

OVERVIEW

Canada's community foundations

Helping donors do
good work... **forever.**



Canada's community foundations are a national network of public foundations created by and for urban and rural communities to provide lasting support for local priorities. They are recognized sources of knowledge about local issues and are trusted for their ability to expertly manage donors' funds. Community foundations are one of Canada's largest grantmakers, providing more than \$137 million to a wide range of charities in 2006.

Three special features of community foundations

One: endowment building/personalized service. We build endowments and other funds to provide lasting support for local priorities. We make giving easy and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors with many charitable options. You can contribute cash, stocks, property, and other assets. You may establish a fund in your name or in the name of a loved one. And your gift qualifies for maximum tax advantage.

Two: local grantmaking expertise. Our foundation's staff and volunteers have a deep understanding of the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape our community. We seek out and support the most innovative and effective programs and organizations from every sector – including social services, education, the environment, health care, and the arts – adding impact to donors' charitable goals.

Three: community leadership. Because community foundations support all kinds of charities, - not just one sector or issue area - we are well positioned to bring diverse voices together to address pressing local issues. Our Board members are community leaders from all walks of life. Together, we build networks. We collaborate. We build community.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving.

We offer a variety of giving tools to help you achieve your charitable goals. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets and support the causes that are most important to you. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information or to find your local community foundation visit www.cfc-fcc.ca.

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Ten reasons people choose to give through community foundations

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We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.

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Our staff and volunteers have **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.

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We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

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Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.

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We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

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We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

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We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal law.

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We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

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We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

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We are a **community leader**, fostering collaboration on issues of broad interest to create positive change.

The community foundation movement at a glance

Canada's first community foundation was established in Winnipeg in 1921. Today, there are more than 150 community foundations in Canada. We serve every province and one territory, offering Canadians a variety of ways to make a personal difference through philanthropic giving.

In 2006, the community foundation movement contributed \$137 million to charities from coast to coast. We manage more than \$2.7 billion in assets – a permanent nest egg for Canadian communities.

Each community foundation is autonomous, but they are linked and supported by **Community Foundations of Canada**, their national membership organization.

Community foundations are one of the world's fastest growing philanthropic movements, with more than 1,100 foundations in 42 countries.

For more than 80 years Canada's community foundations have helped individuals, families, businesses and other groups get the most out of their giving.

You can support the issues and organizations you care about the most, all through your community foundation. For more information or to find your local community foundation visit www.cfc-fcc.ca

