



helping good people
do great things
in their community

2010
ANNUAL REPORT

NIAGARA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

OUR VISION

Realizing community dreams through philanthropy.

OUR MISSION

The Niagara Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life in Niagara through building endowment funds, providing grants and enabling philanthropic partnerships.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ENABLE, COLLABORATE AND TRANSFORM:

Enable community improvement by providing funding and community knowledge. Bring organizations together to form partnerships based on the respective strengths of each organization to focus on key community priorities.

DEMONSTRATE PHILANTHROPIC LEADERSHIP:

Demonstrate expertise and best practice in philanthropic leadership.

PUT NIAGARA FIRST:

Communicate and support the Niagara story. Build community leadership. Seek and develop individuals who will bring leadership to the community.

BE TRUSTWORTHY AND TRANSPARENT:

Engage in practices that are open, accessible, fair, objective, flexible, timely and built on a foundation of respect, trust, integrity and honesty.

ENSURE SOUND GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

Ensure that the Niagara Community Foundation governance and management is sound, relevant and realizes its full fiduciary responsibility.

Cover photo – Go to page 7 to read about how St. John Ambulance therapy dogs are being used to encourage kids to read.

END OF A **DECADE**



Liz Palmieri *Executive Director* and Mel Groom *President*

It is hard to believe that our first decade is under our belts. We are starting the next decade firing on all cylinders. The challenge lies in continually staying relevant to our donors, grant recipients and communities.

Our board committees are strong and well organized. Governance is in order. We have completed and reviewed board and committee evaluations. A succession plan has been built and ready to execute, if required. We have strong Human Resource and Risk Management policies in place. Our Community Leadership Committee is starting fresh and looking at ways to encourage the next generation of leadership in our communities.

Events through the year have continued to enrich our brand, including Cuvée, the GOATS Golf Tournament, St. Catharines Au Marché and our Canadian Business Leaders' Breakfast with guest speaker, Kevin Williams, President, GM Canada. And new this year was the Random Act of Kindness Day that we launched in November.

This has been a turning point year with our fundraising. We are entering our 11th year with \$11 million in endowments. We are moving towards our next goal of \$20 million by 2020 with asset development becoming the priority of the Foundation and a responsibility of every board member.

It is important to remember that we are really good at the job we do, linking family legacies to their community. We can be proud of the relationships we build with our donors, the thoughtfulness and consideration when making grants, the low cost to maintain a fund and the flexibility we provide donors.

We are fortunate to have such a diverse and well respected group of volunteers and donors. Thank you to all who have contributed to our success. As we start the next decade, let's continue to keep our eye on the ball and be ready to change and adapt to whatever awaits us around the corner.

GRANTS ENABLE COMMUNITY DREAMS

COLLABORATION CREATES A HOME- GROWN SOLUTION

Niagara desperately needed a residential treatment program for children and youth who have dual diagnosis (both intellectual and mental health issues). In fact there was no residential treatment option anywhere in Ontario for these children.

As a result of this need, Niagara Child and Youth Services (NCYS) partnered with Brock University's Child and Youth Studies Department to develop an innovative treatment program to target the child's problem behaviours and to provide support and training to the parents in order to improve the behaviour so that the child can return home.

NCYS purchased a building in Niagara Falls to be a 'home away from home' for nine children at a time. Rotary House will be the first in Ontario to provide residential treatment for children with dual diagnosis. To function as a home and meet Public Health requirements, industrial kitchen appliances were required. With their \$11,655 grant large capacity, institutional quality appliances were purchased. Instructors will also use the equipment to teach basic cooking skills that will assist the youth when they return home.

A homegrown solution, a great partnership and broad community support all contributing to helping children become healthier and resilient. *

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

Head Injury Association of Fort Erie (HIAFE) started in 1987 to assist families having to cope with the life long trauma of injury to the brain. Individualized programs are developed and delivered based on client need. Family members receive education, peer support and resources about the devastating effect of brain injury.

For many with an acquired brain injury, ability to read and write is a challenge. Working in partnership with the Adult Literacy Council of Fort Erie, a \$500 grant was provided to HIAFE to purchase educational resources to facilitate twelve literacy-learning sessions to seven individuals. Both one-on-one support and group sessions took place.

The biggest challenge was comprehension and retaining information but in all cases each person had improved their reading and writing abilities. The Foundation's support has allowed a group of people to gain self-esteem and independence in their day-to-day life.

This small grant has provided a leg-up to HIAFE and their clients. Our investment, in combination with continued volunteer support, insures that the program will continue to be delivered to new and existing clients. It's critical since brain injury is forever. *



A REBEL WITH A CAUSE

Grimsby resident Ed Halladay passed away in the fall of 2009. His brother described Ed as a 'rebel' and someone who went against the establishment, who felt isolated at school as he didn't fit into the stereotypic 'jock' or 'brain' category, someone he felt would have come to The Fort for assistance and recreation.

To honour Ed, an accomplished pianist and guitarist, memorial donations were directed towards creating a youth music program at The Fort.

The \$500 grant from the Foundation was used to purchase various pieces of equipment to enhance the new music program enabling their youth members to perform in-house at The Fort as well as at outside community events.

The intent of the program is to provide exposure to the discipline and joys of learning music as well as provide an outlet for those who may otherwise be struggling with communication and expression issues and who do not have the financial means to pursue formal study. This is the kind of program that would have served Ed well as a teenager.

GRANT MUSICAL EQUIPMENT

AMOUNT \$500

ORGANIZATION THE FORT

CELEBRATING WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL

Many groups across Niagara are preparing for the myriad of events taking place in 2012 celebrating the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

The Niagara Historical Society received a \$4,000 grant to present a lecture series with a dual purpose. On a practical level, they were developing a new walking tour for 2012 and needed a way to train their volunteer guides. Bringing in experts on the war will serve to provide a wealth of historical information useful for the tours.

The series will add to the museum's own research on the War of 1812 while also building relationships with expert researchers and academics.

The general public will also be invited to attend the series, giving the community the opportunity to learn about the importance of this historic period prior to the launch of the celebrations in June 2012.

Hopefully one of the lectures will answer the question about which side actually won the war! Regardless of the answer, everyone wins with this project – the volunteers, the researchers, the museum and the general public. *

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

Port Cares has provided service for Port Colborne and Wainfleet residents for 23 years. A multi-service agency, it offers skills training, community resources and poverty relief programs for families and individuals of all ages.

Its Reach Out Centre serves 14,000 meals annually. It was bursting at the seams and had reached capacity. A one million dollar capital campaign was launched to expand the centre which will allow for increased support services, additional space for partner agencies to provide services and various volunteer training opportunities. Both the federal and provincial governments together contributed \$740,000 and the agency is fundraising to cover the remaining third of the cost.

With the \$10,000 grant from the Foundation, commercial grade equipment will be purchased for the expanded kitchen. Once the renovations are complete, the Reach Out Centre will be able to increase their seating from 80 to 100.

Located in the Three Bridges Neighbourhood in Port Colborne, an area traditionally under serviced, the expanded centre will be able to increase response to local needs and do what is necessary to improve the quality of life in their community. *



LITERACY GOING TO THE DOGS

A new St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program was introduced in 2010 from Grimsby to Fort Erie. The Sit-Stay-Read Program involves a dog/handler team visiting schools or libraries on a monthly basis. The goal of the program was to improve literacy for reluctant readers by using the agency's therapy program

The dog and handler sit on the floor to encourage ease and comfort for the child. Each child selects their own reading material, which encourages them to want to finish the book after each session. They can pet the dog or sit at a distance, whatever makes them feel most comfortable.

The grant from the Foundation was used to purchase mats and blankets upon which the dogs must sit when reading is taking place in carpeted areas.

A surprising outcome of the program was the opportunity to teach young people how to approach a dog safely through the agency's Bite Me Not Program.

One parent noted how surprised he was to learn that his children, who normally are afraid of dogs, sat and read to them and then came back to hug the dog! What an innovative approach to improving literacy while at the same time teaching respect for our four footed friends.

GRANT PAWS 4 STORIES

AMOUNT \$500

ORGANIZATION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE



SUPPORTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

For the past 21 years, the Regional Niagara Fire Support Unit has been on call 24 hours a day seven days a week. Totally run by volunteers, they respond to fires, disasters or other calls for emergency assistance and provide rehabilitation service and support to the on-scene fire fighters, police officers and other emergency services personnel.

Health and safety of the volunteers is always a worry when dealing with fire emergencies. One grant was used to purchase protective all-weather head gear for all volunteers. Today's radio airwaves are jammed with lots of different frequencies and digital is becoming the norm.

Reliable communication is critical to the success of the volunteers, especially with the large rural area they serve. A two-way radio with digital GPS was acquired with a second grant.

The purchase of a laptop computer with their third grant simplifies their operations and enables them to take their office on the road to fire halls and members' homes.

Their fourth grant this year was used to purchase an all-weather tent. Since emergencies take place in all weather conditions, the tent will provide an extra level of support to the volunteers and emergency service personnel.

GRANT RESOURCES FOR FIRE SUPPORT UNIT

AMOUNT \$1,968

ORGANIZATION REGIONAL NIAGARA FIRE SUPPORT UNIT

2010 GRANTS AWARDED

FROM OUR COMMUNITY, YOUTH AND MINI GRANT PROGRAMS

Adolescent's Family Support Services	\$500	Resources needed for the Suitable Style Shop to assist clients with professional clothes.
AIDS Niagara	\$4,000	Costs and resource materials for World AIDS Day dance and activities in Niagara with intent of engaging youth in the movement.
ALS Society of Ontario - Central West	\$1,000	Expansion of The Mentorship Program support group to Niagara to assist clients and their families dealing with ALS.
Alzheimers Society	\$3,960	Purchase 11 voice recording devices with software to assist counsellors with the transcribing of client notes directly into a secure database after each client visit.
Big Brothers Big Sisters St. Catharines, Thorold	\$2,500	Equipment and resources for the Boys Mentoring Program Game On to be conducted in 6 elementary schools in St. Catharines.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln	\$3,452	Expansion of the Go Girls Program at College Street Public School and Central Public School, both at risk according to neighbourhood mapping tool provided by Niagara Region.
Carousel Players	\$500	Purchase a sound mixer and amplifier to be used on the road at more than 100 performances.
Carousel Players	\$316	The purchase of 8 music stands that will be used by downtown performing art companies.
Child Advocacy Centre Niagara	\$500	Train the 2 staff on the agency fundraising software with the intention of training volunteers.
Community Care - St. Catharines, Thorold	\$1,914	Purchase laptops, software and training for two caseworkers from Niagara Nutrition Partners allowing them to perform their work more efficiently in the community.
Community Care - St. Catharines, Thorold	\$4,565	Creation of Spanish, French and Arabic content for TALK2One program to help those needing community services to stay connected.
Community Living - Fort Erie	\$2,910	Purchase of a copying, network printing and scanning system to improve agency communications with clients.
Community Living - Fort Erie	\$500	Purchase 5 computer monitors for 5 residential locations to improve access to resources and the quality of life for those living in the residences.
Community Living - Grimsby/Lincoln +++	\$5,000	Purchase of industrial kitchen equipment for the Jam and Preserve Program to meet the production needs of this current enterprise.

+ grant from Niagara Falls Fund; ++ grant from Port Colborne Fund; +++ grant from Niagara West Fund

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FROM OUR COMMUNITY, YOUTH AND MINI GRANT PROGRAMS

Community Living - Port Colborne, Wainfleet ++	\$9,575	Set up a Community Kitchen in partnership with Lakeshore Catholic High School, Port Cares and the Good Food Box to educate participants from the Three Bridges neighbourhood on cooking nutritional and economic meals from the Good Food Box items.
Community Living - Welland Pelham	\$3,135	In partnership with Land Care Niagara, the planting of 125 large caliper urban trees and maintenance of 15 large caliper native potted trees grown from local seed in areas of schools and other non-profit community organizations that have land management support.
District School Board of Niagara	\$3,000	Fund an adventure based program for at risk youth to promote interpersonal and intrapersonal growth.
District School Board of Niagara	\$500	Purchase gravel for the Outdoor Learning Classroom created by the Eco Club at Parliament Oak School.
Education Foundation of Niagara	\$2,420	Fund Project Butterfly Wishes for an outdoor classroom at Prince of Wales North School that will incorporate native trees, plants and shrubs that will attract butterflies.
Education Foundation of Niagara	\$2,420	Fund Project Butterfly Wishes for an outdoor classroom at Central Public School that will incorporate native trees, plants and shrubs that will attract butterflies.
Education Foundation of Niagara	\$3,014	Purchase resources and guest speaker for Lincoln Centennial School to celebrate and educate students and families about cultural diversity.
Education Foundation of Niagara	\$458	Purchase a commercial conveyor toaster for Queen Mary Public School Breakfast program.
Education Foundation of Niagara	\$500	Purchase of resources for students and parents of Grapeview School to participate in multicultural diversity, literacy and visual arts based workshops.
Foundation of Resources for Teens (The FORT)	\$750	Purchase of sports and fitness equipment to be used by youth accessing the gym program.
Foundation of Resources for Teens (The FORT) +++	\$500	For music equipment to be used by youth at the FORT.
Garden City Productions	\$500	To purchase laptop, printer and scanner for efficient ticket purchasing.
Gateway Residential & Community	\$3,012	Creation of a website to reach customers and educate people living in Niagara about the importance of healthy eating.
Gateway Residential & Community	\$500	Resources needed for Food Preservation workshop for Gateway Women's Group.
Grimsby Museum +++	\$2,700	Purchase a laptop and LCD projector to provide museum staff with equipment necessary to deliver educational and special interest programs to the residents of Grimsby and surrounding areas.

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Grimsby Public Art Gallery +++	\$2,000	Upgrades to the Studio facilities and equipment.
Habitat for Humanity Niagara +	\$500	Purchase of a portable projector screen for agency presentations.
Head Injury Association of Fort Erie	\$500	Registration for 10 clients or caregivers to attend Brain Injury Conference.
Head Injury Association of Fort Erie	\$500	Resources to start up a one-on-one learning program for reading and writing for individuals with acquired brain injury.
Heart Niagara Inc. +	\$500	Purchase of a projector and screen for Niagara Sport Commission's Volunteer Workforce Development project.
Hope Furniture Bank +	\$2,760	Purchase of industrial steamer to clean donated items and installation of agency phone lines in their donated space.
Hope Furniture Bank +	\$500	Creation of print materials for awareness project geared towards service clubs as project partners.
Hope Furniture Bank+	\$500	Purchase a vacuum cleaner and shop vac for cleaning furniture donations.
Hospice Niagara	\$3,000	Fund a one day retreat for teens who have experienced a significant death in their lives.
Jericho House	\$4,226	For recreational equipment for games room in new facility.
Lincoln Community Against Violence +++	\$500	Purchase a laptop computer for Community Support Worker program to be used with clients.
Lincoln Community Against Violence +++	\$352	Purchase two laser printers for shared office space.
Niagara Catholic District School Board - St. Nicholas Elementary School	\$500	Start up costs for the You Are the Chef Program which teaches and promotes students making healthy recipes.
Niagara Catholic District School Board - St. Peter Elementary School	\$500	Start up costs for the You Are the Chef Program which teaches and promotes students making healthy recipes.
Niagara Catholic District School Board - St. Theresa Elementary School	\$500	Start up costs for the You Are the Chef Program which teaches and promotes students making healthy recipes.
Niagara Artists' Company	\$3,300	Creation of online sales mechanism and the equipment to document art work so that Niagara artists can collectively pursue career success.
Niagara College	\$500	Fund website for Niagara50Plus to promote knowledge and skills of that demographic.

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Niagara Historical Society	\$4,000	Marketing and speaker cost of Bicentennial War of 1812 lecture series.
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation	\$4,202	Fund Niagara Envirothon Kits to better prepare students for the Niagara Envirothon 2010.
Niagara Region - Public Health	\$500	Fund resources for the one day Amazing Race event hosted by REACT (Regional Peer Lead Action Group) for the families of Rykert Street.
Pathstone Foundation +	\$11,655	Purchase of commercial kitchen equipment for new residential treatment program in Niagara Falls.
Pelham Cares	\$500	Purchase an agency safe for donations, gift vouchers and agency documents.
Pelham Cares	\$500	Printing of new agency brochure to promote programs and services.
Port CARES	\$10,000	Purchase of commercial oven and range hood for Reach Out Centre kitchen renovation and expansion project.
Powerhouse Project - Young Carers Initiative	\$2,500	Fund 3 day youth retreat for young carers, aged 14 to 18, to build resiliency and positive youth development.
Red Roof Retreat	\$5,000	A Path with Meaning - The construction of an accessible walkway to access all parts of "Green Space".
Regional Municipality - Public Health	\$3,845	For sports and recreation equipment for 10 schools participating in FUEL, Females Using Energy for Life.
Regional Niagara Fire Support Unit	\$500	Purchase a weather resistant tent to be used at the emergency scene to shelter emergency personnel and victims of the disaster.
Regional Niagara Fire Support Unit	\$500	For an agency laptop to track financial information and future fund development.
Regional Niagara Fire Support Unit	\$468	Emergency headgear for 18 volunteer firebuffs.
Regional Niagara Fire Support Unit +	\$436	For a two-way radio with digital GPS for emergency vehicle.
RiverBrink Art Museum	\$500	Re-design and printing of the Guided Walking Tour of Queenston brochure.
Rose City Kids	\$13,650	Fund equipment for the Rose City Kids program for at risk children aged 5-12 years old.
Safe Communities Port Colborne	\$500	Resources for Eats N Beats event in Saturn/Apollo Coop Homes area.

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Salvation Army	\$4,311	Training of staff in Violence Prevention with a train the trainer education component.
South Niagara Life Centre	\$500	Purchase of an agency projector to promote programs and services.
St. Catharines & District Arts Council	\$500	Purchase a laser printer/copier to reduce costs and to be shared with other agencies sharing the office space.
St. John Ambulance Lincoln County Branch	\$500	Resources to start up the Therapy Dog and Sit-Stay-Read program.
Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN)	\$500	Purchase a rototiller and powered cooler to be used by the volunteers of the community garden project.
The Hope Centre	\$4,070	Creation of website with content management software.
The Hope Centre	\$400	For a weigh scale for the Food Bank to accurately track food donations.
The Hope Centre	\$500	Acquire four computer monitors for staff.
Therapy Tails Niagara	\$2,100	Purchase of float and agency materials to be used throughout the community to raise agency awareness.
Thorold Community Activities Group	\$500	Equipment for the Falls Prevention Followup Program.
Thorold Community Activities Group	\$500	Purchase equipment for Karate Program for kids ages 7 to 12.
Town of Pelham	\$3,115	Towards their Summer Camp Program.
United Way of South Niagara	\$4,500	Creation and printing of website, logo, brochures and sponsor packages for project to build awareness.
Volunteer Committee of the Grimsby Public Art Gallery +++	\$500	Hanging equipment to display pieces of art in the library.
Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Centre +	\$500	Purchase an agency display and travel bag to be used at community events to create agency awareness.
Young Carers Initiative - Powerhouse Project	\$2,000	Fund upgrades to the agency website and the purchase of content management software.
Youth University - Brock University	\$1,375	To support the piloting of a sustained program for youth, grade 6 through high school with the goal of raising the number of youth who pursue post-secondary education in priority neighbourhoods.

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SUN MEDIA NIAGARA PUBLISHING GROUP CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP GRANTS

Adolescent's Family Support Services	2,000.00
Autism Society of Ontario	1,200.00
Carousel Players	750.00
CNIB Ontario Division - Niagara Branch	850.00
Community Living - Fort Erie	750.00
Community Living - Grimsby/Lincoln	750.00
Community Living - Welland Pelham	750.00
Community Living Port Colborne - Wainfleet	750.00
I.C.A.N.T.E.R.	700.00
Lincoln Community Against Violence.....	800.00
Niagara Regional Native Centre	1,750.00
Port CARES	500.00
Powerhouse Project	2,000.00
Red Roof Retreat	1,000.00
Salvation Army - Niagara Falls	600.00
YMCA of Niagara	2,500.00
YMCA of Niagara	2,000.00
	19,650.00

DONOR DIRECTED GRANTS

Albright Manor	2,136.77
Alzheimers Society	658.74
Arthritis Society	387.28
Bethlehem Not-for-Profit Housing	9,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln	4,200.00
Bob Gale Recreation Fund	5,030.00
Bob Gale Recreation Fund	14,115.42
Brock University.	1,000.00
Brock University.	4,500.00
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	752.13
Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation	309.47
Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation	309.86
Canadian Red Cross - Niagara Area Branches	774.55
Child Advocacy Centre Niagara.....	1,000.00
Chorus Niagara	1,200.00
Chorus Niagara	9,000.00
Church of Christ.....	50,000.00
Church of the Transfiguration	5,000.00

CNIB Ontario Division - Niagara Branch	658.74
Community Care - St. Catharines, Thorold.....	865.01
Community Care - St. Catharines, Thorold.....	300.00
Community Care - St. Catharines, Thorold.....	7,800.00*
Community Care - St. Catharines, Thorold.....	500.00
Community Care of West Niagara	4,800.00
Community Care of West Niagara	600.00
Community Living - Grimsby/Lincoln.....	900.00
Community Living - St. Catharines	196.41
Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique	400.00
Conservation Niagara Foundation	377.51
District School Board of Niagara	480.00
Doctors without Borders	774.55
Dog Guides of Canada	658.74
Engineers Without Borders	1,512.18
Fort Erie Conservation Club.....	373.04
Fort Erie Society for the Prevention	1,170.00
Friends of Fort Erie Creeks	380.58
Gillian's Place.....	658.74
Greater Niagara General Hospital Foundation	1,000.00
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario	658.74
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario	387.28
Heart Niagara Inc.....	500.00
Hospice Niagara	309.61
Hospice Niagara	764.21
International Child Care (Canada) Inc.	774.55
Kiwanis Foundation of Niagara Falls.....	2,000.00
Land Care Niagara.....	377.05
Lincoln Community Against Violence.....	2,100.00
Lincoln County Fair (Tractor Committee)	1,673.94
Lincoln County Humane Society	658.74
Lincoln County Humane Society	1,170.00
Lincoln Public Library - Fleming Branch.....	5,400.00
Lincoln Public Library - Fleming Branch.....	600.00
Literacy Council of Niagara West	900.00
Mayholme Foundation	27,770.30
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.....	658.74
Muscular Dystrophy Canada.....	9,074.81
Newark Neighbours.....	500.00
Niagara Action for Animals	658.74

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Niagara Artists' Centre.....	451.06	Southridge Community Church.....	450.00
Niagara College.....	500.00	St. Catharines General Hospital Foundation	663.16
Niagara College Foundation	1,000.00	St. Catharines General Hospital Foundation	405.70
Niagara Community Foundation	308.28	St. Catharines Resource Service for Youth	
Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters	552.50	(The RAFT).....	4,000.00
Niagara Falls Humane Society	1,544.75	Stamford United Church.....	1,000.00
Niagara Falls Humane Society	1,170.00	Stokes Community Village	5,000.00
Niagara Falls Humane Society	500.00	Town of Lincoln	900.00
Niagara Foundation for Family and		Town of Lincoln - Friends of Charles Daley Park.....	900.00
Children's Service	307.00	United Way of Niagara Falls & Greater	
Niagara Foundation for Family and		Fort Erie	5,000.00
Children's Service	5,000.00	United Way of Niagara Falls & Greater	
Niagara Foundation for Family and		Fort Erie.....	1,000.00
Children's Service	1,027.11	United Way of Niagara Falls & Greater	
Niagara Foundation for Family and		Fort Erie.....	5,000.00
Children's Service	1,639.31	United Way of South Niagara	1,161.83
Niagara Health System.....	307.00	United Way of St. Catharines & District	300.00
Niagara Historical Society	500.00	United Way of St. Catharines & District	1,000.00
Niagara Land Trust Foundation.....	176.53	University of Toronto	500.00
Niagara Life Centre	6,049.94	University of Western Ontario.....	500.00
Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre	774.55	Victorian Order of Nurses	2,100.00
Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre	1,000.00	Welland & District Society for the	
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation	2,100.00	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....	1,170.00
Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre	658.74	Welland Hospital Foundation	1,161.83
Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre	373.39	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Centre.....	500.00
Niagara Symphony Association.....	1,200.00	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Centre.....	1,400.00
Niagara Symphony Association.....	9,000.00	Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Centre.....	490.00
Niagara Youth Orchestra	2,100.00	West Niagara Community Hospice	2,000.00
Ontario Lung Association	774.55	Wilfrid Laurier University.....	1,000.00
Open Arms Mission.....	6,049.94	Willowbank School of Restoration Arts	500.00
Osteoporosis Society of Canada.....	658.74	Women's Place of South Niagara	1,000.00
Pathstone Foundation.....	2,563.00	Women's Place South Niagara	341.29
Project S.H.A.R.E.	500.00	YMCA of Niagara	3,000.00
Regional Niagara Upper Canada Lodge	5,940.39	YMCA of Niagara	6,237.00
Ridley College	723.14	YMCA of Niagara	1,440.00
Salvation Army	774.55	YMCA of Niagara	1,000.00
Salvation Army - Niagara Falls	500.00	YMCA of Niagara	18,200.00*
Salvation Army - St. Catharines Corps	630.42	YWCA of Niagara Region.....	631.66
Shaw Festival Theatre	9,000.00		
Shaw Festival Theatre	1,500.00		
Silver Spire United Church	300.00		

\$319,323.79

* Grant from St. Catharines Community Fund.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROUS **DONORS**

SUSTAINING A **HIDDEN TREASURE**

Rising majestically above the falls, the main chapel of the Monastery of Mount Carmel is unknown to many in Niagara. The unique beauty of the gothic chapel serves the needs of its residents, the Carmelite friars.

The chapel is not a parish church, so the beauty inside its magnificent doors is unknown to many across Niagara. However, over the past year the Fathers and Brothers are now offering guided tours to share the story of this remarkable building with tour groups and families. The windows and finishes remind the community of their origins as a religious Order founded over 800 years ago on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land.

Another initiative is a partnership with the Foundation to create the Monastery of Mount Carmel Fund. The Carmelite vision is that donations to this endowment fund will help sustain the upkeep of their chapel.

“We want to be able to share the beauty of our chapel long into the future and we liked the perpetual nature of the Foundation endowments,” said Father Stanley Makacinas, director of the Centre. “Building this new fund will help us to achieve our vision.” *

CONTINUING THE DREAM OF **HEADWAY HOMES**

Regretfully the Board of Directors of Headway Homes (Niagara) Inc. announced that it ceased operations as a charitable organization effective December 31, 2010. The board decided to transfer all the remaining funds of Headway Homes to create an endowment fund within the Foundation. The Headway Homes Fund will annually distribute funds to severely brain-injured individuals and their families through the Ontario Brain Injury Association.

Headway Homes was co-founded by Jean Vandenberg and Diane Henderson in 1995 with the goal of establishing a community-based housing facility for persons with acquired brain injury. Since 1997 a group of concerned Pelham citizens spearheaded fundraisers and presentations and proposals to all levels of government with the goal to establish the first Headway Home in Niagara. Unfortunately, they were unable to secure government funds in spite of the very strong support in Niagara.

The Board is gratified to realize that the funds originally donated to Headway Homes will be utilized to help present and future victims of acquired brain injury in their quests to live comfortably and in dignity, through the Headway Homes Fund. *



PASSIONATE ON HELPING PEOPLE SUCCEED

Judy Reid retired in 1998 after 30 years of teaching. But she never stopped finding ways to fulfill her passion for helping children and people with special needs succeed. Shortly after her first retirement, Judy became the Manager of Labour Force Development at the Business Education Council of Niagara, overseeing project work that relates to the Early Years Niagara and the Niagara Prosperity Initiatives Advisory Council.

Judy's strong commitment to developmental services has also grown throughout the years, serving as director and president of Niagara Support Services and director of Niagara Training and Employment Agency. Her leadership with Adolescent's Family and Support Services Niagara, serving teen moms, was evident through her years as board director and chair.

Judy's commitment to the community will now continue in perpetuity with the creation of the Secord Reid Family Fund. Her monthly donation to setup this legacy forms part of the Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund.

The fund supports recreational projects helping children and youth succeed. As an avid basketball player in her youth, she understands the importance that recreation plays in building strong, happy and resilient children. *

DEDICATED TO IMPROVING LIFE IN HER HOMETOWN

Dorothy Doolittle passed away on May 31, 2010. She was a remarkable woman from an equally remarkable family committed to building a strong and vibrant community

A passionate advocate and volunteer, Dorothy volunteered for everything from war service overseas to the May Court Club at the local and provincial level. Shortly after her husband Bill Burgoyne died, she took his place on the board of Ridley College where she insured that girls were admitted and accepted into the previously all boys school.

She was very involved with the board of the Niagara Parks Commission, making certain the parks avoided gaudy development, as well as the planning committee for the Short Hills Provincial Park.

Dorothy also quietly supported many other organizations, often preferring to meet privately with the volunteers to learn more about their programs and services.

In recognition of her contribution to the community, and also that of the members of the Burgoyne family, her children created the Burgoyne Doolittle Fund, part of the family of funds within the St. Catharines Fund, with donations made in Dorothy's memory. Earnings annually on the fund will be used to support projects in her hometown. *

"HEATER" WAS A GIANT OF A MAN

If the measure of a man is the number of people whose lives he has touched and who have been better for it, Bob Lavelle was a giant. Many knew Bob as the Promotions Manager for the City of Niagara Falls. He was also the part owner of the Niagara Falls Mariners and renowned as the part owner of the infamous Niagara institution – Clancy's bar. Bob was also responsible for bringing the NHL Slo-Pitch tournament to Niagara Falls.

Bob worked in marketing and developed various high profile events, including handling all of the marketing for NHL star, Doug Gilmour, after he retired in 2003.

Though he lived in Stoney Creek in his final years, Bob still kept projects going in Niagara Falls, including the Niagara Pro Hockey Fantasy Camp, which teamed hockey fans up with NHL players for an unforgettable experience.

In honour of Bob's memory, his friends and family have made a commitment to organize a series of events to create the Robert A. Lavelle Memorial Fund to support the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, the Prokids Program and a new bursary for students from St. Paul's High School in Niagara Falls. *



LOCAL
ROOTS

CREATING LEGACIES NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

When people think of creating a legacy, most believe this can only be done when you die. However, as we finish our 10th anniversary year we've seen many donors start their family legacy during their lifetime.

Rob Neill and his wife Pat are life long residents of Niagara. Both are very active in their community and have very special ties with Welland. We don't know if becoming new grandparents to Lily influenced their decision to create an endowment fund, but shortly after her birth Rob and Pat made a commitment to create the Neill Terry Family Fund during their lifetime in support of charities providing programs in Welland.

Roman Groch, with business ties in south Niagara, is an active volunteer with and a supporter of children and youth. He's a proponent of keeping kids active and healthy and wanted his legacy to do the same. He recently took out an insurance policy making the foundation the owner and beneficiary. He pays the premiums on our behalf and in turn receives a donation receipt. The Groch Family Fund will be created with the proceeds from the policy and will support recreation programs for children and youth in Niagara. *

NECKLACES OF HOPE

Big things come in small packages for Sue Bernier and her husband Gary, founders of Necklaces of Hope, a volunteer group that makes and sells crocheted necklaces made from ladder yarn.

All proceeds from the sales go towards the fight against cancer and the work of Wellspring Niagara. Sue and her army of more than 100 ‘happy hookers’ have raised more than \$225,000 for Wellspring Niagara since starting this project in 2007. Last year her goal was to create an endowment fund with some of the proceeds so that Wellspring will be able to continue to receive support in perpetuity.

As a cancer survivor who has lived with two bouts of the disease, she understands the importance of the support that Wellspring provides to people living with cancer. Sue’s cancer is now in remission. But the Berniers are not standing still. They’re hoping to turn their small necklaces into an even bigger weapon in the fight against cancer with the launch of the Necklaces of Hope Foundation at the Niagara Community Foundation.

“Our project continues to grow. It’s phenomenal,” she says. “Created in December, our foundation will help us raise even more money for Wellspring.” *

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WELLAND FOUNDATION CREATES A NEW LEGACY

The Welland Hospital Foundation made a commitment in 2010 to open a \$10,000 endowment fund with the Niagara Community Foundation. “Our board of directors decided to create an endowed fund within the Niagara Community Foundation for a couple of reasons.” says the hospital foundation executive director Heather J. Scott. “For donors who want to invest their donations for years to come, while still supporting the hospital foundation, this is a convenient way to do so.”

“We also believe that our foundations are well aligned.” adds foundation president Geri Morrone. “Both are donor focused, forwarding thinking and embrace change... a combination that will serve us well into the future.”

Gifts made to the Welland Hospital Endowment Fund will be held in perpetuity with a portion of the annual earnings used to support the hospital foundation.

“The hospital’s commitment to partner with the Niagara Community Foundation reflects both organizations’ desire to provide a way in which donors can make a long-term commitment to support health care in Welland,” said Mel Groom, chair of the Niagara Community Foundation. *

NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

CHANGE THE GAME

One of the priorities of the Foundation's strategic plan was to seek an opportunity to serve as a catalyst and facilitator on collaborative efforts between community organizations.

The foundation's Community Leadership Committee spent the fall of 2009 identifying opportunities and challenges facing the voluntary sector in Niagara. Increasing demand for services, shrinking resources to support operations, few local training and development opportunities and agencies continuing to work in administrative isolation were some of the ever-present realities faced by this sector.

In response to these diverse challenges, we developed Change the Game in 2010, an initiative with a focus on identifying new ways of working together that will improve an organization's capacity to deliver its programs and services. Ten organizations were invited to take part in a pilot of this program.

Focused primarily on back-office collaboration, we believe that this initiative solves a problem, creates an opportunity, requires commitment and buy-in from participants, demonstrates that collaboration fuels opportunity and ultimately helps participants get better at achieving their mission.

It's a great initiative that we believe will ultimately "change the game" in how agencies can work together more efficiently. *

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY

When the KW Community Foundation invited us to their Random Act of Kindness Day orientation, we never could have imagined the tremendous response we would receive in Niagara. Our board enthusiastically approved our participation and some key younger volunteers new to the Foundation jumped on board to bring this initiative to Niagara on Nov. 12th.

More than 30,000 students from our education institutions received a RAK card. Brock students raked leaves and collected tooth brushes for the food bank, while a professor baked for his colleagues. The Niagara Falls Mayor's Youth Advisory Council distributed mittens and hot chocolate downtown while YMCA leaders and high school students did the same in other locations.

But it's the stories of some remarkable younger students that really touch the heart, such as the student who thanked her teacher for volunteering at the house league activity and the grade 8 students who wrote letters to the couple from down east who donated their \$11 million lottery win to charity.

The true impact of this initiative may never fully be revealed. We distributed 50,000 cards in Niagara and if only a fraction paid it forward, once or twice, than the outcomes are unimaginable. *

ENDOWMENT FUNDS CONTINUE TO GROW

The Foundation has a different face to each of our donors. We find that their gifts support a particular cause or fund or is given in honour or memory of an individual. Our role is to work with donors to ensure that their charitable intent is achieved through their gift. Thank you to those who chose to leave their legacy to the community through the Niagara Community Foundation.

There are many ways to make a gift to the foundation including cash, bequests, insurance policies, securities or property. However, with increasing demands for support, it is important to take the time to determine how to make “the best gift”, a gift that provides maximum benefit to the community that is within one’s capacity to give. In order to determine how to make “the best gift” consider these factors:

- Financial circumstances (i.e. financial resources and obligations)
- Personal circumstances
- Philanthropic objectives, such as:
 - Interest in a particular field of interest (i.e. arts, education, children and youth, seniors, the environment);
 - Provision of immediate or ongoing support;
 - Assurance of wise investment of your gift (regarding both investments and grants).

We strongly advise that you speak with your lawyer, accountant or estate planner to determine the best way to make a gift that maximizes your tax and estate goals. We also suggest that you speak to your family should you decide to leave a bequest. The foundation provides a variety of endowment fund options for donors to consider. Funds can be created during your lifetime or through your estate. Donations to create named funds can be gifted over a ten-year period and can be paid in monthly installments. As you imagine the possibilities for leaving your legacy, read through the options available to our donors. The foundation staff would be pleased to meet with you to help explore how best to fulfill your charitable intentions.

THE NIAGARA FUND

A donation to the Niagara Fund gives the foundation the greatest flexibility. The earnings on this fund enable our board of directors to respond to current community needs through the provision of grants to charities throughout Niagara. Donors interested in supporting future community needs are able to make a contribution of any size to the Niagara Fund. Donors can establish a named fund within our Niagara Fund with a \$5,000 gift.

- Alice Downie-Bacon Com. Fund
- Marv & Andrea Kriluck Fund
- Branscombe Family Fund
- Casino Niagara Cares Fund
- * Charron Family Fund
- Caughill Family Fund
- Crawford, Smith & Swallow Fund
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- * June Munro Fund
- Niagara Credit Union Fund
- Niagara Fund
- Dr. T. W. & Muriel O'Mulvenny Fund
- Waters & Meredith Fund

DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS

This type of fund gives donors the opportunity to specify, at the time the fund is established, which particular charities they would like to support in perpetuity. The minimum donation to open a designated fund is \$10,000 per beneficiary.

- Alice Downie-Bacon Designated Fund

- Anonymous Donor Fund
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- * Necklaces of Hope Foundation
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- Gene Luczkiw Spirit of Enterprise Fund
- Marchand Kruczynski Family Fund
- Morgan Funeral Home Community Fund
- N & M Walker Foundation
- Niagara Engineering Week Scholarship Fund
- Niagara Road Supervisors Assoc. Fund
- Partridge Gilliam Family Fund
- Stewart Family Endowment Fund
- Sullivan Mahoney Endowment Fund
- Young Children Priority First - Kiwanis Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

This fund enables donors to have ongoing participation in the selection of charities that will benefit from their gift. The minimum donation to open a donor advised fund is \$25,000.

- Brunatti-Dyment Fund
- Cornelius & Helen Vanden Top Charity Fund
- Donald & Barbara Fraser Fund
- George Darte Funeral Chapel Fund
- Ida & Bob Gale Sr. Community Fund
- * LetPets Live Fund
- Mark Graham Memorial Fund
- Grape & Wine Industry Education Research Fund
- Jordan Engineering Shared Blessing Fund
- Anna Angelone Endowment Fund (supports projects for homeless youth)
- Arts & Heritage Community Development Fund for the Old Town of Niagara on the Lake and the Village of Queenston
 - Arthur Dalfen Fund
 - Valentina McLeod Fund
- Cultural Endowment Fund for Niagara
- Niagara Children's Chorus Fund (for youth choral project)
- Ontario Endowment For Children and Youth in Recreation
 - * Ann Fast Fund
 - * Secord Reid Family Fund

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDS

These funds work much like our Niagara Fund, except that donors identify an area of interest they would like to target with their support. The minimum donation to open a community impact fund is \$25,000. However, once established, other donors with similar interests are able to make a contribution of any size to these funds.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS CONTINUE TO GROW

- Sunday in the Parks (supports projects for the advancement of women and girls)
- Environmental Legacy Fund for Niagara
 - Enbridge Awaire Fund
 - Environment Endowment Fund
 - Fengate Realty Group Env. Fund
 - Harry Deline Fund
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CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FUNDS

These funds are created and administered by the foundation on behalf of registered charities. This allows the organization freedom from investment responsibility and gives donors the confidence of knowing that a permanent foundation is in place to professionally administer the charity's endowment. Once established, the charity can encourage its donors to contribute to its endowment fund. A donation of \$10,000 opens this fund.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Endowment Fund
- Community Care - St. Catharines Thorold Fund

- Community Living St. Catharines Endowment Fund
- Conservation Niagara Fund
- Fort Erie Conservation Club Fund
- Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks Fund
- Hospice Niagara Fund
- Joan Marlow YWCA Endowment Fund
- Land Care Niagara Fund
- Mayholme Foundation Fund
- * Monastery of Mount Carmel Fund
- Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters Scholarship Fund
- Niagara Falls Humane Society Shelter Enhancement Fund
- Niagara Land Trust Endowment Fund
- Niagara on the Lake Library – Michael Dietsch Fund
- Niagara Survivor Services Fund (CARSA)
- Upper Canada Lodge Auxiliary - Constable Family Fund
- * Welland Hospital Foundation Fund
- Women's Place of South Niagara Endowment Fund

LOCAL COMMUNITY FUNDS OR AFFILIATES

These funds support the work of charities operating within a particular Niagara municipality and operate much like our Niagara Fund identified earlier. The minimum donation to open this type of fund is \$25,000 and once opened, named funds can be created with gifts of \$5,000.

FORT ERIE FUND

- * Fort Erie Fund
- * Little-Green Family Fund

NIAGARA FALLS FUND

- DiCienzo Family Fund

- Embassy Suites Hotel Fallsview Fund
- Hay Family Fund
- Hilton Niagara Falls Fallsview Fund
- Niagara Falls Fund
- Niagara Falls Marriott Hotels Fund
- Ripley's Great Wolf Lodge Fund

NIAGARA WEST FUND

- Environmental Legacy Fund for Niagara West
- Niagara West Fund
- M. K. Rittenhouse Family Fund
- Ken & Jennifer Southward Fund
- Mathew Zimmerman Memorial Fund

PORT COLBORNE FUND

- Gary Talosi Thanks Port Colborne Fund
- * John & Darlene Tuck Family Fund St. Catharines Fund
- Marsh Family Fund
- Port Colborne Fund
- Hartley & Florentine Wallace Fund
- Dr. Scotty & Kay Wilson Legacy Fund

ST. CATHARINES FUND

- Caplan Family Anniversary Legacy Fund
- * Burgoyne Doolittle Fund
- Durward Jones Barkwell Fund
- Investing in St. Catharines Youth Fund
- * Newman Rigby Family Fund
- St. Catharines Fund
- Whyte Family Endowment Fund

WELLAND FUND

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SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	2010	2009
Cash	\$ 237,001	\$ 94,754
Accounts receivable	18,059	17,728
Prepaid expenses	11,059	9,888
Investments	11,080,124	9,925,701
Fixed assets	6,567	9,024
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,352,810	\$ 10,057,095
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,833	\$ 14,360
Grants payable	78,657	170,545
Deferred revenue	75,132	101,473
Total Liabilities	170,622	286,378
Fund Balances		
Operating fund	96,571	108,240
Endowment fund	11,085,617	9,662,477
Total Fund Balances	11,182,188	9,770,717
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	 \$ 11,352,810	 \$ 10,057,095

The summarized financial information presented here was extracted from the audited financial statements of the Niagara Community Foundation. The firm of Partridge Iggulden LLP performed the audit and issued an auditors' report on the financial statements. Complete audited financial statements, with accompanying notes, are available from the Foundation on the foundation's website.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Niagara Community Foundation is a public foundation under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from income taxes and able to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes. The Foundation serves the Niagara Peninsula by building permanently endowed charitable funds for the changing needs and opportunities of the community.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCES

Revenue	Operating Fund	Endowment Fund	2010	2009
Donations	\$ 37,529	\$ 1,037,643	\$ 1,075,172	\$ 406,986
Restricted donations	-	168,843	168,843	235,932
Investment income(loss)	2,389	899,533	901,922	1,075,705
Special events and sundry	184,741	35,327	220,068	253,887
Special grants	97,683	-	97,683	723
Trillium grant	22,364	-	22,364	48,909
TOTAL REVENUE	344,706	2,141,346	2,486,052	2,022,142
Expenses				
Advertising and promotion	24,031	-	24,031	19,181
Amortization	2,457	-	2,457	3,002
Grants	-	518,003	518,003	514,613
Investment counsel fees	-	75,774	75,774	68,188
Office and administration	62,894	12,170	75,064	78,326
Salaries and benefits	166,202	-	166,202	155,474
Special events and projects	99,530	15,837	115,367	135,372
Special grants	97,683	-	97,683	723
TOTAL EXPENSES	452,797	621,784	1,074,581	974,879
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses before Fund transfer	(108,091)	1,519,562	1,411,471	(1,047,263)
Fund Transfer	96,422	(96,422)	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses for the Year	(11,669)	1,423,140	1,411,471	1,047,263
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	108,240	9,662,477	9,770,717	8,723,454
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 96,571	\$ 11,085,617	\$11,182,188	\$ 9,770,717

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the accounting policies summarized below:

FUND ACCOUNTING – The operating fund reports resources available for the foundation's general operating activities including fixed assets. The endowment fund reports resources that are required to be maintained by the foundation on a permanent basis.

INVESTMENTS – Investments are classified as held for trading and reported at fair market value.

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