

helping good people  
do great things in  
their community



To get started,  
explore a donation option  
or discuss a situation,  
Contact us for further information.

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Through your gift, the Foundation can continue to support the many vital organizations in the community.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed you will find my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to be held in perpetuity in the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about the  
**NIAGARA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**.  
Please provide the following:

- Information about establishing a Fund
- Information about including the Foundation in my estate planning
- Information on the latest tax incentives from Canada Revenue Agency on charitable giving



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## WHO WE ARE

THE NIAGARA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION is a collection of funds and resources given by caring citizens who have chosen to make their community a better place to live and work, now and in the future...

The Foundation serves as a 'philanthropic partner' for people wishing to establish a permanent, yet flexible, method to handle current and future charitable gifts. This is done through the creation of endowment funds, the earnings on which support charitable causes in the community.

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## BENEFITS TO DONORS

Donors derive many benefits by giving to their community through the Niagara Community Foundation.

- **Flexibility** We can design a program to help donors achieve their charitable goals.
- **Permanence** We honour and protect the charitable intentions of our donors in perpetuity.
- **Relevance** We know the community, its needs and assets. We work closely with local organizations to improve community life and make things better. A donor's gift will never be 'out of date'.
- **Convenience** The donor may add gifts of any size to the fund at any time.
- **Tax Advantages** We provide full donor service with maximum tax advantages.
- **Accountability** We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who are community leaders from across Niagara and report annually to both the community and Canada Revenue Agency.

## BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY

The Niagara Community Foundation is a flexible organization through which donors can help a variety of community needs. Donors can establish their own fund to assist a specific area of interest or charity...or may choose to support one of the Foundation's existing funds. We also help donors target their dollars toward projects that meet Niagara's most pressing challenges and opportunities. Our granting program supports charities in the arts, environment, education, health, recreation, heritage and social services. We believe that by strengthening community organizations, we strengthen our community as a whole.

## GETTING STARTED

It is easy to establish a named charitable fund and this can sometimes be completed in less than a day.

- First, decide what type of donation would be used to establish the fund. A donor can contribute cash or securities, leave a bequest, designate an insurance policy or RRSP or gift other property.
- Select a name for the fund. Donors can remain anonymous, use their own name, the name of a family member or another name.
- Designate current fund advisors such as the donor and spouse, and successor advisors such as children.
- Identify which charities or sectors are to receive the annual grant from the fund.
- Complete and sign a simple governing document that we will provide and help customize for the donor.
- Specify how grant disbursements are to be acknowledged: in the name of the fund or anonymously.

### ONCE A FUND IS ESTABLISHED, DONORS MAY:

- Add to the fund at any time. In fact, other donors can also contribute to the fund.
- If a donor advised fund has been established, the donor may recommend distributions from their fund to charities, locally or throughout Canada