

Waves



Community Foundation
for Kingston & Area



From our Executive Director

Dear Readers,

Things are hopping at the Community Foundation this summer!

Our small but mighty team has grown thanks to a Canada Summer Jobs grant. Dana Mitchell has joined us for the summer to help update our website and put together various communications pieces, including articles for this newsletter. You can read about her below.

We have undergone a leadership transition on our board. Chris Chard has completed his two-year term as President/Board Chair, and Gayle Barr has assumed the role. We also have one fabulous new addition to the board, and I couldn't be more excited about who is joining the Executive team as our new Vice-President. You can read about these great new additions and see the full leadership team in the article below.

I am so privileged to get to work with such talented and committed community leaders, all of whom bring their own unique strengths and passions to the table. Thank you, Chris, for your leadership and support over these years. The Foundation has grown and evolved so much during your time at the helm.

And a special thank you to outgoing Board member Michael Bell.

I have been working closely with Michael since I first joined the Community Foundation six years ago. He has worn so many 'hats' and led so many projects, that I simply can't imagine where the Foundation would be now without him. His gentle leadership, strategic vision, wise counsel, and editorial brilliance will be missed!

While Michael certainly deserves a break after a busy eight years with the Foundation (our maximum board term), we are all grateful he has agreed to stay on to oversee our next two publications.

Which leads me to another of the Foundation's big summer projects. After ten years of publishing a full *Vital Signs*[®] community report, we are taking a new approach. Early in September, we will be releasing our first "Community Insights" report, a new, condensed publication that will focus on one important topic within our community.

Our first issue will be on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) - picking up on conversations we started at our speaker events this past year.

Thank you to Michael Bell, George Wright, Meredith MacKenzie, Kris Millan, Suzanne Fegan, and Laurie Dixon - our dedicated working group, who have been working tirelessly to put the report together over the past few months.

Until the next issue...happy reading, and enjoy the beautiful summer weather!



Tina Bailey
Executive Director

Foundation Updates

Board Changes



At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June, we welcomed Sue Bates to the Foundation's Board of Directors. Sue joined the Community Foundation's Grants Committee last year and brings a wealth of volunteer experience and community knowledge to the table. Sue is perhaps most well known by Queen's graduates for serving as the President of the Alumni Association from 2016-2018. Her full bio can be read in the link below.

Gayle Barr has assumed the role of President and Chair of the Board, taking over from Chris Chard, who moves into the role of Past President.

Gayle has been a valued member of the Foundation since 2013 and has

previously served as Vice-President and Chair of the Grants Committee.

Rob Wood is joining the Executive team, taking on the role of Vice-President.

In addition to these meaningful additions, we also bid farewell to one of our esteemed board members. After serving the maximum term of 8 years, Michael Bell will be stepping down from his position on the Board.

During his time with the Foundation, Michael has served as Secretary, Vice-President, President and Past President. He has also provided leadership behind the *Vital Signs*® and Ripples publications, helping to launch the new format in Kingston Life magazine this past spring.

While stepping off the board, Michael will continue facilitating the Foundation's publications through 2019-20.

"We would like to thank Michael for his hard work, dedication, and continued commitment to the Community Foundation," says Chris Chard. "He has been an invaluable asset and friend to all of us at CFKA, and we will miss having him around the boardroom table."

The 2019-20 CKFA Board of Directors is:

- Gayle Barr, President
- Chris Chard, Past President
- Rob Wood, Vice-President
- Jonathan Warren, Treasurer
- George Wright, Secretary
- Sue Bates, Director
- Julie Burch, Director
- Peter Finnegan, Director
- Dr. Ian Gemmill, Director
- Kalen Ingram, Director
- Richard Kizell, Director
- Bryce Parisotto, Director
- George Thomson, Director

To learn more about the CFKA Board of Directors and read their bios, visit <https://www.cfka.org/board/>.

2018 Highlights

2018 Annual Report



The Community Foundation's 2018 Annual Report and audited Financial Statements are now available online.

The Annual Report, which can be accessed through the link below, provides an overview of our activities and milestones from the last fiscal year, and reflects the many ways we have worked with the community to make a lasting impact. In 2018, CFKA granted \$719,540 to 141 unique organizations, raised \$1.3 million in donations, and worked with donors to establish 6 new funds to enhance our granting capacity.

The Foundation also celebrated many internal successes in 2018, including moving to our new location, embarking on a revitalized 6-year strategic plan, and publishing the 10th annual *Vital Signs*[®] community report.

The creation of this year's report would not have been possible without the help of several volunteers. We would like to thank Kassandra DeGuire of KAYMEDIA for her time and creativity in putting the report together. And thank you to Yara Chard and Garrett Elliott Photography for capturing images from the Foundation's various events throughout the year.

"Thank you to everyone who contributed to an incredibly successful year for the Foundation: our donors, board members, volunteers, and staff," says Chris Chard, who served as President of CFKA for the past two years. "It's wonderful to see what we can accomplish working together."

To see the full 2018 Annual Report and Financial Statements, visit <https://www.cfka.org/annual-reports-financials/>.

New Addition for the Summer



We are pleased to welcome Dana Mitchell to the Community Foundation team this summer!

Dana, a recent graduate from Queen's University, will be filling the role of Office & Communications Assistant. Throughout her 8-week contract, she will be helping to write content for the Foundation's website, newsletter and social media channels, and assist with various administrative and marketing projects.

This new student position was made possible through the Canada Summer Jobs program, a government initiative that helps employ young people across the country. The Foundation is very thankful to have received funding to hire a new team member for the summer.

As an English Literature student, Dana brings her unique storytelling and editing skills to the position. She is an avid reader and writer, and has contributed to various publications including Shameless Magazine, The Queen's Journal, and Queen's Gazette. This fall, she will be attending Ryerson University to participate in their Literatures of Modernity MA program.

"I'm very excited to be working with CFKA this summer," says Dana. "The team has been so friendly and welcoming, and I look forward to helping them further their impact and outreach in the community."

2019 Spring Grant Recipients

Community Grants Celebration



On May 23, the Community Foundation hosted our 2019 Spring Grants Celebration. The event brought together donors, volunteers, and community members to recognize the efforts and achievements of this round's grant recipients.

During the celebration, the Foundation granted \$162,539.24 to 18 local charities. This funding will enable the charities to undertake innovative projects that have a direct impact on our community.

Not only will 6,541 people be impacted by these grants, with thousands of others benefitting indirectly, but the broad range of recipients will ensure that this outreach is widespread throughout all fields of interest.

"We are thrilled to be supporting organizations that will be making a tangible difference in the quality of life for our community" says Julie Burch. "We are able to provide grants to all of our fields of interest this round, truly making the Foundation a 360-degree grant maker!"

These fields of interest include: Arts & Culture, Children's Mental Health, Community Development, Education & Literacy, Environment, Health & Social Services, Heritage Preservation, Recreation, and Youth.

"A common theme we saw in the spring applications were projects that aim to create a sense of belonging in our community," said Executive Director Tina Bailey. "We are pleased to help so many of these projects provide opportunities for engagement, inclusion and participation, in order to reduce social isolation and promote communal values."

For a full list of grant recipients, read the full story [here](#).

Stark Family Fund Grant Recipients



On June 17, the Community Foundation, which holds the Stark Family Fund, granted \$34,325.07 to local charities in Prince Edward County.

The grants celebration, which was held in Bloomfield, brought together volunteers, community members and grant recipients for an evening of sharing and general festivity. During the celebration, each grant recipient had a minute to describe their funded project and the impact it will have in our community, making it a truly inspiring and poignant event.

This year, grants were awarded in several fields of interest, reflecting the wide range of community initiatives that were of interest to the Stark Family.

"Congratulations to all of the Stark Family Fund grant recipients," says Tina Bailey, Executive Director of CFKA. "We look forward to watching these local projects thrive as they carry on the Stark family legacy."

In 2002, the Stark Family Fund was established at the Community Foundation with a generous bequest from the last two surviving members of the Stark family, Ival and Ruth. Through the fund, the accumulated estates of the five Stark sisters and their spouses will be able to sustain worthy projects in Prince Edward County for many years to come.

To see a list of this year's grant recipients, read the full article [here](#).

Community Builder Award

Congratulations Jimmy Hassan!



The Community Foundation has awarded the second annual Community Builder Award to local businessman and community member Jimmy Hassan. The award recognizes his efforts to promote and celebrate diversity in our community and his work to inspire the civic engagement of all people, regardless of age, race or background.

"I'm incredibly honoured to be receiving the Community Builder Award in recognition of the importance of creating true change and awareness around the need for diversity in our community," says Hassan. "We all share a responsibility to make our City and our Country better for everyone and to do this we must value the importance of recognizing how diversity strengthens our community."

To learn more about Jimmy Hassan, read the full story [here](#).

Grant Update

Sharing Our Indigenous History

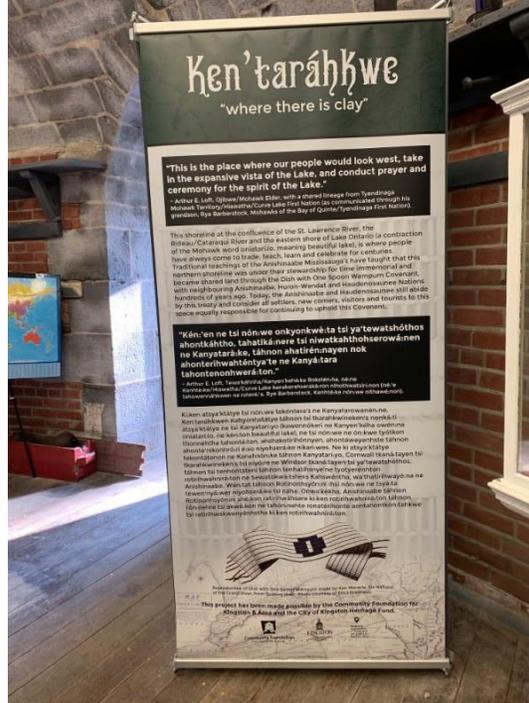
The Murney Tower Museum, one of our 2018 Fall Community Grant Recipients, hosted a talk on July 17 with Dr. Terri-Lynn Brennan. The event, entitled 'Murney Tower's First Nations History', gave community members the chance to hear about Dr. Brennan's research and the development of the museum's new Indigenous history panel.

Thanks to a Community Foundation Grant of \$6,940, the museum was able to create a panel, along with an audio component, that recognizes Murney Point's rich Indigenous history and celebrates the cultural contributions of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Among the many topics covered at the event, Dr. Brennan discussed the importance of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Covenant, and the directional significance of the panel facing west.

"By including this panel in the museum's interpretation of the Tower, it will allow a segment of the population who often does not see itself in our historical narratives to see the important role their ancestors played in the region," says Danielle Marshall, Curator at the Murney Tower Museum. "The panel will also help to educate non-Indigenous visitors of the importance of Indigenous history. We believe that by including Indigenous history in our historical narrative the history of Kingston becomes that much richer."

The panel is now on display at the Murney Tower Museum.



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