

Ripples

THE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION OF
GREATER KINGSTON

BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

Growing our Philanthropic Community

... across Canada

Excerpted from an article by Monica Patten, President and CEO of Community Foundations of Canada

Why has the concept of community foundations taken such a strong hold in recent years? I don't expect the reasons have changed much over time. Citizens have always wanted to give to their community as a way of saying thank you and of sharing the good fortunes that have come their way. People have always wanted to leave something for the future as well as making a difference in the present. They have always wanted to contribute to causes and issues that matter to them. Community foundations make possible, indeed encourage, all these aspirations and desires of individuals, families, businesses and community organizations.

... in our Community

By Jack Chiang

Philanthropy is difficult for me to pronounce, but it's not difficult for me to understand. Philanthropy – to me anyway – is more inclusive than charity, which means helping people in need. Being a philanthropist is more than being a Good Samaritan, who helps people in distress. Charity alleviates an immediate problem, while philanthropy finds long-term solutions to our problems.

That's why I'm proud of our Community Foundation of Greater Kingston, whose aim is to build a philanthropic community. One of its missions is to encourage people to help others. As long as people give – whether to the Foundation or to others – CFGK's mission is fulfilled. I remember the Foundation's birth not too long ago. I remember watching it grow – sometimes as an interested bystander, sometimes as a volunteer. It is an honour to be part of CFGK. Just look at the list of names on the back page of *Ripples*, and you'll understand why. In a few short years, it has brought together people from all walks of life.

I've been involved in many organizations in Kingston over the years, and I've always been amazed by the phenomenal success and growth of the Foundation. Now, it has over \$5 million in endowed funds. That's quite a big chunk of money and it will grow bigger and bigger. We can be certain of that. CFGK's past is a good indication of its bright future. As long as the Foundation is around to promote philanthropy, Kingston will be a great place to be. We're privileged to live here.

Community foundations have three key roles: endowment-building and offering flexible donor services; broad and effective grantmaking; and inclusive community leadership – all carried out in the context of accountable and responsive governance. It is the combination and interdependence of these three roles that makes community foundations different from other fundraising and funding organizations. Of course, no community foundation would claim to carry out all three of these roles all of the time; they fashion their priorities and areas of emphasis to suit the particular circumstances of their culture and community.

For more information about Canadian community foundations go to www.community-fdn.ca. See the WINGS-CF section on the CFC Web-site and www.wingsweb.org for information on the community foundation movement around the world.

The Community Foundation Difference



What does the Foundation do for my community?

CFGK helps charities accomplish their good work by making financial grants. We promote philanthropy throughout the community and encourage citizens to invest in projects that bring real, positive change.



How does it work?

Donations are pooled in a permanent endowment fund. This fund is invested and the interest income earned is used to make grants to charities.

Grants are made to projects that best fit CFGK's mission of "enhancing and strengthening the quality of life in our community."



Who gives to the Foundation?

Individuals, families, businesses and corporations contribute. Donations can be of any amount and can be made by cash or securities or through a bequest, gift of life insurance or real property. Since 1995, citizens have given over \$5 million.



How do I find out more?

Lots of exciting things are continuously happening at CFGK. For more information, please visit our website or call and arrange to visit us. We'd love to tell you more!

... at CFGK

By Bill Harris

When you move to a new community, the first two things you do is visit your banker and telephone the community foundation. At least that is what my wife Bev and I did when we moved to Amherst Island last September. Making arrangements with the bank allowed us to organize our finances. Getting to know CFGK allowed us to finalize our estate planning, which had the added benefit of reducing our taxes!

It didn't take long for me to see what a great job the Foundation was doing and to get involved, helping them, as they say, to "strengthen the quality of life in our community." What CFGK does that "strengthens the quality of life" is create ripples. (Why else do you think they call this newspaper *Ripples*?) The ripples are created by getting to know the community so well, that a depth of knowledge is created amongst the board, staff and volunteers concerning the needs of the community. This in turn allows a gift from the Foundation to be more fulfilling for the donor and more effective for the beneficiary. Giving money wisely is neither easy nor simple.

The greatest benefit for the community as a whole is that CFGK's reputation as being trustworthy, wise and

Giving isn't simply a matter of money. We give when we volunteer; when we contribute our experience, our insight and our ideas to worthy causes.

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Wilton – Where Playgrounds, and Community Bonds, are Built

By Heidi Stevens,
Wilton Creative Playground Committee Chairperson

With the assistance of CFGK, the village of Wilton's dream of replacing unsafe park equipment became a reality. Our project began many years ago when the community banded together to build a playground for the children of the village and the Kingston area. A unique structure was constructed using tele-



Heidi Stevens and Wilton residents perform the ribbon cutting of the new Wilton Playground.

phone poles, tires and lumber. Over the years this playground was enjoyed by many children and became a picnic spot for people visiting the Wilton area.

In October 2001 Loyalist Township informed the residents of Wilton that the existing play structure was unsafe and had to be removed. At that time the Township did not have any plans for replacing the structure. The residents of Wilton decided to form a committee to see what could be done to get new playground equipment for the summer of 2002.

Working with Loyalist Township it was decided on what playground equipment to buy and how much the committee would have to pay. Committee members developed a special bond with one another as we worked together to raise our contribution of \$7500. Through successful fundraising it soon became apparent that we would be able to realize an even more ambitious goal to replace the playground equipment and to add a basketball court and gazebo.

The \$2000 grant from the foundation played a significant role in helping us attain our goal of having new playground equipment in place for the summer of 2002. More importantly, the residents of Wilton came together as a community to achieve a common goal and with that a sense of community pride. The new playground is a focal point in the village; a place where people can meet and children can play safely.

Thanks to all of the members involved in CFGK. Your support to communities throughout the Kingston area is much appreciated.



A future employee uses the job postings board at KEYS.

Providing the KEYS to success: How a CFGK grant has opened the doors to jobs

By Tanya Dee,
Program Coordinator, Job Connect Program, KEYS

Since 1983 Kingston Employment & Youth Services (KEYS) has been dedicated to supporting individuals in securing and maintaining meaningful employment. In May 2002 we received a generous grant from CFGK, enabling us to create a fund to cover the costs of some of the necessities of a job search or a job start up. This fund allows us to bridge gaps in current services to youth, providing assistance for individuals not eligible for other support benefits and who have no income of their own.

Since receiving this grant we have provided transportation to job interviews and first weeks on the job to over 50 individuals, assisted others in covering the costs of necessary safety equipment, short-term training courses and appropriate clothing for job search and new jobs. It is our goal this year to provide assistance to over 9000 individuals in our Employment Resource Centre and one-on-one employment counseling to 850 youth as part of our Job Connect Program.

The funding provided by CFGK is assisting us in reaching this goal while enabling us to enhance the services we provide. KEYS provides free employment services for the entire community. For more information please stop by our office at 182 Sydenham Street or call 546-5559.

In the Spotlight

By Lee Wetherall and
Virginia Gordon

The leaves are turning a golden bronze and the air is crisp. It is time again to make a visit to the wonderful people and organizations who help people in our community. Once a quarter, CFGK invites our generous contributors and friends to view for themselves the difference their contributions have made in the lives of the people they have helped through CFGK.

Our first *Spotlight* was on Almost Home, which this year is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Pat Brown, the executive director, took us on a tour of this home away from home. Families of children who need medical treatment at one of Kingston's medical facilities use this house to be near their children and parents are spared the worry and expense of a hotel. The warmth and support of volunteers and staff make a huge difference to these children and their families.

The Museum of Health Care for Eastern Ontario was our next *Spotlight* event. The museum is in the old Anne Baillie building at KGH and it contains the largest number of medical artifacts in the country. It runs educational programs for schools and mounts major displays every year. There is also a museum display in the entrance area of KGH near the cafeteria. Dr. Jim Low, a retired family physician, works tirelessly with his staff to make this museum informative and interesting.

In the new year we will set up appointments at the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes and the Music Instrument Lending Library at the Boys & Girls Club. Our grants have helped both these organizations over the past few years. The Marine Museum continues with its restoration of the Phoebe and was the site of our AGM last June. The Music Library continues to grow with support from the Joe Chithalen Fund.

Anyone interested in coming to these *Spotlights*, and seeing and hearing first hand about the work they do, should contact our office.

Building our Future Together: Meet the Board

By Eveline Flint



Continuing to serve (l-r), Ian Fraser, Jan MacDonald, Jack Gilfillan, Regina Rosen (president), Henry Meyer.



Fred Laflamme



Board stalwarts (seated l-r) Judith Mackenzie, Tom Wightman, Virginia Gordon. (standing l-r) Sue Waywell and Lin Good.

CFGK's greatest attraction was the 'permanent endowment' feature with continuing annual distributions to improve the quality of life in our community. My wife and I said to each other: 'Why wait until we are dead to do some good'.
Henry Meyer

In remote areas of northern Canada, trappers, loggers and others knew that isolated cabins were never locked. Kindling was left in the stove and there were matches and canned goods on hand for the person needing food and shelter. The place was tidied, new kindling cut and, if possible, replacement items left when the wayfarer moved on.

This country needs to develop more of a citizen-based, community philanthropic mindset and I firmly believe the place to start this learning process is in one's own community 'backyard'. The existence of a youth committee to me was very impressive – the perfect place to begin.
Tom Williams

Similar motivations underlie community foundations. Those who have enjoyed the benefits and resources of their community, choose to return something to it through endowed funds. Some also serve on the board or committees.

This goodwill enables CFGK to "stoke the embers" as valued board members leave and are replaced by excellent, committed individuals. As we move into the second half of our first decade of operation, we take note of the pioneers who built and stocked the cabin (they are listed on this page), as well as those currently in residence.

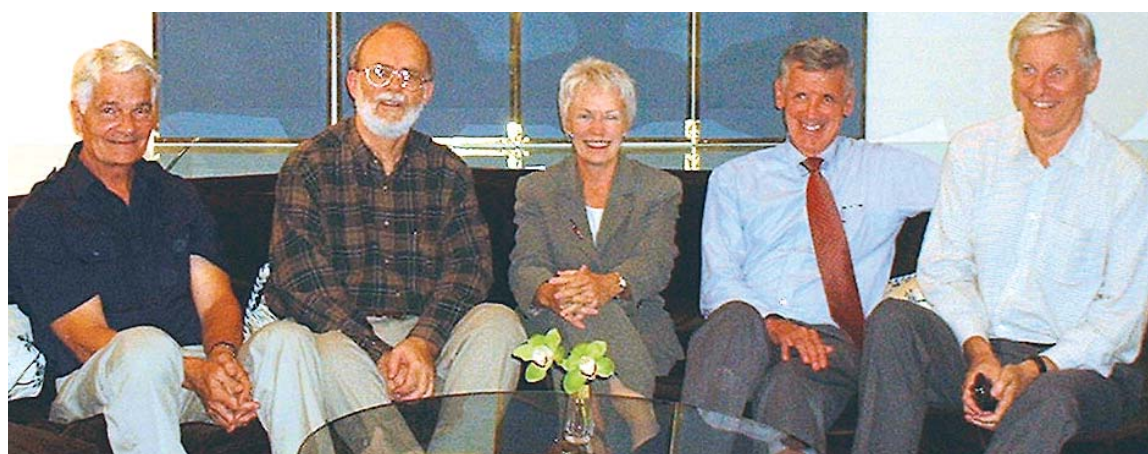
My family was particularly involved with the Calgary Foundation. When I discovered that Kingston had started one, I could hardly wait to get involved. To me, it provides security for Kingstonians now and in the future.
Virginia Gordon



CFGK founders and life members, Michael Davies and Eveline Flint.



Walter Fenlon



The New Recruits (l-r) Bill Harris, Bob Pritchard, Mary Ann Higgs, Tom Williams, Dan Norman.

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I initially saw the CFGK as a powerful tool to help the Whig spread its message of literacy to everyone in our region. That is in large measure why the Whig donated its 25K literacy seed money to the CFGK in 1996. Since then the fund has grown nearly twice over, which is testament to the CFGK's ability to manage and grow funds in perpetuity.

Fred Laflamme



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The Stark Family Fund – A special family legacy for a beloved community

The Stark Sisters (Leata, Keitha, Silvia, Ival and Ruth) were active and engaged citizens in their home community, the Village of Bloomfield in Hallowell Township in Prince Edward County. Their community, their family and their church played important roles in their lives. Through a most generous



Ruth and Ival Stark

bequest, the last two surviving members of the family, Ival and Ruth, created **The Stark Family Fund**. Through this magnificent gift the combined assets of the five Stark sisters and their spouses will be put to good work for the benefit of local citizens for many years to come. Their strong sense of civic responsibility

will continue to sustain worthy projects and causes in their beloved community.

Income from the fund will go toward supporting a broad spectrum of community activities and charitable causes in the fields of education, culture, health and social services and animal welfare in Prince Edward County, particularly in the former Village of Bloomfield and the Township of Hallowell. The \$1.2 million bequest is entrusted to CFGK where it

will be held in perpetuity.

The Stark Sisters made a carefully-thought out-decision to support their community for years to come through a generous bequest. To establish an endowment fund with CFGK you may use gifts of cash or securities, a designation in your will, or a life insurance policy. CFGK offers several different types of funds, all flexibly designed to allow the donor to support the area or organization of their choice. If you would like to know more about the possibilities, please contact Monica Stewart at 546-9696 for information.

Supporting your community forever ... through a bequest to CFGK

After providing for family and loved ones, you can ensure that your commitment to the community continues with a bequest to The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston through your will.

Bequests are the most frequent type of planned gift made to charity. If you make a bequest to the Community Foundation, your estate receives a charitable deduction for the full amount given. You may leave a fixed sum, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate.

To draft a will, or make changes to an existing will, you should always consult your professional advisors. However, we may be of assistance in providing sample clauses to use as examples.

When you notify CFGK of a bequest provision in your estate plan, your name will appear (if you choose) in our annual donor-tribute edition of *Ripples*, which honours those who make lasting gifts to the community and serve as role models for others. If you have already made provision for a bequest to CFGK and your name is not

listed in *Ripples*, we would encourage you to contact the office and inform us of your intent.

You may direct your bequest to CFGK by naming the Operating Endowment, which benefits our work in the community, or the Community Fund, which supports our community grant-making program. You may also contribute to an Agency Endowment Fund or other existing funds. Or you may choose to use the bequest to set up your own named fund. The Foundation offers many flexible options, such as Donor-Advised, Designated, Scholarship, or Field-of-Interest funds. If you have an existing fund at CFGK, the bequest may be directed there. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us and ask for the booklet entitled "Endowed Funds at CFGK".

If you are a professional advisor, you may wish to obtain one of CFGK's Professional Advisor handbooks to provide your clients with more information on the topic of charitable giving. Through CFGK, a bequest becomes a permanent legacy that will serve the community for gen-

erations to come. The Foundation's board members ensure that donors' wishes will continue to be carried out as long as it is possible to do so.

Whatever method of giving you use, and whatever amount you choose to give, thank you for being a part of our community of support.

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innovative, enhances the general community awareness of philanthropy. As articulated in the 10 principles of Community Foundations of Canada, CFGK is clearly focused on the important work of *growing our philanthropic community*. By achieving this increased awareness the Foundation helps all the charities in our community to grow.

In order to share my enthusiasm with others, I have agreed to chair an initiative that will offer opportunities for the business and corporate community to participate in *growing our philanthropic community*. I look forward to talking to many of you on this exciting subject.

What difference can I make?

Little changes in lifestyle and behaviour can make some big changes in our environment. Think back to the days before recycling – when everyone threw everything out in the trash. In less than 20 years, most households have gone from recycling little to nothing to recycling newspapers, plastics, glass and metal. Many businesses recycle paper and buy recycled products, and many industries practice source reduction in their packaging efforts. An entire mindset has changed in one generation!

When individual action is multiplied by the 130,000 people in the Greater Kingston Area or the six billion people worldwide, imagine how significant the potential for change will be.

CFGK has supported projects that help people in our community take positive steps to enhance our environment. Here are two examples:

Hearthmakers Energy Co-operative, with help from a grant from CFGK, has helped raise awareness of the effects of pesticide use on our lawns, causing many citizens to reconsider how they treat their lawns.

Bill Robb is known to many Kingstonians. His vision, along with the financial support from CFGK, helped transform the rock cut on Highway 2 to the beautiful Barriefield Rock Garden. Not only will the plants and trees that are now growing on the rock cut beautify this entrance to our community for years to come, they also provide an improved habitat for creatures, and a nature experience for children from nearby schools.

The “Fund for the Environment,” will be dedicated to supporting initiatives that enhance our local environment in many and varied ways. Your contribution will help make a difference for years to come.



CFGK launches its new “Fund for the Environment” with matching donations

By Andy Mills and Monica Stewart



Andy Mills

Kingston and area is blessed with unique surroundings – lakes and wetlands, rivers and canals, unique landforms, wildlife and plant life, and cities, towns and hamlets that make this area special. The state of our natural and built environment affects our quality of life, and needs to be cared for by us all.

Many citizens in the Greater Kingston area share concerns about the state of the environment and the legacy we are leaving our children and grandchildren. CFGK’s grantmaking has always included projects designed to improve the environment. The establishment of a designated, permanent *Fund for the Environment* ensures that the Foundation can support environmental initiatives in the future.

Donations matched

Citizens and organizations can express their lasting support for the environment by contributing to this new endowment fund. To encourage initial contributions, *donations up to a total of \$15,000 will be matched* by the Great Lakes Community Foundation Environmental Collaborative.

McConnell Family Foundation

We have also been invited by the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation to participate in a nation-wide pilot project that has the potential to greatly enhance our environmental grant-making ability. The

CFGK board is currently reviewing this opportunity.

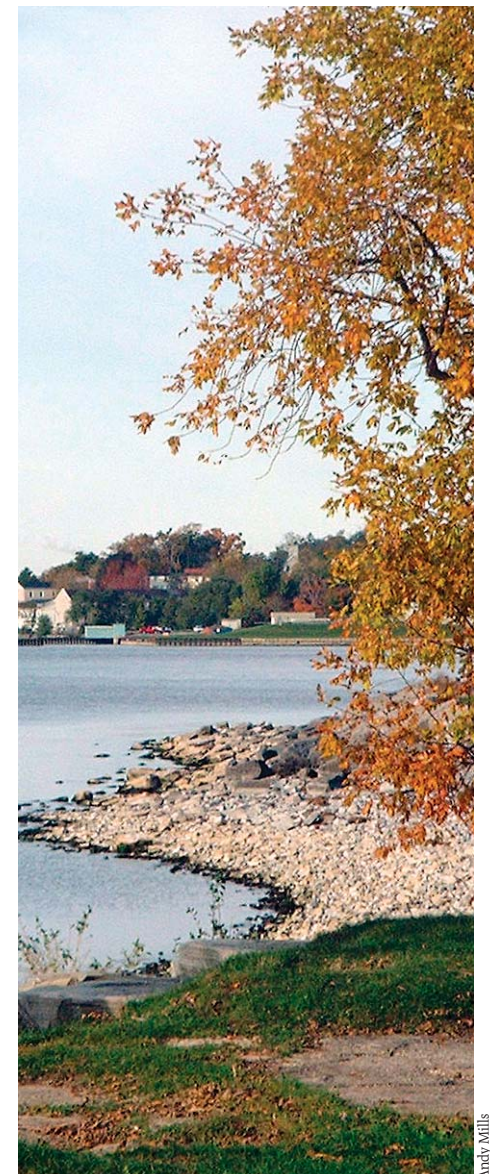
Our Vision

The new *Fund for the Environment* will generate grants to support environmental initiatives and programs that:

- increase education and awareness of environmental issues and solutions
- offer individuals and organizations a real way to change their behaviour or practices
- enhance the local natural environment
- strengthen the capacity of environmental organizations to do their work more efficiently.

We have established a task force, which will consult with local environmental organizations and experts to help develop our grant-making criteria. In 2003, we will be calling for applications for projects dealing with water quality and shoreline issues. Future granting priorities will be determined in consultation with the community.

To earmark your gift to this important cause, please mark “Environment Fund” on the response envelope or coupon on the back page. If you are considering a bequest, gift of life insurance, or other planned gift in the environmental field, please call us.



Andy Mills

OUR BAND OF Angels

These nine people have been selected to receive our president's *Archangel Award*. Although, individually, they have enormously contributed to our success, they are truly meant to represent the hundreds of *angels* in our midst who have helped CFGK lift off and soar.



Top Michael Davies Row 1 Eveline Flint, Peter Tobias, Donna Grieve, Mary-Alice Thompson Row 2 Katherine Manley, Virginia Gordon, Kim Donovan with President, Gini Rosen, Walter Fenlon

MAKING WAVES

For Kids...Forever

The community responded to one last chance at matching dollars from the provincial government for the "For Kids...Forever" Fund. Thanks to generous donors, we now qualify for an additional \$25,000 in matching money to help build the fund, which helps improve access to sport and recreation opportunities for children who might not otherwise be able to participate. Thank you Kingston!

Transatlantic Waves

Our Executive Director, Monica Stewart, is now a participant in the Transatlantic Community Foundation Network (TCFN). TCFN was created to provide a forum for the exchange of experience and expertise among European and North American community foundations to stimulate and strengthen local philanthropy. CFGK is one of only four foundations in Canada to be given this honour.

Another Honour

Our President, Gini Rosen, has been awarded a Commemorative Golden Jubilee Medal for her volunteer efforts and service to many community organizations, including CFGK. These medals are being presented to citizens across Canada to mark the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Grants and Consequences

The Ontario Museums Association presented an award of merit to the Agnes Etherington Art Centre for their innovative exhibition *Museopathy*: a combination of visual artists' installations of site-specific works held in 11 museums and heritage sites in Kingston last summer. CFGK is proud to have supported the award-winning exhibit.

Trillium Grant

We thank The Ontario Trillium Foundation for supporting CFGK. A one-year grant will support promotional activities, and further development of our youth philanthropy program. In his congratulatory letter John Gerretsen, MPP says: "The Greater Kingston Area is fortunate to have the Community Foundation. The award of this grant is recognition of the fact that your organization improves and strengthens the fabric of our community."



THE ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION
LA FONDATION TRILLIUM DE L'ONTARIO

New YAC initiatives

YAC members are working hard on two new initiatives: a youth forum in May 2003, and a unique new initiative called the *Kickstart!* Mini-grants program. Check out our YAC web page for more details.

New Date & Place

Our third annual art auction, *Art on Many Levels*, is scheduled for April 30, 2003. We expect our exciting new venue to be the historic Masonic Temple on Wellington Street. Watch for details.

Ripples Reader Survey

Thanks to the many people who responded to our questionnaire. Verdict? You liked it! We hope to incorporate your many ideas and suggestions in future *Ripples*.

We've got mail

Roy Wallis, *Glenboro Manitoba Area Foundation* writes... "Further to our communication in January, here is our first attempt at a *Ripples*-like report to the community. It doesn't compare with *Ripples* but it is all we can afford. Thanks again for your input and co-operation".

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