



"I made this donation as a fitting memorial to Butch, as a means to honour him and his wish that the shores of Georgian Bay be preserved in their natural beauty and wonder, forever." - Lu LaFrance

Donor Stories

Care For The Land We Love

"My husband Butch was an avid Georgian Bay sailor. He particularly loved the North Channel and was saddened one year to discover new cottage development encroaching on the once unspoiled shore of his favorite anchorage. He always felt strongly that special places like these should be protected." - Lu LaFrance

Stories like Butch's are not uncommon in Huronia. As citizens of this naturally beautiful area, we sometimes take Georgian Bay's splendour for granted - until it is destroyed or more sadly, destroyed. In preserving Georgian Bay, we are preserving our future. So upon his passing, we decided to create a trust in his name to honor his memory and to ensure that the Georgian Bay he loved is preserved for future generations. The Butch LaFrance Endowment Trust is now established and is being used to purchase and maintain acres of Georgian Bay shoreline.

Established by the Huronia Community Foundation and in part funded by the Georgian Bay Endowment Trust, the fund is committed to the purchase and maintenance of a lasting legacy to a Georgian Bay shoreline.

We believe our community is worth supporting - we know you do too.



Huronia Community Foundation is a locally run, public foundation that builds and manages permanent income earning endowment funds from charitable donations.

In other words, we accept donations from donors, invest them for long term growth, and distribute the earnings to local charities based on their needs and the needs of the community.

The unique structure of Huronia Community Foundation enables charitable donations from individuals, corporations and organizations to support and sustain Huronia forever.

We are one of over 170 established Canadian Community Foundations.



A Lasting Legacy

Tom and Lucille Gay will be remembered for many things; a zest for life, a love of music and a passion for sailing their boat. But undoubtedly this couple's most significant legacy will be their perpetual gift given to the community that meant so much to them.

Lucille chose one of the best ways to create a lasting legacy of giving. Lucille included a gift of \$200,000 in her last will and testament to create a non-restricted endowment fund.

Caring for Huronia Grant Stories

Our caring donors have enabled us to support:

Angels with Backpacks - \$1,000 granted to provide children in need and the homeless with a backpack filled with essentials.

Beausoleil First Nations - \$3,700 granted to provide wood stoves for families.

Endangered Domestic Animal Sanctuary - \$500 granted to assist in paying veterinarian bills and buying food for unwanted animals.

Midland Area Reading Council - \$5,000 granted to help students acquire confidence and workplace skills.

YMCA Camp Kitchikewana - \$1,100 granted to the Strong Kids Campaign to send a child to overnight camp.

Askennonnia Senior Centre - \$1,000 granted for CPR training to over 25 volunteers and paid program instructors.

Boys and Girls Club of North Simcoe - \$1,000 granted to provide healthy snacks, nutritional education, and physical activities for youths age 7 to 17 in the after school program.

MS Society - \$1,000 granted to purchase a wheelchair and assist with the household of families with MS.

And many other deserving charities.

All of these programs enhance the lives of many individuals. Without the charities and caring donors, none of this would be available in our community.



We Exist to Serve Charities and Donors

Since its inception in 2000, Huronia Community Foundation has granted over \$600,000 to local charities and causes. Some of these grants are directed by donors who have specified a particular area of interest. Others are distributed by the Huronia Community Foundation Committee, which is comprised of...

GIVING TO HURONIA

Contributing to or creating your own endowment fund has many benefits.

- Endowments make it easy to:
- support a cause you are passionate about
- get your family involved in giving
- leave a family legacy in Huronia by naming the fund after your family or a loved one
- trust others with future decision-making, knowing that people who understand the needs of Huronia will oversee the fund
- give forever

OUR HOME OUR COMMUNITY OUR FUTURE



Give Today, Help Forever.