



Going Strong:

Edith H. Turner Foundation Fund

Family foundations were a new concept when 40-something lawyer Ben Simpson suggested to his client Edith Turner that she consider establishing one. It was the early 1970s and the relationship between the Turners and the Simpsons was into its second generation: Ben's father, T.H. Simpson, had been legal advisor to Miss Turner's parents.

Because Ben was highly trusted, his client listened when he proposed this novel idea.

"I had been studying family foundations, which were fairly new on the horizon in those days, and I suggested to her that she set up a foundation for her estate," Ben, now 80, recalls. "She didn't have any children and she wanted to accomplish something for the community over a long period of time – not just leave her estate to an individual or group. And after many, many discussions, we decided this was the smartest thing to do."



The AGH After School Kids Program was funded through the Edith H. Turner Foundation Fund.
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In March of 1974, the Edith H. Turner Foundation was born, with a start-up gift of \$500,000 from Miss Turner. Ben became president of its Board of Directors, which included Sondra Cornett (community volunteer), Doug Macpherson (Miss Turner's trust officer at National Trust), Margaret Heilig (secretary-treasurer of the Hamilton YWCA) and Terry Horne (a second cousin of Miss Turner's).

When Miss Turner passed away in 1983, most of the remainder of her estate – approximately \$5 million – was turned over to her foundation. The foundation continued to make grants throughout the community and became known as one of the few foundations to provide support to capital (building) projects.

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Message

from the President & CEO

In late June, a significant milestone was reached in the progress of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction. The "Change Framework for Poverty Reduction" was launched – a comprehensive document describing the work of the roundtable to date, and outlining the inspiring vision to make Hamilton the best place to raise a child. With close to 200 community members from all walks of life in attendance at a meeting at the Convention Centre, solid support was expressed for that vision – and it became an aspiration embraced by all.

It was a proud and affirming moment for Hamilton Community Foundation, as a co-convenor of the roundtable with the City of Hamilton. For more than a year, HCF has helped to nurture this innovative movement. Our co-convening role continues, as does our provision of the 'back office' functions for the poverty initiative, including physical space for the director, administrative support and equipment.

From the starting point of a simple statement: "Hamilton's poverty rate is unacceptable," we've all come a long way. By December we'll reach another important milestone, with the launch of the four-year community plan to prevent and reduce poverty in children and youth.

Poverty is a community-wide problem, and we will need to work as a community to tackle its root causes. We encourage everyone to consider what they can do to help make Hamilton the best place to raise a child.

In other news, we're profiling the Edith H. Turner Foundation Fund in this issue of our newsletter as a wonderful example of a donor-advised fund. We consider ourselves very lucky to work with Ben Simpson and other members of the fund's advisory board as they carry out the legacy of Edith H. Turner.

Carolyn A. Milne
President & CEO

About EDITH H. TURNER

Edith H. Turner was born in Hamilton, the only child of George and Sarah Turner. Her parents left her an estate of approximately \$250,000 which, through astute investment, she was able to build into a portfolio of about \$5 million by the time of her death in 1983. Miss Turner lived alone in a house on Ravenscliffe Avenue. Throughout her life she was generous in her support of community causes, including Melrose United Church, the Royal Botanical Gardens, Scouts Canada and the United Way.

A Legacy of Giving:

The Edith H. Turner Foundation Fund

- Starting balance in 1974: \$500,000
- Transferred to HCF in late 1997: \$8.5 million
- Fund value at March 31, 2006: \$9.7 million
- Grants made from 1974-1997: \$4,673,515
- Grants made from 1998-2006: \$4,633,840
- Total grants made in 32 years: \$9,307,355
- Grant recipients: More than 100 local charities, including education, arts and heritage, the environment, health and social services, and recreation.

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The Edith H. Turner Foundation supported major local projects such as the building of the Art Gallery of Hamilton. By the mid 1990s, with most of the original board still in place, Ben and the others began to think about a succession plan.

“We were all getting on in age at that time,” he explains. “We had great satisfaction in making the funds available to the community and we wanted the foundation to continue in good hands.” The decision was made to transfer the Edith H. Turner Foundation to HCF as a donor-advised fund. The \$8.5-million transfer was announced in 1997 and was at that time the largest gift in HCF's history.

With the move to HCF, the Turner foundation's board became an advisory board. Its members continue to review applications and select grant recipients, but aren't responsible for investment decisions or requesting proposals. Ben remains president of the advisory board, still aided by Terry Horne and Sondra Cornett, along with Dorothy Bartalos and new members Renate Davidson, retired Stelco manager and community volunteer, and Timothy Bullock, a partner with Simpson Wigle.

“We've been very happy in our partnership with Hamilton Community Foundation,” Ben says. And he's convinced that Miss Turner herself would be “thrilled to death” with the outcome of her decision. “Up to the day she died she was very proud and happy with what was being done with the income of her money. She followed everything we did and was happy with all of it.”



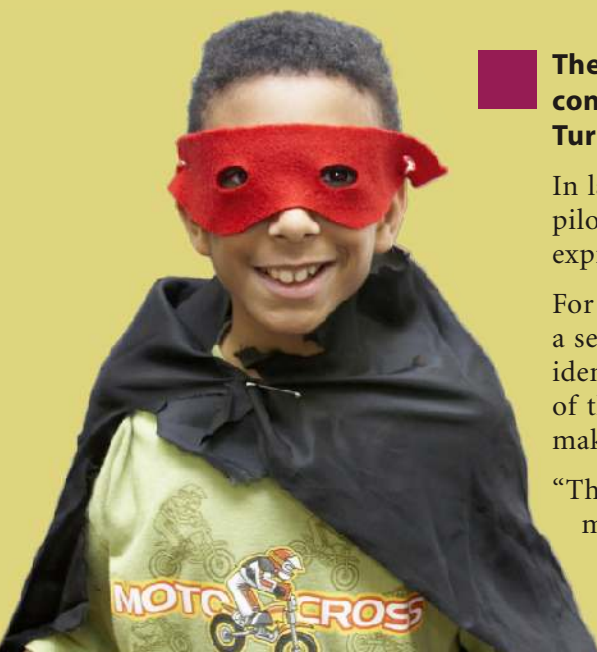
Ben Simpson

The first grant ever made by the Edith H. Turner Foundation supported the construction of the Art Gallery of Hamilton in 1975. Today, the Edith H. Turner Foundation Fund of HCF continues its namesake's interest in the arts.

In late spring 2006, a \$5,000 grant to the Art Gallery of Hamilton sponsored a pilot project for inner-city school children to learn about creativity and personal expression through art.

For four consecutive weeks, 20 students from Hess Street School participated in a series of after-school workshops at the gallery. The children created “super hero” identities for themselves and developed costumes and self-portraits. Photographs of the children in their super hero costumes were framed using traditional print-making techniques.

“This project was recommended for funding because it exposed children to art-making techniques and materials they had no previous familiarity with,” says Sharon Charters, Manager of Grants at HCF. “It was both fun and educational, and encouraged the building of self-esteem.”



Board News

Welcome New Board Members

HCF Board of Directors chair Mark Chamberlain and his board colleagues welcome three new members:

Madeleine Levy has spent more than 25 years in community services, with experience in event planning and fundraising. She is President & CEO of Plaza Integrated Industries Ltd., and is affiliated with various committees and boards, including the United Way of Burlington & Greater Hamilton, Hamilton Out of the Cold, and Hamilton Interfaith Group.

Dr. Kevin P.D. Smith is President & CEO of St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and also St. Mary's General Hospital in Kitchener. He is a former supervisor and coach for the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. In 2003, he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his leadership role in health care.

Dr. Gary A. Warner is former Director of the Arts and Science Program at McMaster University. He is a current member of HCF's Advisory Committee for the "Tackling Poverty Together" Community Fund and the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction. Dr. Warner was named to the Order of Canada in June 2005, is the recipient of the 2006 Royal Bank Distinguished Citizen of the Year award, and is a 2006 Hamilton Gallery of Distinction inductee.

Thank You to Outgoing Board Members

Two members retired from the Board of Directors in June 2006, and we thank them for their leadership and support of the Foundation over so many years.

Dr. Bill Orovan, Chair of the Department of Surgery at McMaster University, joined the board in 1998 and served as Chair in 2002/2003. He helped lead the Foundation through a very uncertain investment climate and served as Chair of many committees, including Audit, Community Health Education and Research, Nominating, and Eastburn Scientific Fellowship. He also served as a member on several other committees, including Grants, Finance, Strategic Planning and the 50th Anniversary.

Acclaimed glass artist **Shirley Elford** joined the board in 2001. She was Co-chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee and Vice Chair of the Strengthening Neighbourhoods Advisory Committee. She also served as a member of many committees, including Development, Grants, and Marketing/Communications. Shirley and her husband, Gerry Elford, created the Angel Fund at HCF in 2003 to benefit people needing mental health services.



Donation Tip

Turn stock market gains into community investment

Everybody wins when you make a gift of appreciated securities to your community foundation. Thanks to the new rules first announced in the May 2006 federal budget, and passed into law last June, for the first time, you won't have to pay any capital gains tax on the growth of those shares or mutual funds. Your gift of securities is reinvested in your community, and it qualifies for an immediate tax benefit based on the full market value.

With these gifts, your stock market earnings translate into community impact, so you get a more rewarding return on your portfolio. You can help prevent and relieve poverty, support special programs for at-risk youth or senior citizens, address environmental concerns, or support the arts – the options are endless.

Anyone who is considering a significant gift to HCF, and has marketable securities that have appreciated in value, should discuss with their advisor the opportunity to make the gift by transferring the securities directly to HCF. Please call Pam Lakin, C.A. Vice-President, Development, at the Foundation for further details (905-523-5600 ext 23).

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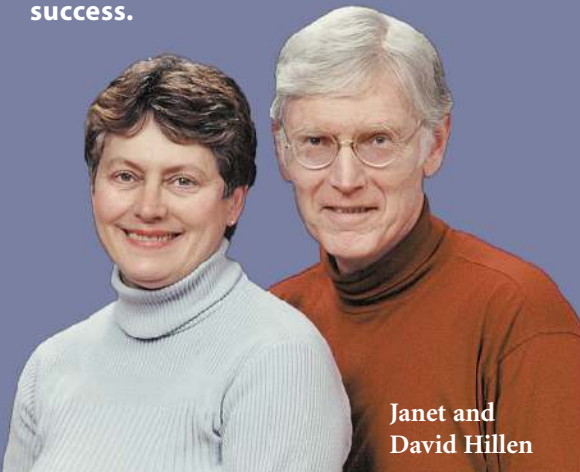
David Hillen

A humanitarian in every sense of the word, David Hillen left a legacy that will always be remembered by HCF and our community.

With a grant from HCF's "Growing Roots...Strengthening Neighbourhoods" program, David began the "Cannon-Can" project in 2002 – a project to beautify Cannon Street. As a resident of Cannon Street himself, David established partnerships with neighbours, local businesses, and schools. They volunteered together to improve Cannon's streetscape, creating new flower beds, encouraging street clean-ups, organizing planting days and more.

When the beautification project was completed in spring 2003, it was clear that more than just flowers had grown. Neighbours were passionate about the project and worked together to maintain Cannon Street's new curb appeal. "David was over the moon with excitement – the project that he envisioned had also united the community," says David Derbyshire, coordinator of the "Growing Roots...Strengthening Neighbourhoods" program.

David Hillen passed away in November 2005, just two years after the project's completion. The "Cannon-Can" project has since been renamed the "David Hillen Memorial Garden" – a tribute to his life and celebration of the project's success.



Janet and David Hillen

Staff News

Welcome New Team Members

Sheree Meredith joined our team in September 2006, as Vice-President, Grants & Community Initiatives. She has 30 years' experience in the not-for-profit sector, including leadership roles in management, consulting and education. Sheree is the former CEO of the Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton.

Marlene Spearin has a professional background in community services and has most recently worked with the Housing Help Centre. Marlene joined the HCF team in September 2006 as Community Development Assistant for our "Growing Roots...Strengthening Neighbourhoods" program.

Thank You, Betty!



We offer our best wishes to **Betty Muggah**, outgoing Vice-President, Grants & Community Initiatives, who is retiring from HCF in December 2006. Betty began her relationship with HCF in 1999 as project director of the Our Millennium initiative that was carried out in partnership with Volunteer Hamilton. From 2001 to 2004, she was a consultant to HCF and became Vice-President in 2004.

In 2005, Betty was nominated for 'Woman of the Year' in the Community Development and Social Activism category. "Betty's accomplishments have not only advanced the mission of HCF, but also have had an extraordinary impact on our community," says Carolyn Milne, President & CEO. "We will miss her energy and enthusiasm."

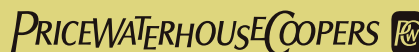
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