

# Helping local organizations sustain and grow



## DESIGNATED FUNDS

**Establishing a Designated Fund** allows you to support the good work of specific charitable organizations you choose. Because it's given through Hamilton Community Foundation, your gift provides the organization you select with ongoing funding and the benefits of investment management services.

### How it works

- You identify the organization(s) that you wish to benefit.
- You make a gift to Hamilton Community Foundation during your lifetime or through a bequest in your will. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.
- We set up a special fund in your name, in the name of your family or business or in honour of any person, organization or life event that has meaning to you. Your fund can also be anonymous if you prefer.
- You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made.
- HCF's board issues grants to the designated organization(s).
- HCF handles all the administrative details, including managing specific qualifications that you may establish for distributing grants to this organization.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants to the designated organization(s). Your gift can be a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.

## Giving back with purpose and pleasure

Jeanne Scott learned many lessons from her mentor, the late Dan Giannini, including giving back to your community.

"Hamilton has been wonderful to me," says Jeanne. "Dan always told me if you're fortunate, give back to the things that have meant something to you."

As Dan's assistant, Jeanne used to attend meetings with him at the Foundation. "I liked what they were doing and the way they did it. The fact you could support your interests really appealed to me," she says.

Jeanne established a designated fund at HCF with gifts of shares. The fund will support the Good Shepherd Centre where she is a long-time volunteer, and HCF's Community Fund, recognizing her great love of the city. As a classically-trained singer and performer, her fund also supports a bursary award for performing arts students.

"I'm so happy to be able to give back to this city," says Jeanne. "It makes me feel that my purpose in life has been fulfilled."

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## Hamilton Community Foundation

Our mission is to strengthen Hamilton's quality of life as an inclusive and sustainable community by acting as a catalyst and by connecting people, ideas and resources through community philanthropy.

We do this by:

- **Building resources for long-lasting solutions.** We work with donors to build funds that ensure vital futures for our community.
- **Supporting all aspects of community life.** We grant to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.
- **Fostering community leadership.** We bring people together from all parts of the community to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

**Knowledge – of philanthropy and the community – is what sets us apart.**

- We know Hamilton's long-term issues and opportunities and align donors' philanthropic interests.
- We create innovative solutions and partnerships to advance community goals and maximize donors' impact.
- We provide expert, professional, reliable, flexible services.

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### More benefits

A designated fund provides a wonderful way to give back to one or more specific organizations that have touched your life. Your gift provides more than just funding – your favorite charitable organization(s) will benefit from Hamilton Community Foundation's investment stewardship and fund management ability. Because HCF handles the details, the organization's staff is freed up to focus on its mission. And, Hamilton Community Foundation can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving, such as planned gifts or gifts of appreciated stock or real estate.

You can add to the fund at any time. If the organization you select ceases to exist or changes mission, the fund can be redirected so that it continues to address your charitable intent.

Hamilton Community Foundation was founded in 1954. Since then, HCF has made grants to our community totaling more than \$55 million. Last year, HCF granted approximately \$4.1 million to Hamilton organizations involved in health, social services, arts, environment, education and recreation.

We are part of Canada's community foundation movement, represented by more than 160 community foundations from coast to coast. Together, we help Canadians invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play.