A photograph of a woman and a young girl flying a large, colorful kite in a grassy field. The kite has a rainbow-colored body and a long, multi-colored tail. The woman is wearing a denim jacket and a grey dress, and the girl is wearing a purple jacket. They are standing on a grassy field with trees in the background. The sky is blue with some clouds.

“More than my city,  
Mississauga is my home.”

2015 Annual Report

*Community Foundation of Mississauga*





When you were young,  
your neighbourhood was more  
than just your community, it represented  
*a world of exciting possibilities.*







Playing street hockey,  
you dreamed of being a superstar  
and of winning the cup.

Whizzing at breakneck speed downhill  
on your bike, you imagined becoming  
a pilot... or, better yet,

*an astronaut!*











Outside all day, you only  
returned home when the streetlights came on.

Looking back,

*it was quite a charmed life.*





Then as you got older, *life changed...*  
friends moved on, and so did you.

You graduated, got a job,  
and started a family.

*You made a new home.*









*Your community got bigger, too.*

Your concept of '*home*' now went beyond the definition of safe neighbourhoods, and of having parks and schools nearby.

Home now meant having opportunities for employment, great healthcare, and improved transit.







Today, your expanded view  
of home is bigger still...

now home is more than your  
city, it's a thriving community  
where people are better  
connected to the things  
that matter to them.







Home is a place where  
people not only want to live but actually

*love to live!*



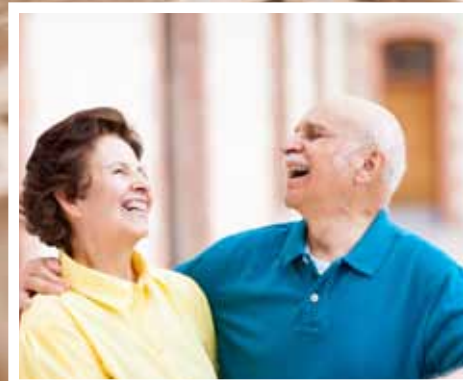
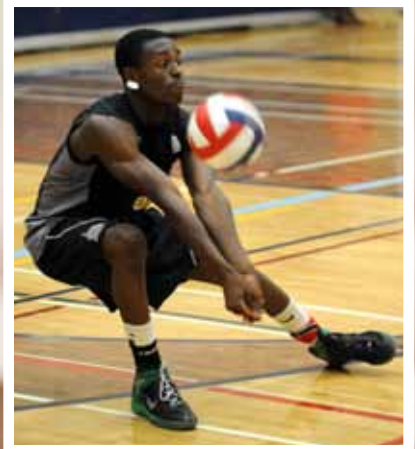
Home is a place where you can  
be part of something amazing;  
it's a place where your vision and  
contributions make for a better,  
more vibrant community that  
*everyone can  
proudly call home!*













# How do you picture the future of Mississauga?

*Actually, before you answer, please see what's being developed thanks to the generosity of so many members of our community...*





*The Foundation of my community starts with you and me –  
more than charity, it's the empathy I feel for the people where I live.  
Close to home is where the heart is, where help goes farthest.  
My Foundation helps me start this.*

#### Report from the Board Chair and CEO

As the Community Foundation of Mississauga continues to grow, we remain always mindful that this is our home. Mississauga is a big city, Canada's sixth largest. But we come from a shared history of neighbourhoods and villages, hamlets and townships. At the Foundation, we remain inspired by our home. This annual report tells the story of our work in 2015 to serve the community we call home.

We welcomed several new fund holders in 2015. New funds included the Beacon Fund, Addison Jenner Rolke Wish Fund, Hazel's Foundation Fund and the emerging fund, the Feher Family Fund.

The donors who created these funds join a growing number of people and organizations who are building sustainable support for essential charitable causes in our

community. Many other donors made gifts to these and other funds at the Foundation. And still more donors supported the work of the Foundation itself. A list of donors is found in this report. More than ever, the Foundation is grateful for the caring generosity of our donors. These remarkable people and organizations are giving to build a stronger, more vital community for all.



Thanks to our donors, we were able to provide over one million dollars in grants in 2015, bringing the cumulative grant-making of the Foundation to almost eight million dollars. Grants went out to support arts, culture and heritage projects, children, local food banks, mental health services, local environmental initiatives, health and healthy living and much more. A full list of grant recipients is included in this report. But beyond the names of the organizations themselves are the very real stories of how these grants help our neighbours and indeed, improve quality of life for everyone in Mississauga.

The Foundation also works to ensure that our donors have the information they need to connect philanthropic giving with high impact charitable programs and services. In October 2015, we launched our third Mississauga's Vital Signs report. Available through our web site, Mississauga's Vital Signs is part of a national effort coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada. Over 65 communities across Canada and around the world use Vital Signs to mobilize the power of community knowledge for greater local impact. Our donors and fund holders use Mississauga's Vital Signs for informed philanthropy. Our community can use the report to think about their voluntarism and where civic engagement might be needed.

Beyond the value of sharing the data in Vital Signs, the Foundation also uses Vital Signs to inform topics for our Community Knowledge Forums. In 2015, the Foundation hosted forums on School Readiness in Mississauga and Community

Belonging. These forums brought together leaders and stakeholders doing front line work on key issues identified in Vital Signs. Over the course of several hours, we listened to their input on how we are doing in Mississauga; what is going well and where the gaps exist. This information is then provided back to our community through a report available on our web site.

In the spring of 2015, we were pleased to attend the conference held by our national membership organization, Community Foundations of Canada. Hosted by the Calgary Foundation, it was a jam-packed few days of learning, best practices and inspiration about where the national community foundation movement is heading. We are very proud to be a member of this national movement and acknowledge the leadership and vision of Community Foundations of Canada.

Throughout 2015, we hosted or were the recipient of proceeds from several events; the Speakers Lunch, Golf Tournament, Dancing with Mississauga Stars, 'Sauga Palooza and the Advocis Holiday Luncheon. Many volunteers, sponsors, donors and guests help make these events a success. And because we are still by many standards a young community foundation, these events not only raise much needed funds but they also help us reach new people and build new audiences. Appreciation goes out to Mississauga donors and volunteers who helped to make these events possible.

In December, we presented the 2015 Pendle Award to Gary Reamey. Gary has had a tremendous positive

impact on the Foundation as a generous donor, volunteer member of our Board of Directors and business leader whose insights and advice helped steward this young community foundation forward. The Fund that Gary created at the Foundation supports the women and children served at Interim Place. We thank Gary for his leadership and are delighted to honour him with this award.

2015 was once again a busy year. In addition to the fundraising events, Vital Signs and knowledge forums, we hosted sessions for professional advisors, built partnerships through the Estate Planning Council of Mississauga, Advocis Peel Halton, Mississauga Gives, the Mississauga Board of Trade, Incubate Institute and more. The Foundation could not be as connected as it is to community, or participate as actively as it does, without the support of our Board of Directors, committee volunteers and dedicated staff. But isn't that what community is all about.... people who do their all for community!

This is your home. This is your Mississauga. This is your Foundation.



**Howard McIntyre**  
Chair, Board of Directors



**Eileen MacKenzie**  
President and CEO



*home*



# Our dedicated Donors...

The Community Foundation of Mississauga gratefully acknowledges the outstanding contributions of our donors and stakeholders. Their support is helping to build a better community by creating or contributing to endowed funds, supporting the Foundation's events and programs and ensuring the sustainability of the Foundation's operations. Along with our community, we extend appreciation to the individuals and organizations listed below who made lead gifts in 2015.

Robert and Joanne Wordham  
Elisabeth Hofmann  
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Peter and Barbara Wood  
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Silva & Son Produce  
Sabrina Wholesale Foods  
Nouveau Taste De Cuisine Inc.  
Gelato Factory, The  
2399066 Ontario Inc.  
Ruwan's Culinary Inc. (Gateaux Galore)  
Aqua Blue Seafood

*Important information about how this data is compiled: The above list recognizes donors who have made a receipted gift or a grant directly to the Community Foundation of Mississauga in excess of \$500 in the 2015 fiscal year.*

*If there are any errors or omissions, please accept our apologies and contact us at 905-897-8880 so that we may adjust our records and provide appropriate acknowledgement of your support.*

*To those who made a pledge or a gift via the CanadaHelps web site, please know that the Foundation sincerely appreciates your support but may not have access to information about your gift for recognition purposes.*

## and our prized Partners

The Community Foundation of Mississauga is pleased to acknowledge our annual Partners for 2015:

### *Supporter Level:*

BMO Financial  
Keyser Mason Ball, LLP  
Reveal Marketing Group

### *Friend Level:*

Assante Wealth  
Management  
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Mississauga Board  
of Trade  
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### *Associate Level:*

Bell  
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# This year's grant recipients

Afghan Women's Organization  
Alzheimer Society, New Brunswick  
Art Gallery of Mississauga  
Arthritis Society  
Arthritis Society,  
New Brunswick Division  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel  
Cameron Helps  
Canadian Mental Health  
Association, Ontario  
Canadian National Institute  
for the Blind  
Canadian Wildlife Federation  
Centre for Addiction &  
Mental Health Foundation  
Chamber Music Society of  
Mississauga Inc.  
Child Development Resource  
Connection  
Community Foundation  
of Mississauga  
Community Living Mississauga  
Credit Valley Conservation  
Foundation  
Dam (*Heart Touching Heart*  
*Ministries*)  
Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre  
Driftwood Theatre Group  
Ecosource Mississauga  
Erin Mills Youth Centre

Esperanza Music Project  
Evergreen  
Food for the Poor, Canada  
Friends of the Museums  
of Mississauga  
Heart and Stroke Foundation,  
New Brunswick  
Heart House Hospice  
Ian Anderson House Foundation  
India Rainbow Community  
Services of Peel  
Interim Place  
The Jack Project  
Learning Place  
Living Arts Centre  
March of Dimes Canada  
Mississauga Convention Centre  
Foundation  
Mississauga Festival Choir  
Mississauga Food Bank  
Mississauga Furniture Bank  
Mississauga Heritage Foundation  
Mississauga Parent Child Resource  
Centre  
Nexus Youth Services  
Options Mississauga  
*Orchestras Mississauga*  
Our Place Peel  
Peel Children's Aid Foundation  
Peel Children's Centre  
Peel HIV/AIDS Network

Portage Program for Drug  
Dependencies Inc.  
Presbyterian World Service &  
Development  
Princess Margaret Hospital  
Foundation  
Riverwood Conservancy  
Safe City Mississauga  
Salvation Army Canada  
Salvation Army Oakville  
Community Church  
Sickle Cell Awareness Group  
of Ontario Inc.  
Sikhs Serving Canada Association  
Silent Voice Canada  
Small World Music Society  
*Spectra Community Support Services*  
*Square One Seniors Wellness*  
*Services*  
St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School  
Tetra Society of North America  
Trillium Health Partners Foundation  
United Way of Peel  
UNITY Charity  
University of Toronto at Mississauga  
Victim Services of Peel  
Visual Arts Mississauga  
Vita Centre  
Wellspring Cancer Support  
Foundation  
Youth Without Shelter





## *Square One Seniors Wellness Services*

# Seeing into the future of the visually impaired

In 2015, through the generosity of our Pendle Fund donor, the Community Foundation of Mississauga granted over \$12,000 to Square One Seniors Wellness Services. With a focus on health and wellness for Mississauga's older adults, this organization offers interpreter services, telephone support, peer support, individual counselling, clinics and lectures topics of interest.

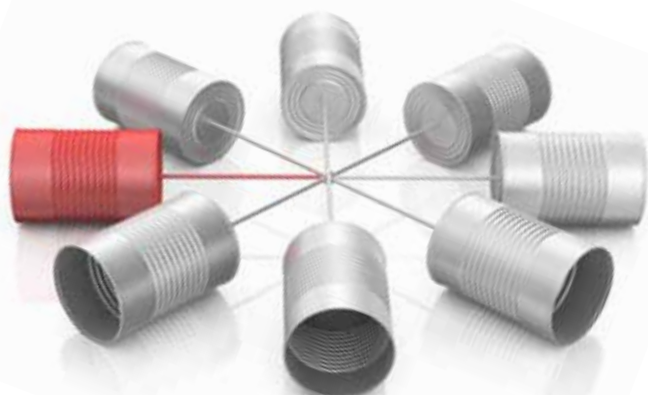
This grant was specifically for the Visually Impaired Seniors Exploration Pilot Project, Phase 1. Conducted in the latter half of 2015, this research project studied the unique needs of visually impaired adults 50 years of age and older in Mississauga. This study assists Square One Seniors Wellness Services in identifying and responding to key needs regarding service, adaptive equipment and accessible programming.

In Mississauga specifically, 1,800 adults over the age of 50 are currently registered with Canadian National Institute for the Blind. One of the key barriers for accessing existing services is the lack of ability to safely and comfortably navigate into unknown geography or go out into the community as sighted people do. As a result of a seeing disability, individuals are at high risk of isolation, depression, restricted mobility, lack of physical activity and lack of awareness of available resources.

Unsurprisingly, the research demonstrated a high volume of need amongst this group. Barriers to accessing community services were confirmed, as well as lack of access to information and lack of comfort going out into the community. Other barriers named specifically include small print, lighting, transportation, accessibility, stairs, positioning of furniture and timing of the activity and/or programs. Interviews revealed lack of information for newcomers, especially if information is only presented in English, as is often the case.

This research becomes vital in light of an expected increase of Canadians living with vision loss, an anticipated 30% over the next decade.

*As of 2016, Square One Seniors Wellness Services merged with Square One Older Adult Centre and is now known by the latter.*



## *Spectra Helpline*

# Help just is a call away

In 2015, Spectra Helpline was awarded \$10,000 by the Pendle Fund. Spectra provides free, confidential, multilingual and non-judgmental support for people who are in crisis, suicidal, people with mental health issues, and for those individuals who are socially isolated and marginalized. The helpline is available in 8 different languages. Spectra helps people live independently, helps them cope, de-escalates mental health episodes in the community, de-escalates crisis, and saves lives.

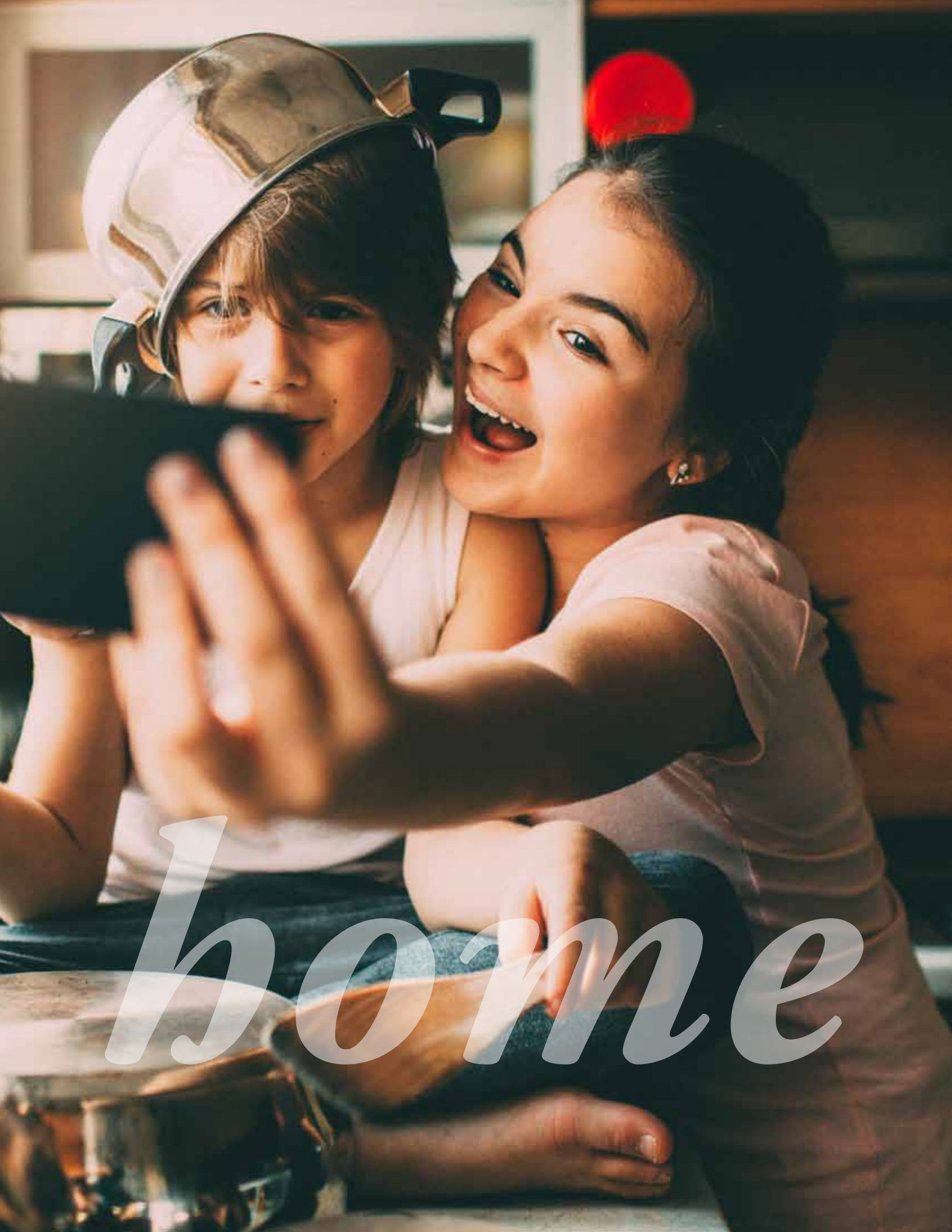
This grant provided Spectra the needed opportunity to focus on marketing, as many people did not know the service existed. These funds helped Spectra select a new name (after its merger of Telecare Brampton and Distress Centre Peel), a new logo, new web site and communication materials. As a result, web site visitors have increased a thousand-fold, nearly 15,000 marketing materials were distributed and over 3,600 face-to-face interactions occurred at fairs and presentations. All in all, Spectra Helpline was able to spread the word to over 220,000 people in 2015!

Spectra continues to work on building volunteer responder capacity, so that more calls can get answered, with a specific focus on increasing its non-English volunteers.

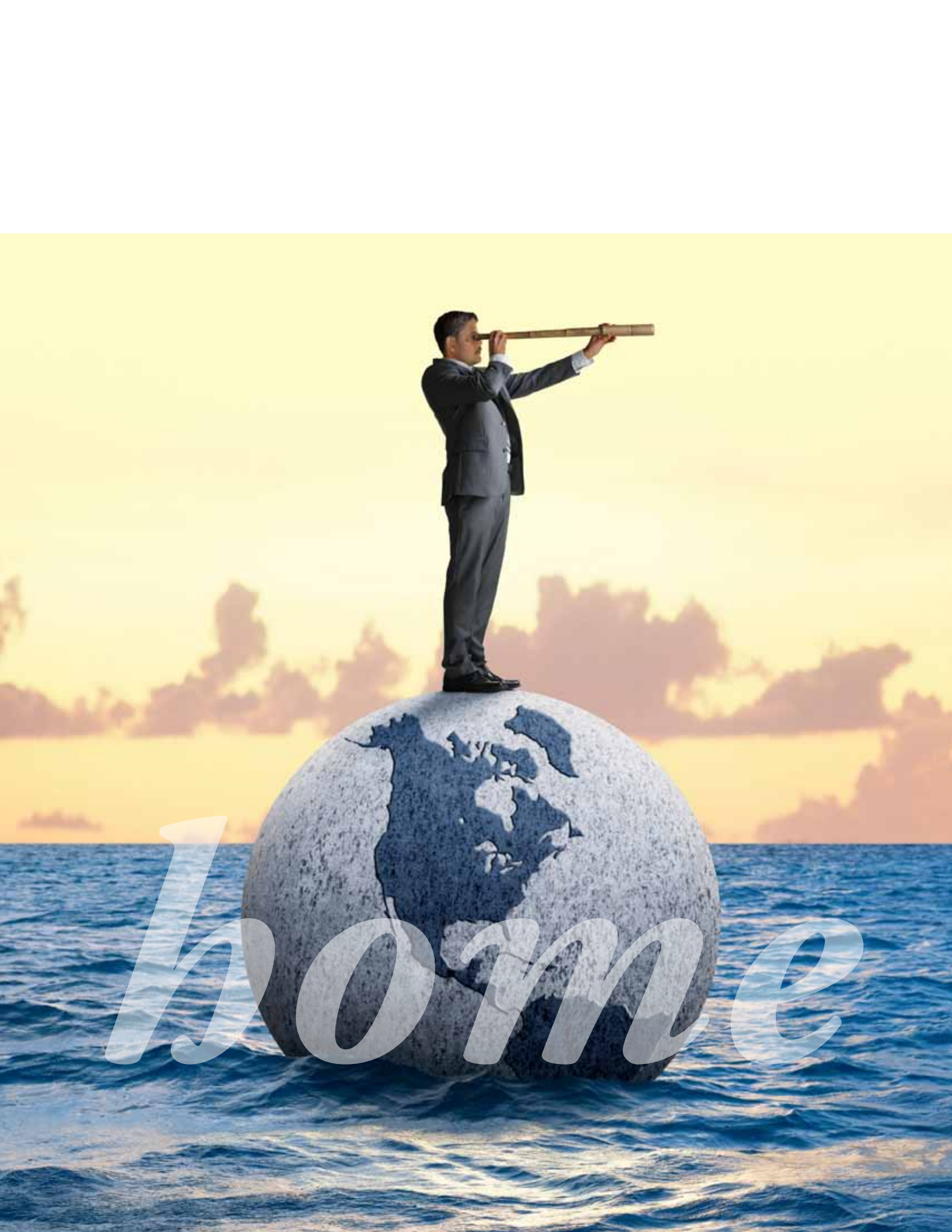
The significance of this service cannot be overstated. Spectra helps clients through many different struggles, including depression, job loss, and bereavement. One client expressed her gratitude: "It's nice to have your support when I have been through so much in past years... You have given me so much courage and hope when I needed it the most." Another client reached out to Spectra after his partner of 58 years died: "Thank you for being here when I have no one else."







*home*



*home*



## *The Sanjib Choudhuri Fund*

# Building a sense of connectedness to each other and to the city we call home.

Sanjib has the kind of voice that you could listen to for hours. His words are clearly articulated and thoughtfully chosen. But it is what he says that draws the listener in and begins to generate new ways of thinking about things.

Sanjib Choudhuri was born and educated in Calcutta (now Kolkata) India. At age four, he went off to boarding school in the mountains and then went on to pursue his engineering degree at university. With an aunt in London Ontario, Canada was his choice to pursue an MBA after obtaining his engineering degree. Like many young people the challenge becomes what career to pursue. But that question was answered for Sanjib when he went to work for Procter & Gamble. He thought someday he might make his way back to India to teach but the demands of a dynamic career filled with international travel changed the course of his career. Over the years, Sanjib worked at P&G, McKinsey, Molson, Unilever and SC Johnson before becoming an independent advisor, most recently with the World Bank. With these organizations, he was able to experience living in places like Paris, Milan, Amsterdam, Singapore and the United States. Sanjib notes that being able to experience day to day life in such diverse places helps build an understanding of diverse people and how they are shaped by where they come from.

Eventually, his work brought him to Mississauga and no matter how often he travels these days, Sanjib calls Mississauga home. He values the size and scope of Mississauga noting that it is a big city in some ways but maintains aspects of a smaller community. Mississauga is where Sanjib raised his son, who is grown and on his own.

Having retired recently, Sanjib has more time to spend in his home community these days. He enjoys painting and reading. "I'm a voracious reader", notes Sanjib. "I have many interests and I like to read a little of lots of things. I like to see how many diverse opinions and ideas might fit together." Sanjib will tell you that he is also interested in how a home can reflect a personality and he enjoys spending time creating a space that reflects his varied interests.

Some years ago, Sanjib was working with his professional advisor who suggested he might be interested in the Community Foundation of Mississauga as a philanthropic resource. In 2010, he made his first gift to create a fund at the Foundation. The Sanjib Choudhuri Fund at the Foundation is an "unrestricted fund" within the Mississauga Fund. This means that the grants committee of the Foundation can adapt the annual grants from this Fund to meet the changing needs of the community.

Sanjib says that while he had travelled extensively, he wanted to give back to his home community. He knew that the Foundation would maintain a thorough knowledge of community needs and use the grants to their best purpose. He says, "I want to be part of building a rich, vibrant community which is a great place for people and where we address the challenges and needs that come our way. We need to provide both stepping stones of opportunity and a helping hand for those who are struggling. We can build a sense of connectedness to each other and to the city we call home."



# Fund List

Creating endowed funds is the heart of what our community foundation offers to donors. Efficient, cost-effective and responsive to donor's philanthropic interests are hallmarks of our work.

People from all walks of life can create, or contribute to existing funds, which are held in perpetuity by the Community Foundation of Mississauga. In this way, people create a lasting legacy that will support the charitable causes they care about and their community for good, for ever.

The Foundation offers a wide range of funds that donors can choose from to best fit their interests. We also offer donors the ability to name their fund at certain fund minimums. Donors can establish a fund in their own name, their family's name, the name of anyone they wish to honor, or any organization.

The following is a list of named funds held by the Community Foundation of Mississauga as of year-end 2015.

## Mississauga Fund

*The Mississauga Fund is an unrestricted fund accepting contributions of any size and providing donors with the knowledge that they are supporting the changing needs of our community.*

Beacon Fund  
Crane Family Fund  
David & Shari Lane Family Fund  
Robert D. (Bob) Scott Fund  
Sanjib Choudhuri Fund  
Scott and Betty Franklin Fund

## Donor Designated Funds

*Donor Designated Funds are established to benefit specific charitable organizations as named by the donor to be the perpetual beneficiary of the granting from the fund.*

Addison Jenner Rolke Wish Fund  
Brad and Kathy Shoemaker Fund for  
World Service and Development  
Carter Fund  
Chief Mbulu Family Fund  
CIBC Wood Gundy Fund for  
Children's Charities  
Cristofaro Family Fund  
Gordon Fund  
Hazel McCallion Endowment Fund  
Ida E. Barnes Memorial Fund  
Kathy A. Drury Fund  
Liz Nilsen and Bernie Gross Fund  
Mendel and Ruth Cohen Fund  
Nancy Salmon Scholarship Fund  
Reamey Family Fund for the  
Women and Children of Interim Place  
Scott and Steve McNair  
Memorial Fund  
Winkworth Family Fund

## Field of Interest Funds

*Field of Interest Funds allow the donor to specify a specific area of interest such as children's needs, the environment, health, and more, and the Granting Committee of the Foundation will select the most appropriate grant recipients each year.*

### Environment Funds:

McGregor-Fielding Fund

### Smart and Caring Funds:

E. Hofmann Fund for Children  
and Youth  
Farnham Family Fund  
Fred and Eileen MacKenzie Fund  
Gabriel Fund  
Hazel's Foundation Fund  
Maries' Fund  
Retired Educator's Fund  
G. Ruth Gray Fund  
Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts,  
Culture and Heritage  
Paul Coughlin Fund  
R. Lessard Family Fund

## Donor Advised Funds

*Donor Advised Funds provide donors with the opportunity to be actively involved in the annual recommendations for granting from their fund. They can rely on the Foundation for the support and resources to assist them in their grant making.*

Cooney Family Fund  
Joe Schembri Scholarship Fund  
Meyer Family Fund  
Pendle Fund  
Peter and Barbara Wood Family Fund  
Wordham Family

## Operating Endowed Fund

*People can make a gift of any size to the Operating Endowed Fund. In this way, donors help to ensure we continue to build a vital Foundation for our city. The Foundation is grateful to the following donors and fund holders who have established funds that ensure the continued effectiveness and growth of the Community Foundation of Mississauga.*

BMO Nesbitt Burns Patiopalooza Fund  
Brad and Kathy Shoemaker Fund  
Directors Fund  
Misscon Foundation and Rainbow  
Ball Fund



### Charity Endowed Fund

*Charitable organizations can work with the Foundation to establish their own endowed fund and can depend on us for the resources and expertise they need to build a sustainable source of support for their organization.*

Community Living Mississauga  
Inclusion Fund  
Credit Valley Conservation  
Foundation Fund  
Heart House Hospice Fund  
Mississauga Festival Choir  
Endowment Fund

### Smart and Caring Charity

#### Endowed Funds:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel Fund  
CDRCP Fund  
Mississauga YMCA Fund  
Peel Children's Aid Society Fund  
RBC Fund for Peel Children's Aid  
Foundation

### Funds Held for Others

*These funds are placed with the Foundation for investment by other charitable organizations.*

Benares Museum Fund

### Long Term Flow Through Funds

*While not permanently endowed, these types of funds are established to be held for a more extended period of time.*

AstraZeneca Canada Adolescent  
Health Fund

### Emerging Funds

*Donors have the opportunity to establish a named fund within any of the fund options available with pledge commitment to meet the fund minimum within five years.*

Feher Family Fund  
Lewis Lawrence Fund  
Susan and Merle Zoerb Fund

## A Very Mississauga Fund

T. S. Eliot said, "Home is where one starts from." We start from a smaller group of people who care for our most basic needs, but in very short order, our horizons expand. Our sense of community grows and includes classmates, friends on the street you grow up with, maybe the teams you join or the park with the great skateboard ramp. The way we think about home keeps growing and changing. For many people in Mississauga, home is someplace new where everything is different; the language spoken, the adjustment to snowy winter weather, the bustle of a growing city.

For close to three quarters of a million people, Mississauga is home. And we have a lot to be proud of at home. Our arts, culture and heritage scene is vibrant and diverse. There are plenty of green spaces to explore. There are many unique neighbourhoods with great shops and restaurants featuring cuisine from around the world.

But... some of our neighbours are struggling and need a helping hand up.

Like our community foundation peers across Canada, we offer a special fund for people who love their home town. Ours is called the Mississauga Fund. The beauty of this fund is that donors can make a gift of any size, at any time. The grants that are generated by this fund can adapt to best meet the needs of a growing, changing community. With the finger on the pulse on how our city is doing, the Community Foundation of Mississauga can support the broadest range of initiatives that build community vitality. Making a gift to the Mississauga Fund, no matter what size of donation that might be, really is an investment in home, in our neighbourhoods and the people who have all the potential in the world to create a great future for our city.

We want to recognize remarkable donors who have made a significant gift to create a named fund within the Mississauga Fund. They are investing in our community.

Anonymous (Beacon Fund)  
Crase Family  
David & Shari Lane  
Robert D. (Bob) Scott  
Sanjib Choudhuri  
Scott and Betty Franklin



## *Orchestras Mississauga*

# Singing opera's praises

In 2015, the Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts, Culture and Heritage was pleased to grant approximately \$44,000 to the Orchestras Mississauga. Orchestras Mississauga operates as the Mississauga Symphony Orchestra (MSO) and the Mississauga Symphony Youth Orchestra (MSYO). The MSO is a large community orchestra with over a hundred musicians including a small core of paid section principals. The MSYO has over 120 members in its second season, with 50 in the Symphony (senior orchestra), 40 in the Philharmonia (intermediate orchestra), and 35 in Sinfonietta (junior chamber strings).

A significant percent of this grant money was dedicated to the production of a fully staged performance of the opera *Carmen* on April 29, 2017! Why opera and why Mississauga you might ask? According to General Manager Eileen Keown, opera was selected because it "is the one classical music art form that is all encompassing. Opera gives the audience a comprehensive experience that includes a wonderful dramatic story

line, lighting, staging, solo and choral singing and full orchestra." Past presentations of opera highlights by MSO have been well received by audiences. The timing was right too, as Opera Mississauga closed years ago. Also, MSO Music Director & Conductor Denis Mastromonaco is an experienced opera director. What's more, the current roster of MSO musicians is ready for this challenge!

As one might imagine, an undertaking of this scope is no easy task. Keown describes the most difficult part as "pulling together the many facets of the production, and ensuring that each area is given attention to put all the component parts in place for a successful performance." But the hard work will be worth it! "With the successful and well attended production of our first opera in 2017, we hope that the City of Mississauga will be able to proudly state that it has live, fully-staged opera productions in the Living Arts Centre, and that fully-staged opera will become an annual event in the Living Arts Centre," says Keown.





*home*







# Volunteers and Staff

Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can.

Years before there was a Community Foundation of Mississauga, there were volunteers who shared a common vision. They knew that by starting somewhere... even with the most modest of beginnings; the collective action that they would take, would be the first steps to creating a growing legacy for Mississauga. Thanks to their efforts and thanks to the many volunteers who followed, the Foundation has grown. The grants that have been made from the Foundation touch every corner and everyone in our home community of Mississauga.

We salute our 2015 volunteers who bring their very best efforts to the work we do. They are all for community.

## 2015 Board of Directors

Howard McIntyre, *Chair*  
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## 2015 Standing Committees

### Community Leadership Committee

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Merle Zoerb

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Lori Simpson  
Joanne Trotta  
Suzanna Winsborough  
Bonnie Yagar  
Merle Zoerb\*

### Finance and Audit Committee

Erica Teklits, *Chair*  
Scott Franklin  
Kevin Wong

### Granting Committee

Helen Seibel, *Chair*  
Karen Campbell  
Stephen Farnham  
David Lane\*  
Lisa Sticht-Maksymec  
Erica Teklits

### Investment Committee

Daniel McCartney, *Chair*  
Ginny Arnott-Wood  
Jonathan Bertrand  
Darren Coleman  
Ray Lessard  
Erica Teklits

## 2015 Ad Hoc Committees

### Dancing With Mississauga Stars

Ann Boyd  
Gregory D'Andrea  
Catherine Deegan  
Amy Delisle  
Patricia Hammill  
Diane Kalenchuk  
Karine Kaniki  
Tim Keeler  
Amy Tjen

### Golf Committee

Darrell Cavanaugh\*  
Jeffery Cleary\*  
Kevin Eansor\*  
Joanne Gilbert  
Jim Glassford  
Adam Gomes\*  
Robert Katolinsky  
Robert Sanders  
Michael Taglieri

### Pendle Award Selection Committee

Peter Campbell  
Tom Cooney  
Ray Lessard  
Bonnie Yagar

### Smart and Caring Communities

Tom Cooney  
Stephen Farnham  
Ray Lessard  
Steven Offer

### Speakers Lunch Committee

Marvin Beckford\*  
Babindra Gambhir  
Patricia Hammill  
Shaunna LeBlanc  
Amy Tjen

\* Completed term or resigned in 2015

## Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, (000's)

ASSETS	2015	2014	LIABILITIES	2015	2014
Bank	\$ 359	\$ 621	Accounts payable	\$ 18	\$ 20
Accounts receivable	75	77	Funds Held for Others	28	26
Prepaid expenses	12	13		46	46
Investments	20,480	20,964	<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Capital assets	50	71	Endowment Fund	19,151	19,864
	<b>\$ 20,976</b>	<b>\$ 21,746</b>	Flow Through Fund	1,002	1,095
			Capital Fund	50	71
			Special Projects Fund	—	50
			Reserve Fund	441	350
			Operating Fund	286	270
				20,930	21,700
				<b>\$ 20,976</b>	<b>\$ 21,746</b>

## Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, (000's)

	Endowment Fund	Flow Through Fund	Special Projects Fund	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Reserve Fund	2015 Total	2014 Total
Revenue								
Donations	\$ 400	\$ 2		\$ 76			\$ 478	\$ 814
Grants & Other Income			10	—			10	26
Investment Income	149	82		8			239	1,968
Management Fees				307			307	295
Special Events				227			227	157
	549	84	10	618	—	—	1,261	3,260
Expenses								
Administration			46	353	21		420	375
Fund Development				38			38	41
Grants	946	127					1,073	1,552
Management Fees	257	50		69			376	353
Special Events				90			90	86
Vital Signs Program						34	34	—
	1,203	177	46	550	21	34	2,031	2,407
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	(654)	(93)	(36)	68	(21)	(34)	(770)	853
Transfer (to) from Other Funds	(59)		(14)	(52)	—	125	—	—
Net Assets, beginning of year	19,864	1,095	50	270	71	350	21,700	20,847
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 19,151	\$ 1,002	\$ —	\$ 286	\$ 50	\$ 441	\$ 20,930	\$ 21,700





# Community Foundation of Mississauga

## Condensed Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2015

### 1. Significant Accounting Policies

**Investments:** Investments are valued at fair market value. Investment income includes interest and dividends received during the year, realized and unrealized gains and losses. Investment income is allocated proportionately to the investment pool containing the endowment fund, flow through fund, operating fund and funds held for others.

**Endowment Fund:** Donations to the endowment funds are considered to be permanent in nature, pursuant to restrictions established at the time that donations are received, and generally only the investment income from the investment of such funds is disbursed to charitable organizations.

**Flow Through Fund:** Flow through funds are gifts to the Foundation that are generally not expected to be held in perpetuity. The capital and investment income from the funds will be granted to qualified donees in accordance with the terms of the fund agreement.

**Special Projects Fund:** The special projects fund was created for specific projects funded by externally restricted grants. Over the history of the fund, the Foundation has solicited and spent funds on projects that expand the capacity of the Foundation.

**Reserve Fund:** The reserve fund is an internally restricted fund to provide for special purposes as approved by the Board of Directors including the periodic projects to enhance community knowledge within Mississauga.

### 2. Investment Management

Investments are professionally managed in accordance with the investment policy of the Foundation by Connor, Clark & Lunn Private Capital Ltd., B2B Bank Securities, and BMO Nesbitt Burns.

	2015	%	2014	%
Community Foundation of Mississauga				
Pooled Funds (000's)				
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ (77)	(0.6)	\$ (76)	(0.7)
Fixed income	2,882	23.7	2,726	23.8
Canadian equities	3,628	29.8	3,799	33.1
Global equities and other	5,734	47.1	5,026	43.8
	12,167	100.0	11,475	100.0
Investments managed by				
Personal Investment Advisors	8,313		9,489	
Fair market value	\$20,480		\$20,964	

*The complete Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 have been audited by Bazar McBean LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants and are available on request from the Foundation.*

# Our Vision is of a strong, vital community that has the resources it needs to ensure quality of life for everyone.

## Our Mission

To create sustainable support for community needs in Mississauga by building partnerships with donors and stakeholders who establish endowed and other related funds, to maximize our community impact by ensuring that we identify and understand community needs and to invest in solutions.

## Our Values

### We build community vitality

Strong, vital communities are those in which everyone can participate. They are resourceful and resilient. Community foundations nurture and build our community's strengths and assets. We respond to challenges and opportunities and support organizations and individuals to do likewise. We develop local leadership, invest in sustainability, champion justice and mobilize civic participation and resources.

### We understand our communities

Sweeping changes to the economy, the environment and demographics are just some of the trends affecting our country and our communities. We actively participate in the life of the community, continually engage in consultation and discussion, track and report on local and national trends and respond to change.

### We create opportunities for dialogue and inclusion

Nurturing a vital community means reaching out and ensuring that people with different experiences and points of view are included, especially those who are often excluded. We bring people together to create opportunities for respectful dialogue and joint problem solving. We enthusiastically participate when invited to dialogues convened by others.

### We embrace partnerships

More can be accomplished when we act together. We believe in the power of collaboration and joint action to maximize our community's opportunities and respond to our challenges. We initiate, participate in, and support partnerships that build community vitality and are based on shared vision and mutual responsibility.

### We tackle pressing issues

We believe philanthropy has a role to play in addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time. We tackle tough problems on many fronts through our grantmaking, investments, research, convening, communication and participation in the public policy process. We work with other foundations, organizations, business and governments in our region and across the country on problems that require shared action.

### We embrace diversity and foster renewal

We believe there is strength in diversity. As our community's foundation, we have a responsibility to reflect its diversity. We continually renew our board and staff, reach out to understand different points of view and engage the broader community in our deliberations and decision making.

### We grant for breadth and impact

Grant dollars are community capital for seizing opportunities, finding solutions, sustaining what works, providing needed services, expressing ourselves and taking calculated risks. We grant broadly across the spectrum of community life, supporting organizations and programs that are making a difference.

### We build community assets and champion philanthropy

Permanent endowments and other philanthropic funds are vital community resources now and for the future. We are passionate champions of philanthropy and engage donors of all ages and from all walks of life and traditions. Our donors work with us to find the best ways to serve their communities while meeting their charitable goals.

### We learn and share what we know

We have extraordinary opportunities to learn from the groups we fund, our donors, our partners and our colleagues around the country and the world. We gather data, question, reflect and evaluate so that we can have impact on the important issues in our community. We share what we learn with others.

### We are responsive and accountable

We are reputable stewards of community resources and are committed to being accountable, responsive and transparent. We continually look for the best ways to invest our assets to meet our mission. We are open and accessible, fair and objective, flexible and timely as we work with grant seekers, donors, volunteers and others in the community.



*Ray Lessard*

## Mississauga's 'home' town hero



There are well over 190 community foundations across Canada now who are members in good standing of Community Foundations of Canada. The majority of these community foundations were created after 1992 making them still quite young. And a great many were started as a result of a pace-setting gift that was the perfect impetus for the creation of a local community foundation.

But in Mississauga, the story is a little different. The Community Foundation of Mississauga was created through the tenacity and vision of local citizens. There was no pace-setting gift that paved the way for early success. Founded in 2001, each year of growth for the Community Foundation of Mississauga resulted from the dedication and indefatigable effort of many individuals, each doing their part to help move this important community asset forward.

Back in 2002, when the Foundation was still just getting started, Mississauga resident Ray Lessard was asked and agreed to volunteer with the Investment Committee for the fledgling Foundation.

Ray's business acumen as a Sr. Vice President and Managing Director with BMO Nesbitt Burns were welcome skills. It wasn't long before Ray's civic leadership and "can do" spirit was readily apparent and he was asked to join the Board of Directors. Those early years asked much of the Foundation's volunteers. Rapid growth was a priority as Mississauga's community charities needed the sustainable support that community foundations provide. There was much work to be done!

Ray understood that it was essential to lead by example. He became one of the Foundation's earliest fundholders with a gift to create the R. Lessard Family Fund, which generates sustainable support for organizations serving children and youth in Mississauga. Ray would be the first to tell you that the endowment model of the Foundation was a significant motivation; so much so that Ray helped to launch the Directors Fund and the Peel Children's Aid Society Fund at the Foundation through personal philanthropy as well.

In early 2008, Ray was asked to step

into the role of Board Chair due to the untimely passing of the then Chair. Ray did so seamlessly and without one word of complaint for the extra demands this would place on his time. Ray went on to serve as Board Chair through 2009 when he fulfilled all of his terms on the Board. He continues to volunteer on the Investment Committee, the "Smart and Caring Fund" Committee, the Pendle Award Committee and is always one of the first to step up and support the events of the Foundation.

For Ray and his wife Kathy, Mississauga was home; it was where they raised their three daughters. Schools, events, activities, friends, safe neighbourhoods and all the services that make a community feel like home, have long been a priority.

The Community Foundation of Mississauga is deeply grateful to Ray Lessard for doing his all for our community! Ray truly is a "home" town hero.

A woman with dark, curly hair is shown from the back, looking out over a vast, green, hilly landscape under a bright sky. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, top. The image is used as a background for the text.

*Okay, now it's your turn...*

Please tell us your ideas and what investments you'd like to make, so that we can help turn your dreams into reality.

We are the Community Foundation of Mississauga and, with you, we look forward to creating a world of possibilities right here at home for our children,

*and our children's children...*  
for generations to come.







## About the Community Foundation of Mississauga

The Community Foundation of Mississauga is an incorporated non profit, registered charitable public foundation. We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and accountable to our community. We serve all of Mississauga celebrating its many unique neighbourhoods and diverse voices.

The Foundation is a member of Community Foundations of Canada and part of a national network of over 190 community foundations. As a member of Community Foundations of Canada, we adhere to a rigorous set of standards and build community vitality by sharing three core roles with our peers across the country:

- Vitality depends on long-term resources for long-term solutions—so *we work with donors to build endowment funds* that ensure vital futures for communities.
- Vitality comes from all corners of a community, so *we grant funds to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.*
- Vitality needs leadership, so *we bring people together from all parts of our communities* to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

## Our Approach

And while there are many organizations working for better communities, a few important factors make our approach special:

- We bring donors to the table as community builders and help them formulate and realize their philanthropic goals, matching their interests and concerns with community needs and organizations and finding innovative and responsible ways to give their investments lasting impact.
- We take the broadest view of what a community is and what it needs to succeed. This is why our grants support everything from shelter, sustenance and care for those most in need, to recreation, the arts, and the environment.
- We take the long-term view for our communities: we identify long-term needs and opportunities and invest in sustainable solutions, helping our community become resilient, resourceful and ready for the future we want.





## Our Privacy Commitment

Our organization is committed to protecting the privacy of the personal information of its employees, members, donors and other stakeholders. We value the trust of those we deal with and of the public and we recognize that maintaining this trust requires that we be transparent and accountable in how we treat the information that you choose to share with us. During the course of our various projects and activities, we may gather and use personal information. Anyone from whom we collect such information should expect that it will be carefully protected and that any use of or other dealing with this information is subject to consent. Our privacy practices are designed to achieve this. To read our privacy policy, visit our web site at [www.CFofM.org](http://www.CFofM.org)

## Membership Statement

The Community Foundation of Mississauga is a proud member in good standing of Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), the national membership organization for Canada's Community Foundations. CFC is the Canadian movement for community vitality, represented by 191 members from coast to coast. CFC was established in 1992 to connect and support this growing network of local foundations. To learn more about CFC, visit their web site at [www.cfc-fcc.ca](http://www.cfc-fcc.ca).

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## Be Sociable

Stay in touch with the Foundation and learn more about what we are working on as it happens. Find links to our social media by visiting our web site and clicking on the relevant button for Facebook or Twitter.



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