



CFofM Newsletter

One Million Moments

This spring, the Community Foundation of Mississauga awarded over \$1 million in grants to more than 60 registered charitable organizations serving people in Mississauga.

While the Foundation was thrilled to make these essential grants, we recognize that it is donors in Mississauga who have ultimately made this possible. Each year, more and more people, organizations and companies are recognizing that they can make lasting impact on quality of life in their community and that this impact can happen very quickly. We salute these caring donors who are truly all for community!

Here are some highlights of the initiatives that received funding...

Mississauga Heritage Foundation will move forward on Phase Two of its Sacred Garden honouring Aboriginal traditions. This includes completing the heritage plantings and installing a bench and solar lighting. Birch, sugar maple and white pine will be planted reflecting the indigenous species of 1847, as well as the sacred medicines of sweet grass, wild sage and ceremonial tobacco.

Square One Seniors Wellness Services will research the unique needs

of visually impaired older adults. 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. This research aims to identify gaps in programs and services.

Mississauga Symphony Orchestra is creating a local opera production! Throughout its history, Orchestras Mississauga has presented opera highlights concerts, all of which were well received and attended by the symphony audience.

Safe City Mississauga received results in March 2015 from a study on the impact of the Mississauga Neighbourhood Watch program. The report determined that the program did in fact reduce criminal activity in areas where it was implemented. Moving forward, the next step is to develop and refine this model, and share the findings.

Through the support of the Foundation, the Living Arts Centre will host its Second Annual Arts for Life Children's Festival. The Festival focuses on enriching school curriculum and promoting the arts as an integral part of children's ed-

ucation. There are four public productions planned in both theatres for a total of ten shows. Free outdoor programming and dance performances and workshops round out the event.

The Mississauga Furniture Bank received support to partner with the Niagara and Toronto Furniture Banks to build a Management Information System application that will be versatile, sustainable, sharable and mobile. This will allow for real time inventory management and efficient management of the pick-up and delivery service information resulting in administrative and operational efficiencies and potential cost of service reduction.

Bollywood Monster Mashup will return to Mississauga for the fifth time as the largest South Asian festival in Canada, with an anticipated 45 thousand attendees this year! This multi-day festival showcases the talents of over 200 artists, integrating mainstream and ethnic communities and making the festival welcoming to all. This year there will be a Bollywood Latin Orchestra with Spanish dancers, Bollywood Tap Dance, and a fusion of Canadian sports (e.g., lacrosse) and South Asian sports.

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Laugh, Golf, Dance

Kate Davis was the presenter at this year's 'all for community' Speakers Luncheon. Perfectly representing the theme *Live, Laugh, Love*, Davis had a refreshing take on everyday occurrences. She captivated the room by sharing her observations and tips from the unique perspective of both mom and comedian. In a matter of minutes, the Foundation's mostly corporate audience of about 200 people was engaged and laughing out loud.

Held on the Thursday before the Victoria Day long weekend and with

Laughing out loud at the Speakers Lunch

temperatures finally climbing, the energy in the room was also warm. The lunch time affair at the Mississauga Convention Centre began with a delicious buffet. It was followed by a variety of excellent items available through the silent and live auctions including among other things, two VIA Rail train tickets from Toronto to Quebec City, 2 hour live jazz performance by the well-known local band 'The Sax Appeal' and dinner for six at an exotic Indian restaurant. The winning bidders went home thrilled with their purchases while having made a valuable con-



An Event that's a Perfect Ten!

tribution to the work the Foundation does for Mississauga.

Coming up soon is the *Fore Mississauga* Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at Pipers Heath Golf Club, 5501 Trafalgar Road in Milton. Beginning with a BBQ lunch at 11:30 am and teeing off at 1:00 pm, golfers will have a fun-filled day. Following a great day of golf and prizes, the Foundation is thrilled to announce Michael 'Pinball' Clemons will be our dinnertime guest speaker this year. It's definitely time to book your foursome.

The always anticipated buzz event of the season is back. *Dancing*

with *Mississauga Stars* will be bigger and brighter this year with the participation of six stars! It will be held at the Mississauga Convention Centre on Friday, November 6, 2015. To get a sneak peak at the Stars and the dances they are working on, you can find a link to the videos at the event website: dancingwithmississaugastars.com

No doubt about it, our stars are rocking it! You won't want to miss cheering on your favourite, enjoying the fantastic entertainment and then dancing the night away yourself. Book your tickets early for what is sure to be another sold-out event.



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And it doesn't stop there! Both Riverwood Conservancy and Evergreen received funds for local environmental projects engaging volunteers. Food security initiatives also received support, including Erin Mills Youth Centre, Mississauga Parent-Child Resource Centres, and Seva Food Bank. The Friends of the

Museums of Mississauga will launch a community learning garden at the Bradley Museum that will provide food for the Compass Food Bank, Interim Place, and Mississauga Food Bank. Additionally, this spring's grants also supported many programs serving children and youth, and health and wellness initiatives.



Staying Fit at Square One Older Adults Centre

Doing All for Community

The noted anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

The Foundation is evidence of this in our community. Our growing grant making is possible because people step up to do their all to help build quality of life for everyone in Mississauga. We see the power of what donors and volunteers can do every day.

In December 2014, Advocis Halton Peel held their annual Holiday Luncheon to raise funds for the work of the Foundation. Always a wonderful af-

ternoon of good company and engaging speakers, this year’s event was again a smashing success. Kudos to the team at Advocis Halton Peel and special appreciation to organizer, Brent Van Ryzewyck.

In late 2014, a dedicated team of volunteers hosted a special night of tributes in honour of Mayor Hazel McCallion. Hundreds of guests and dignitaries gathered to pay tribute to this remarkable woman. Funds raised from the event were dedicated to the Smart & Caring Communities Fund at the Foundation. This Fund is our local response to an initiative of the national community foundation movement. We will create sustainable, growing support for programs and services for children and youth in Mississauga.



There is strength in numbers and in the case of community foundations, this saying holds true. Our Foundation is relatively young by community foundation standards. The community foundation movement started over one hundred years

ago and we were launched in 2001. But despite our youth, we have been strengthened by the knowledge and resources of our peers across Canada. Imagine that; a team of over 191 experts serving communities large and small, all building and sharing knowledge and best practices! This national network is joined together by



Thank you Hazel! And thank you volunteers and sponsors!

Once again, the fabulous Biznoids were back. Ray Lessard, Sr. VP with BMO Nesbitt Burns has given countless hours to help the Foundation grow and succeed. On May 14th, he brought together his band the Biznoids, along with Any Other Day and with the Biermarkt, they hosted a night of great music, great fun and great fundraising.

Caring citizens can change the world; we know they are making positive change in Mississauga!

Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), our national membership organization. When donors work with a CFC member foundation, they can be confident in knowing they are working with a sector leader, bound to excellence in their work. Thank you CFC for your efforts on behalf of member community foundations!



When many people hear the words “endowment” or “foundation”, they might think of the very large gifts made to establish private family foundations. While certainly inspiring and stories of the grant making impact of some of these foundations is remarkable, all too often many people think this kind of charitable legacy is simply out of reach. Not so with community foundations! The beauty of the community foundation movement is that we are well positioned to work with donors who have all different types of capacity. What community foundations can do is work with donors no matter what the gift size. And we help make giving even more effective by offering expertise in all types of planned giving but, and this is so important, we also build and share community knowledge.

Donors know they can look to the Community Foundation of Mississauga for essential information about what is happening here in our community, in our neighbourhoods... where are we seeing emerging needs, what charities are addressing those needs, what programs and services are showing real progress and innovation. And all of this starts with just one phone call to the Foundation.

Whether a donor wishes complete anonymity or not, we have resources to help.

Best of all, the Foundation can work with donors who wish to make a substantial gift or with donors of more modest means. The shared value, no matter what the giving capacity, is a passion for building a great community.



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Bollywood Monster Mash-Up, Celebration Square



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