

community profile

Together we are strengthening a community **through philanthropy**

It is National Philanthropy Awareness week – a time to recognize, formally, the role of philanthropy in strengthening our city. The Hamilton Community Foundation’s vision is ‘Providing Philanthropic Leadership Forever’. For more than 50 years, we have been helping donors give back to this city in a way that has meaning to them. The generosity of donors from all walks of life has enabled the Foundation to make an impact in the lives of thousands of citizens. Our knowledge of Hamilton’s strengths and opportunities has helped generations of donors connect their philanthropy to the difference they want to make. If you want to make a difference – now and forever – we’d love to talk to you. For more information call 905-523-5600 or visit www.hcf.on.ca.



Thérèse and Kent Newcomb are an example of two citizens who inspire us. They are helping to create a new generation of philanthropists through our Youth Advisory Council – teens who learn about Hamilton’s strengths and needs, get involved in the community, gain leadership skills and provide a youth perspective to HCF’s work. Megan MacCuish (far left) and Chelsea Course (far right) with Thérèse and Kent Newcomb.

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The Hamilton Spectator: What are you doing to change the community?

Hamilton Community Foundation: Recognizing the importance of all the sectors to a strong community, we are granting to the widest possible range of charities in the arts, environment, health and human services, education and recreation. We are bringing our resources – financial, knowledge and relationships – together to work toward long-term, sustainable solutions to pressing issues, like poverty and the environment.

The Hamilton Spectator: What does the ideal community look like to you?

Hamilton Community Foundation: Inclusive and sustainable. Everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential, to feel that they belong, can participate in and contribute to community life. Sustainable in every aspect: economic, environmental and social.

The Hamilton Spectator: What inspires you?

Hamilton Community Foundation: The ongoing generosity of Hamiltonians. Statistics Canada reports that 92 percent of Hamiltonians give to charity, and 52 percent volunteer. Though they come from a wide range of backgrounds, circumstances and traditions, their common bond is recognizing the importance, and the satisfaction, of making a difference.