



Muskoka Community Foundation



Annual Report 2022

Message from the Executive Director



2022 was a year of collaborations for the Muskoka Community Foundation. As one of over 200 community foundations operating across Canada we have several opportunities to participate in a variety of national granting programs. Some of these programs provide much needed financial support to the charitable sector in the Districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound, while others cover larger areas across the Province.

As the pandemic continued to have a direct impact on communities, the Muskoka Community Foundation partnered with the Barrie Community Foundation to co-lead the Central and Eastern Ontario Hub to deliver funding through the Healthy Communities Initiative from 2021 through

2022. Out of the 71 grants awarded across the Central and Eastern region of Ontario, 5 grants went to organizations working in Muskoka.

In 2022 the Muskoka Community foundation also had the opportunity to administer the Investment Readiness Program for the Central Ontario region in partnership with the Barrie Community Foundation and the Prince Edward County Community Foundation. Results from this funding program will be announced in early 2023.

The Muskoka Community Foundation was thrilled to work with the North Bay and Area Community Foundation, Huronia Community Foundation and the Barrie Community Foundation to jointly fund a series of workshops designed for Indigenous youth across our catchment areas. The programing was developed and designed by the Georgian Bay Anishinaabek Youth (GBAY).

These valued collaborations allow the Muskoka Community Foundation to build stronger regional relationships and expand our understanding of issues impacting our communities.

Lynn DeCaro, Executive Director

Message from the Chair

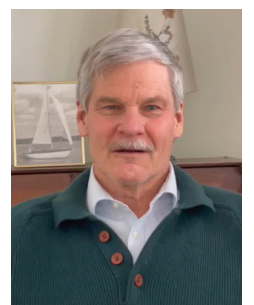
As you see from our Executive Director's message, the Muskoka Community Foundation has been active in providing support during the Covid-19 pandemic. We are encouraged by the support given to our operations and are excited by the addition of new funds to our overall portfolio.

With our understanding of the needs of the community and the ongoing work of collaborative organizations like Gravenhurst Against Poverty (GAP) and Residents Against Muskoka Poverty (RAMP), the funds we administer (pg 2) continue to "Give Through Us" to support organizations in and around Muskoka.

We hope to add more funds, perhaps focussing on legacy or other specific interests.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I wish to say a heartfelt Thank You to our donors and fundholders as we look forward to another successful year.

Bill Fee, Chair



The Muskoka Community Foundation would like to acknowledge that the District Municipality of Muskoka is the traditional territories of the Ojibway, the Chippewa, the Algonquin and the Odawa. Today Muskoka is home to three sovereign nations: Wahta Mohawks First Nations, Moose Deer Point First Nation and the Moon River Métis. These lands are covered by the Williams Treaty of 1923, the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 and the J. Collins land purchase of 1785.

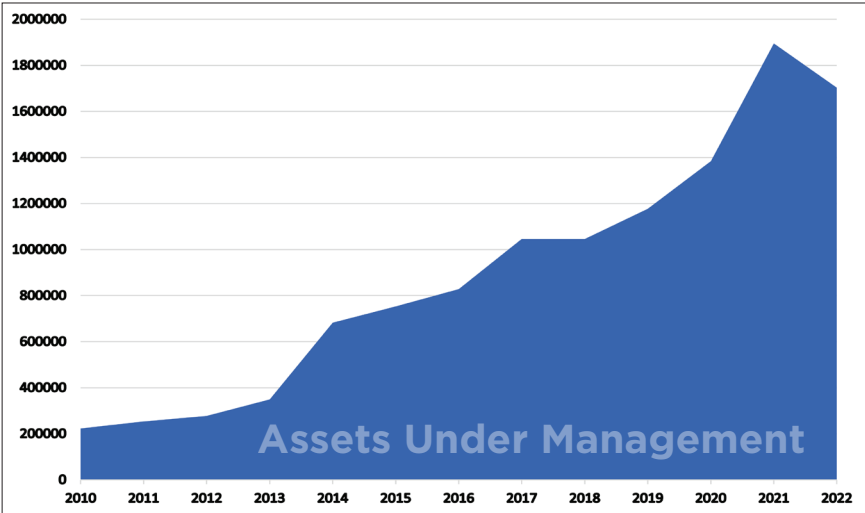
Assets Under Management

In 2022 the Muskoka Community Foundation welcomed the following funds:

- RAMP Flow-through Fund
- Black Point Fund

Other funds administered by the Muskoka Community Foundation:

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| Muskoka Community Foundation Administrative Fund | Stan Darling Environmental Education Fund |
| Youth Citizenship and Service Fund | South and Central Almaguin Education Fund |
| Muskoka Youth Mental Health and Wellness Fund | Uffelmann Family Fund |
| Smart & Caring Muskoka Fund | Patricia’s Fund |
| The Peggy Clark-Guiry Happy Dancing Feed Fund | Paul and Ruby Erb Fund |
| Cowan Family Fund | Muskoka Strong Fund |
| Dara’s Fund | Coco Bear Fund |
| Lowden Family Fund | Peter and Eve Willis Bursary Fund |
| Goodwin Family Fund | |



The Muskoka Community Foundation offers donors a number of options when setting up a fund. This might include the fund structure such as an endowed fund or a flow-through fund with a specific spend down feature. Donors can also chose their level of involvement during the annual disbursement of grants by providing a list of charitable organizations or asking the Muskoka Community Foundation to suggest specific programs or organizations supporting the donor’s areas of interest.

Annual Granting

In 2022 the Muskoka Community Foundation celebrated its 15th year as a community foundation by continuing to work with donors to make a positive and lasting impact. Nearly \$215,000.00 was granted to support charities and vital programs. Grants supported youth mental health and wellness, food security, health care, youth transitional housing, operational support for charities and 18 bursaries for graduating students across Muskoka, Parry Sound and Almaguin. Below are just a few of the programs supported through the Muskoka Community Foundation.

Patricia’s Fund: Little Sprouts Eco Club

Cowan Family Fund: Gravenhurst Against Poverty

RAMP Flow Through Fund: Habitat for Humanity Gateway North

Coco Bear Fund: MiND AID

Lowden Family Fund: Therapeutic Paws Muskoka Chapter

Erb Family Fund: Manna Food Bank

The Muskoka Community Foundation would like to thank all of its donors who Give Through Us to help make Muskoka a caring, healthy and vibrant community!



2022 Graduates – South and Central Almaguin Education Fund



Peggy Clark-Guiry Happy Dancing Feed Fund



Stan Darling Environmental Fund

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

There are many wonderful faces behind the work we do at the Muskoka Community Foundation. They are a committed group of community members who offer their time and expertise to help us build a smart and caring Muskoka.

For 2022, the Muskoka Community Foundation was and still is fortunate to work with this group of volunteers, who serve as the Foundation’s Board of Directors supported by Executive Director, Lynn DeCaro.



Bill Fee
(Chair)



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(Vice-Chair/
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MUSKOKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SINCE 2007

2007

Muskoka Community Foundation was founded

2008

Muskoka Community Foundation awards first grant worth \$400.00

2016

Muskoka Community Foundation hosts Wasan Island Symposium to discuss children and youth in Muskoka

2016-2017

Muskoka Community Foundation awards grants to local charities through the Community Fund for Canada’s 150th

2018

Muskoka Community Foundation releases its first Muskoka Vital Signs Report

2020

The Muskoka Community Foundation responds to the COVID 19 pandemic and supports local charities through the Emergency Community Support Fund

2021

Muskoka Community Foundation releases its second Muskoka Vital Signs Report

2021

Muskoka Community Foundation co-leads the Healthy Communities Initiative Fund for Central and Eastern Ontario

2022

Muskoka Community Foundation co-leads the Investment Readiness Program for Central Ontario



Patricia’s Fund - Little Sprouts Eco Club



Patricia’s Fund - One Kids Place



RAMP Fund Grant Recipients



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