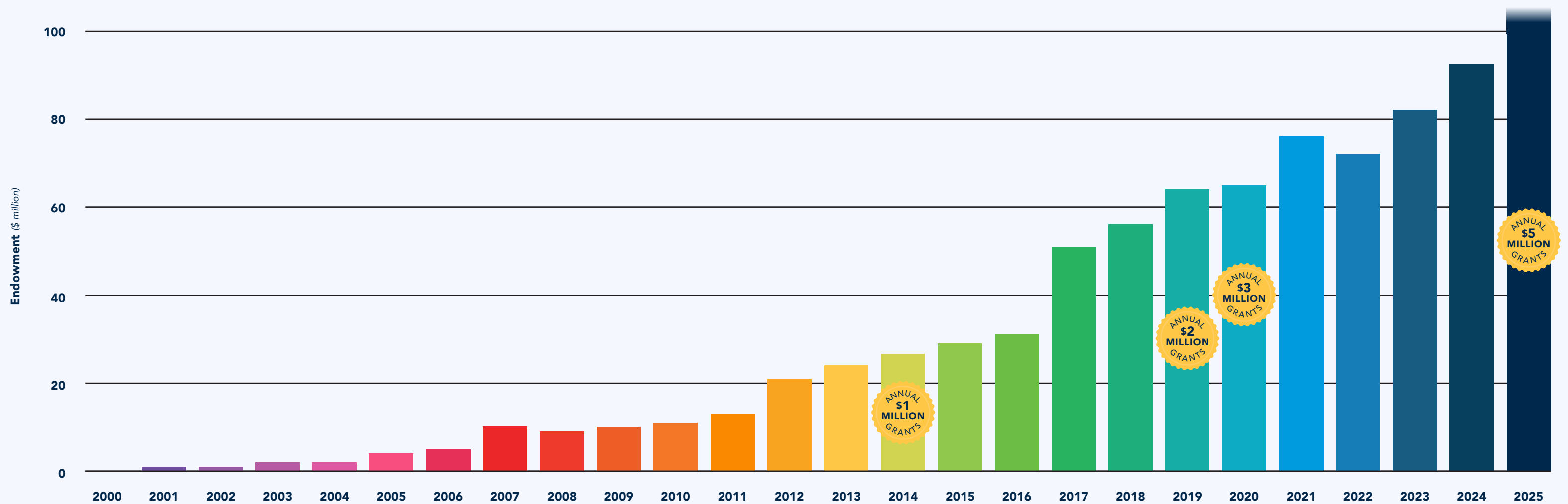




25 Years of Niagara Community Foundation

A QUARTER CENTURY OF MILESTONES & GROWTH






2000 NCF is founded under the leadership of Jon Potts and Liz Palmieri




2001 NCF distributes its first round of grants to six charities in Niagara.




2002 Casino Niagara opens the "Cares Foundation"




2002 NCF establishes the Summer Camp Grants program




2003 Sunday in the Parks event in NOTL to raise funds for the Sunday in the Parks Fund




2004 NCF takes over the planning and production of Cuvée




2004 Walker Industries opens Earth 1st Fund to help create an Environmental Legacy fund at NCF




2005 The Walker Family makes largest donation to NCF to date of half a million, creating the Jack and Nora Walker Fund




2006 Sleep Cheap Charities Reap partners with NCF to support Niagara Falls Community Fund




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2007 NCF's 1st Strategic Initiatives Grant in partnership with the Council of Business and the Arts- Artsvest



2008 NCF established the Mini Grant Program of \$500



2009 Liz Palmieri is invited to Rideau Hall for State Dinner, Nov.11 2009




2010 NCF launches Random Acts of Kindness Day in Niagara



2011 NCF becomes accredited with Imagine Canada Standards Program




2011 GOATS golf tournament surpasses \$1M over 10 years



2012 NCF partners with FirstOntario Credit Union to provide Niagara's first Micro-loan program



2013 NCF's 1st Social Impact Investment Project- Community Forward Fund



2014 NCF launches "Legacy Partners Program" to help charities with bequests and legacy gifts




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2015 NCF initiates Smart & Caring True Sport Matching Grants Program to fund grants from sports and recreation groups in Niagara



2016 Founding Executive Director Liz Palmieri Retires



2016 Bryan Rose named NCF's new Executive Director




2017 NCF celebrates Canada's 150th with Make Your Mark Campaign




2017 David S. Howes Foundation established with largest donation in Niagara's history. \$19M




2018 Au Marche marks its Finale after 15 years of support for NCF




2019 NCF joins the Great Lakes One Water Partnership to help develop the Uniflood Ontario initiative



2020 A David S. Howes Fund Strategic Grant used to support Niagara Health during Covid-19 Pandemic




2020 NCF partners with Will Power, a national campaign to raise awareness about gifts in Wills.




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2021 The Dorothea Thomas Foundation is established under NCF with a \$5M gift in support of Environmental Grants




2022 Largest grant in NCF history, \$655K, given to Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games to establish the David S. Howes Sport Performance Centre




2022 NCF adopts a new visual identity



2023 NCF Hosts Community Foundations Canada Annual Conference outing in Niagara



2023 NCF Invests \$250K in Windmill Microlending Program



2024 NCF recognized in Top 50 Equitable Funders in Canada



2025 NCF receives Outstanding Community Partner Award from AFP Golden Horseshoe Chapter



2025 NCF Celebrates 25 Years of philanthropy in Niagara

All financial figures are rounded to whole numbers for visual simplicity.

We wouldn't be where we are today without you!

Together we are Niagara Community Foundation, turning intent into impact.

2025 marked NCF's 25th Anniversary and together we celebrated 25 years of philanthropy in Niagara. With flag raisings in all twelve municipalities, a commemorative garden at Lester B. Pearson Park in St. Catharines, awards and recognitions, and a celebration event at 13th Street Winery with our fundholders and volunteers, this year was one to remember.

This gallery is a snapshot of the celebrations throughout the year and the moments to remember.

It is thanks to the 400+ fundholders, countless volunteers, ambassadors and charity partners that together we can celebrate 25 years of Niagara Community Foundation.

