

# Setting the Stage

## The Grand Bend Community Foundation Annual Report to the Community 2015



### A Message from the Chair

Welcome to the 2015 Report to the Community from the Grand Bend Community Foundation!

The title of this report, "Setting the Stage," refers to one of our major projects in 2015, the Rotary Community Stage (see page 2). But it also describes what we do as a Foundation every year—we set the stage for a vibrant community by providing leadership and financial support to charities that are doing wonderful work.

As Chair, it's my great honour to thank the people who make it all possible – our donors. To all those who contributed this year and in past years, thank you for your generosity, community spirit, and vision.

I also want to thank our hard-working board members, volunteers and community partners, and of course, the organizations we provide funding to.

I'm happy to report that during 2015, our endowment funds grew by approximately 3.9% and we maintained administrative costs at less than 2%. In total, we granted \$122,685 (including flow-through funds of \$64,785) to a wide variety of community organizations (see page 3).

As the Foundation moves forward, one of our goals will be helping Grand Bend become an age-friendly community. An age-friendly community is one that anticipates and responds to age-related needs and promotes the participation of older adults. As Canada's population ages and Grand Bend continues to be a magnet for active retirees, this is a natural focus. You'll be hearing more about this concept in the months ahead.

Of course the Foundation will also be supporting other initiatives serving people in our area across the lifespan.

As always, you can help to set the stage for these activities by giving back to our community through the Foundation (see page 4). Thank you for sharing our vision of "caring people collaborating to build an inclusive, sustainable community."

*Hank Winters*

## Building for the Arts: The Rotary Community Stage Project

It all started with a simple idea – music at sunset on Grand Bend's beautiful main beach.

A small grant from the Lambton Creative County Fund launched the project, "Summer Sunset Sounds," in 2014, and a series of concerts were held on Sunday nights that summer. A temporary stage was created using risers borrowed from a local school. The response was enthusiastic, says organizer and local business owner Glenn Baillie. "As the summer went on, the concerts got more and more successful. It was soon obvious that we needed a permanent performance venue."

Meanwhile a group of citizens were working with the Foundation to identify a high-impact project in the community. Jim Southcott, a community booster who has provided leadership for many projects, put forward the idea of a permanent stage at the beach. "Jim loves the history of the area and the old Casino dancehall that was a big part of the beach in the past," says David Campbell, Executive Director of the Foundation. Southcott took the idea to the Grand Bend Rotary Club and the Foundation, and things began to move quickly.

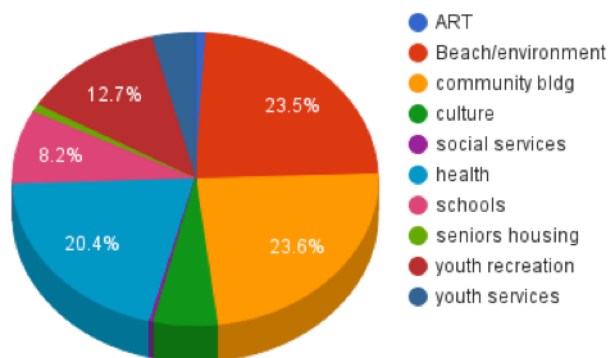
To launch the effort, the Foundation and the Rotary Club each made a three-year commitment of \$45,000. Within weeks, individuals, businesses, and community groups had stepped forward to contribute. Rotary partnered with the Municipality of Lambton Shores to apply for a federal grant, receiving \$67,000.

By March a shovel was in the ground. The new Stage will be complete in June. Baillie says there's lots of entertainment on tap for this summer, and big plans for the future. The stage will be an economic driver for the community, Southcott believes, attracting visitors and enhancing lifestyle for residents.

"This is the way things happen in Grand Bend," says Southcott. "When a good idea comes along, people get behind it and put their hands in their pockets. The Foundation played an outstanding leadership role."



Grants to end 2015 \$1,198,698



### 2015 Grants

#### Municipality Lambton Shores

Grand Bend Christmas lights & decor	\$6,200
Rotary Community Stage	\$15,000
Summer Sunset Sounds	\$2,000

#### Scouts Canada (Zurich)

Equipment & facilities upgrades	\$1,500
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#### Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

Grade 8 Water Education	\$5,000
5000 Trees Project	\$3,000
Lambton Shores Trail Association (docks)	\$2,500

#### Huron Shores United Church

Big Brothers Big Sisters South Huron	\$10,000
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Big Bunch Group	\$10,000
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*Partially funded by the Relouw Fund and the 2001 London Alliance Canada Summer Games Fund*

#### Lambton Kent District School Board

MJ. Muma Bursary (2)recipients	\$1,700
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**Our heartfelt thanks to the following individuals and organizations  
that contributed during 2015:**

Sheldon Aaron  
Shirley Andraza & Bill Harvey  
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Casual Industries  
Drayton Entertainment 50/50  
Elison Travel  
Grand Bend Exercise group  
Grand Bend Horticultural Society  
Grand Bend Legion  
Grand Bend Pharmacy  
Grogan Ford Lincoln  
Huron Tractor  
London Community Foundation  
Midori (Tina Sandre)  
Pine Dale Motor Inn  
Sea Jewels Trading Company  
Van Raay Farms  
West Coast Lions Club

**Named Funds Held by Grand Bend Community Foundation**

The Krech Family Fund  
The Stephanie & Ted Donaldson Family Fund  
The Hank & Nancy Winters Fund  
The Jim & Jacquie Southcott Fund  
The Brian & Irene Hall Fund  
The Catherine Campbell Fund  
The Relouw Fund  
The MJ Muma Fund  
The Charlotte Eleanor Robinson Fund for the arts  
The Hay Communications Fund  
The Sabourin Fund  
The Grand Bend Community Fund  
The Grand Bend Environment Legacy Fund  
The South Huron Community Fund



*"Thanks to the leadership and support of the Grand Bend Community Foundation, the 5000 Trees Project saw more than 1,700 trees planted during 2015. That's an important contribution to climate change mitigation, and a great way to beautify our wonderful community!" Max Morden, 5,000 Trees Project*

*Our old camp trailer had become unfit for the road and the only way for us to afford to replace it was by cancelling some activities to free up the funds. Through the support of the Grand Bend Foundation we now have a fine new trailer without losing any of our scouting program. Recently 33 local kids returned from a truly fun camp. Harry Stuart, 1st Zurich Scouts*

## How You Can Set the Stage

Our community is a very special place. You can help make it even more vibrant by making a legacy gift to the Grand Bend Community Foundation.

The Grand Bend Community Foundation has been serving our community since 2002. In its first 13 years, the Foundation granted more than \$1 million to local charities. Now we're preparing for a new era of growth and leadership.

When you make a gift to the Grand Bend Community Foundation it becomes part of a permanent fund that will help our community for many years to come. From education and health care, to sports and the environment – your gifts to the Foundation make a big difference, now and always.

You can help set the stage for our community by:

- Making a cash gift (annually or in a lump sum)
- Donating stocks and bonds
- Giving a life insurance policy you no longer need
- Making a bequest through your will
- Giving to other charities through the Foundation

## Our Grand People! – GBCF Board Members and Volunteers

Hank Winters (Chair)

Shirley Andraza (Secretary)

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Harlie Johnston (Treasurer)

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Penny Nelligan (Director)

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John Dehondt (Director)

Martha Powell (Advisor)

Paul Ciufo (Advisor)

Lynda Hillman Rapley (Advisor)

Pat Morden (Advisor)

David Campbell (Executive director)

*"Thanks to the Grand Bend Community Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron has been able to continue to offer two of our vital programs, Big Bunch and In-School Mentoring, serving 53 children in our surrounding area." – Amy Wilhelm, Casework Coordinator*

*"GBCF was a lifesaver for our concert series when we needed to secure funding for a temporary stage. The Board quickly approved a modest grant that ensured we could carry on with our summer series." – Glenn Baillie, Summer Sunset Sounds*

*"Thanks to our grant from GBCF, Lambton Shores Nature Trails is now able to purchase a floating dock that will allow canoeists and kayakers to readily access the Ausable River and connect with the Pinery Provincial Park and the nature trails maintained by LSNT." – Klaus Keunecke*

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