



INTERLAKE Community Foundation



Giving Guide



Building for
Tomorrow - Today!

www.interlakefoundation.ca



WHY GIVE?

Because it simply feels good to give back.

Some are inspired to give through personal values or family tradition, while others seek to channel their philanthropic desires into lasting community impact.

The Interlake Community Foundation helps caring individuals turn their interests into meaningful local contributions, showing that building compassionate communities doesn't require large gifts.

"A winner is a person who plants a shade tree knowing he or she will never sit under it." - Dennis Waitley

Giving to Your Community Foundation

Your local community foundation is a charitable non-profit organization that contributes time, leadership and financial support to initiatives that benefit your community most.

DONOR

Anyone can become a donor and gift a small or large amount of money to a community foundation.

DONOR ENGAGEMENT

Community foundations and donors work together to determine what community activities the money can support.

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

Community foundations work with the donor to establish a new endowment fund or give to an existing fund.

INVESTMENT

The donor's gift is pooled with a community foundation's endowed assets, invested through careful stewardship and income is used to make grants.

GRANTS

Community foundations distribute grants to all corners of the community, based on the needs of the community and the priorities set by the community foundation.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The community foundation invests in many ways — grants, building partnerships and pooling knowledge, resources and expertise to stimulate ideas and strengthen community.



Why contribute to a community foundation?



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATIONS
OF CANADA

Community knowledge | A deep understanding of local needs and opportunities.

Expertise | Community foundations are credible partners. They are people with expertise in financial management and granting.

Leadership | Community foundations are led by a board of directors comprised of knowledgeable community leaders.

The Power of Endowment Funds

The ICF invests our endowment Funds with the Winnipeg Foundation.

Your donation stays forever - we use the income on the investment for grantmaking and to support the ICF's operations. We typically grant out 4% to 5% of the Fund's market value annually.

THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT

BECAUSE AN ENDOWMENT FUND LASTS FOREVER, A GIFT TO YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS A POWERFUL CHOICE FOR SUPPORTING YOUR HOMETOWN OVER THE LONG TERM.

Consider this: if you make a one-time \$10,000 gift to a charitable organization, it will be spent on immediate needs. If you make a gift of \$10,000 to an endowment at a community foundation (of course, you can make a gift of any size!) its impact will snowball over time.

Here's an illustration:



Contributing to an endowment at your local community foundation is a way to create a lasting legacy and ensure the causes you hold dear receive support forever. For more information, contact us at 204.944.9474 or info@wpgfdn.org.



Charlie Birt, Merilee Mollard
and Tracy Holod



Laura and Fred Ross



Lloyd Jensen and the late
Sue Werner

GETTING STARTED

We've made it simple to start your giving journey, working with you, your family, or your professional advisor to guide you through the steps below. Once you know how you want to give, give us a call and we can meet to discuss all of the details. We will then draft a fund agreement according to your wishes to start your Fund!



BUILDING YOUR LEGACY

Many donors establish a Fund and contribute regularly during their lifetime, leave a gift in their will, or do both. Gifts can be made using a variety of assets.

Give us a call, we'd be happy to chat about your giving goals!

Cash: Simple and Immediate Impact

Give cash, cheques, e-transfers, credit card, or pre-authorized contributions on any schedule. Suitable for donors of any age who want an immediate impact and a charitable receipt.

- Mail a cheque payable to the Interlake Community Foundation to the Interlake Community Foundation, PO Box 1575, Stonewall, Manitoba, R0C 2Z0
- Send an e-transfer to info@interlakefoundation.ca, Please follow-up with an email to tell us your mailing address and the name of the Fund you'd like to support.
- Visit our website interlakefoundation.ca and click 'Donate Now' to be taken to our page on the Winnipeg Foundation's site to donate to the ICF by credit card. Your receipt will come from the Winnipeg Foundation on our behalf.
- Call us! We are here to help! 204.467.5634

Appreciated Securities: Maximize Your Impact, Minimize Your Taxes

Donate shares, mutual funds, or other securities to receive a charitable receipt for fair market value and avoid capital gains tax. We handle transfers through our partner the Winnipeg Foundation to ensure your generous gift benefits the community. We will prepare the form here in our office, or have your financial planner contact us.

Wills, Estates, and Bequests: Your Enduring Impact

Include the Foundation in your estate plan to leave a lasting legacy and potentially reduce estate taxes. We accept cash, securities, RRSPs, RRIFs, real estate, or other property.

Please note: We strongly suggest that you consult your lawyer, accountant or estate planner before making a substantial gift. We do not provide tax advice.

TYPES OF FUNDS

The Interlake Community Foundation offers a variety of fund types to match your charitable goals.

Permanently Endowed Funds:

Permanently invested to provide ongoing support for the community:

- » **Unrestricted Fund:** Supports the community's evolving needs through our Annual Community Granting Program.
- » **Field or Region of Interest Fund:** Supports the causes you care about, like arts, youth, seniors, health, or the environment.
- » **Student Award Fund:** Provides scholarships or bursaries to local students.
- » **Designated Fund:** Supports specific charities with reliable, long-term funding.

A named endowment fund can be started with a minimum of \$5,000 and you can take 5 years to get to that level. We do not grant from any Fund with less than \$5,000.

Short-Term (Non-Endowed) Funds:

Flexible options for immediate or time-limited giving:

- » **Spend-Down Fund:** Distributes a lump sum over a defined period.
- » **Flow-Through Fund:** Quickly passes funds to another organization or project.

These are usually used by a Community Group when raising capital funds. Please contact us for details.

Donor Recognition

We honour Fund Stakeholders through our website, financial statements, social media channels and at our Grant Celebration Event to acknowledge the lasting contributions to the community. We provide an annual report to our Fund Stakeholders.

ICF IN THE COMMUNITY



Warren Collegiate Class of 1970 started the Warren Collegiate Alumni Scholarship



ICF Community Grant to the Teulon Daycare



Bryan Lefley Scholarship Winner Kalin McGuirk



ICF Community Grant to Rosser Elementary School



ICF Community Grant to the Stony Mountain Community Association



ICF Community Grant to the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board



ICF 2026 Board of Directors and Staff

The Interlake Community Foundation connects donors with local charities.

There are many ways to become involved, and our purpose is to help you determine how philanthropy best fits your needs.

Our Foundation gives the opportunity to keep your investment locally and build the communities we are all part of. Working together, we can help build a future filled with compassion, opportunity and prosperity.

To all donors, charities and volunteers, thank you for your tireless work. Together we are building a legacy for the generations that follow us.

-Bob Beck, ICF Board Chair

We'd love to talk with you! Please reach out:

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