

# Connecting personal values to high-impact opportunities



## FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

**When you establish a Field of Interest Fund, you can target your gift to address needs in any area of community life that is important to you. Arts. AIDS. Aging. At-risk youth.... HCF's board approves grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you care about. Your gift stays flexible enough to meet community needs in your interest area – even as those needs change over time.**

### How it works

- You identify an area of personal interest, as broad or as narrow as you wish.
- 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.
- Our professional staff evaluates community needs in your area of interest that would benefit the most by grants from your gift.
- Our board issues grants in the name of the fund you establish. (If you prefer, grants can be made anonymously).
- We handle all the administrative details.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift can be a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.

### A personal connection

Ron Foxcroft knows the value of sport. It has opened doors for him in business and in life. A legendary referee, businessman and philanthropist, Ron wanted that chance for all kids.

“There wouldn’t be a Fox 40 whistle without the mentors and coaches I had growing up,” Ron says. “It was from them that I learned teamwork and leadership.” But for some children, access to recreation is limited because of cost, transportation, cultural and social hurdles.

Ron, his wife Marie, and their sons Steve, Dave and Ronnie chose to create The Foxcroft Family Youth Fund at Hamilton Community Foundation, to help break down those barriers. A field of interest fund, it will also help with the huge number of donation requests Ron’s companies receive.

“The Foundation is the jewel of Hamilton,” Ron says. “Working with their team, I know our family can maximize our impact for youth.”



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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**

When you establish a field of interest fund you advise the Foundation on the fund's direction and leave the maintenance up to us. Our professional staff continually monitor changing community needs to ensure that grants made in your fund's name have significant impact in your field of interest and create your personal legacy of giving.

You can add new contributions to your field of interest fund at any time – and so can others who share your interests. If you endow your gift, it becomes a permanent resource for the community.

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.