idea, and receive a post-secondary college credit upon successful completion. Almost 90 neighbourhood leaders have graduated, with many returning to co-facilitate the program. The City of Toronto is replicating NLI based on Hamilton's model. The NLI has also partnered with McMaster University to develop the *Certificate in Leadership in Community Engagement*, an academically recognized program supported by the Faculty of Social Sciences and numerous community partners. Almost 60 local professionals took part in the first program offering last fall, with many others professionals registered for subsequent courses in fall 2017. Read more at <http://hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/NLI>
- *Building healthy neighbourhoods.* Since 2002, HCF has focused on strengthening Hamilton's low-income neighbourhoods. Our ongoing commitment has been to support the City of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy (NAS) as well as a small grants program in each NAS neighbourhood. Our current focus is working with the City and neighbourhood residents to gather perspectives and consider the best ways for the NAS to continue to be a relevant, effective and supportive resource for the people who live there.
- *Impact investing.* Impact investing aligns more of HCF's assets with its mission, by targeting investments that generate both financial and social returns. While the bulk of the Foundation's endowment is currently invested in traditional markets, the Foundation has established a target of investing 20 percent of its assets in impact investments by 2020. Focus areas for investment include education, affordable housing, youth, health, employment and other areas that align with granting priorities. Our impact investing portfolio includes the \$5 million Hamilton Community Investment Fund which provides loans to local charities and non-profits. Read more at <http://hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/impactinvesting>