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Welcome to Ripples' new 'look'!

You may be reading this asking "What is Ripples?" Well, thanks for asking!

Ripples is the Community Foundation's semi-annual report to the community. As stewards entrusted with donors' charitable wishes, we feel it is important to report back on the impact of their individual and collective generosity. Since our establishment in 1995, Ripples, a volunteer effort, has been distributed as an insert in The Kingston Whig-Standard and by mail.

As we approach our 25th anniversary, we want to raise awareness of the Foundation and the good work we do in our community. The primary purpose of this issue of *Ripples* is to introduce the Foundation to first-time readers. By changing the format and distribution, we hope to reach more people and make the Foundation, its work, and impact, the topic of conversations throughout the community.



We invite you to read the following pages to learn more about the Community Foundation – what we do, how it works, and how you can get involved. Whether you have been a long-time reader of *Ripples*, or you are reading it for the first time, we hope you enjoy what you find.

We'd love to hear how you like our new 'look'; use the contact information directly below.

CHRIS CHARD, PRESIDENT & TINA BAILEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We Make Grants!

Since 1995 the Foundation's *Community Grants Program* has invested over \$2Million in 346 local charities. The Foundation accepts applications twice a year. Any local charity can apply for project support.

Fall Grants 2018: 20 grants totaling \$197,927 were awarded to local charities directly benefiting over 4,000 people.

ARTS & CULTURE

\$6,940 Kingston Historical Society: Indigenous Consultation
\$6,100 Kingston Symphony Association: Discover the Symphony
\$6,240 Melos Music Society Inc.: Early Music and Dance
\$5,830 Skeleton Park Arts Festival: Skeleton Park Press

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

\$14,808 Kingston Health Sciences Centre (Queen's): Youth Mental Health \$10,060 Psychology Clinic (Queen's): Children's Mental Health

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

\$4,387 Kingston Community Health Centres: Pathways to Education \$19,575 Kingston Employment & Youth Services: Begin Again Group Development \$20,361 Loving Spoonful: Cooking in the Nest: Indigenous Culture and Language

EDUCATION & LITERACY

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

\$4,547 Hospice Kingston: Moving Through Grief with Yoga\$4,932 Outreach St. George's Kingston: Lunch by George

YOUTH

\$2,500 Easter Seals Ontario: Send a Kid to Camp

\$18,993 Winter Warmth Program: Winter Clothes for Those in Need

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How the Foundation Works

CFKA strengthens our community by connecting the generosity of donors with the energy and ideas of people and charities addressing local community needs.

The CFKA supports area charities dedicated to improving community well-being. In 2018:

\$719,540 Distributed

Any charity in the area CFKA serves can apply for a grant.





\$20,931,492 Invested

All donations are invested to produce an income for distribution to charities.



\$1,353,098 Donated

Anyone can make a donation, small or large, to the CFKA.

Become a donor now.



Join the thousands of donors who, since 1995, have built a strong **Foundation**.

Why do you Volunteer with CFKA?

"It's such a community asset that it is very worthwhile to participate so that it thrives."

Coming Up ...

SPEAKER SERIES LUNCHEON

Date: Monday, May 13 **Time:** 11:45 am - 1:30 pm Residence Inn By Marriott, 7 Earl Street, Kingston

ACEs are Not Wild Cards!

Building community resilience to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and mitigate their effects.

Following up from our last Speaker Series, this talk will look at how we can build resilience in our children and youth at risk. We know that trauma can change a child's brain structure and leads to predictable risks of serious health outcomes. Explore how the ACEs model can transform our approach to address root causes and break cycles that lead to poverty and homelessness.

A Community Foundation "Smart & Caring" *Getting* Started event.

*\$50 by advanced registration only: tax receipt for donation portion.

Sign-up at www.cfka.org or call 613.546.9696

COMMUNITY GRANTS CELEBRATION

Date: Thursday, May 23 **Time:** 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

KFLA Public Health, 221 Portsmouth Avenue, Kinaston

Celebrate and connect with local charities receiving their grants for projects enhancing community well-being.

All are Welcome.

Identifying Community Needs

The Foundation's Vital Signs® 2018 reported October 15 on significant trends over 10 years for a range of areas critical to community well-being: the rate of poverty increased slightly to 13.3%. There is still work to do!



Reanna King (a lived-experience Poverty Expert), Judi Wyatt (co-founder, The Poverty Challenge), and Mike Bell (CEO, Kingston Community Health Centres) answering penetrating questions about the lived-experience of poverty in Kingston and the impact on short and long-term health.

Community Conversations

Our Vital Signs launch focused on the lived-experience of poverty and its health consequences. Following up, a disturbing but inspiring Speaker Series by Ottawa's Dr Jeff Turnbull, challenged everyone present to show compassion and work together to improve health equity, decrease homelessness, and achieve greater success treating chronic addictions and mental health illnesses. His stand-out piece of advice: "Focus on youth. Prevent the start of street living and addiction."

CFKA's recent event, The Poverty Challenge, showed the barriers experienced by the poor seeking help from the agencies meant to help them. See the need for compassion in the reaction of one participant:

"It was the most eye-opening experience ever ... a glimpse into what it feels like, the frustration and hopelessness, the shame and the fear, and the going around-in-circles feeling."



The Poverty Challenge participants experiencing the barriers faced by the poor seeking help.



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