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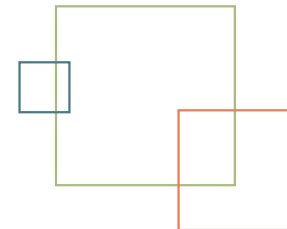
foundation facts

Our Vital Statistics



Community Foundation Grey Bruce:

- › More than **204** funds
- › over **\$23 million** in endowed assets
- › More than **\$860k** in grants over the last year
- › **8** active Community Funds in **Owen Sound, Meaford, Grey Highlands, Saugeen Shores, Saugeen River Country (West Grey), Town of Blue Mountains, Southgate & Kincardine**



Southgate Community Fund


Established in December 2020 with donation of \$30k by the Township and a promise of \$30k/year for 5 years



Fund started granting in 2024 with Small Neighbourhood Grants



Advisory Committee is run by Community Foundation, includes 4 community members



Total fund value at December 31, 2024: over \$103k

Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSGs):

- NSGs are grassroots grantmaking to support people making positive changes in their community.
- NSGs empower community members to bring their neighbours together, create new connections, and make their community a better place to live.
- Community Foundation Grey Bruce (CFGFB) is a registered charity that supports nonprofits in Grey and Bruce counties through grants from endowment funds created locally for local benefit.
- NSGs are offered using the grants available from a Community Fund that benefits a specific municipality or geographic area.
- In 2024 grants were available through the Southgate Community Fund.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL GRANTS

Cowtown Lunch Bunch

VISION

Seniors benefit from a nutritious meal, peer and intergenerational interaction when the school children next door who come to entertain and to help serve.

NEED

Capacity building was required, as the program grew from 60 persons in 2019 to an average of 150 attendees.

SUCCESS

Students from Egremont Community School next door came to perform Christmas songs. Grade 8 brass band was accompanied by musical numbers from the June production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Students from Grade 7 came to help serve and clean up in the fall months. The seniors and student intergenerational interactions were wonderful.



King Edward School Reunion

VISION

The King Edward School Reunion afternoon meet and greet followed by a presentation, dinner, and social time.

NEED

Grant money required to cover the cost of renting Dundalk Legion Hall and refreshments (cake, coffee, tea, water)

SUCCESS

There were over 100 people attending the reunion all former King Edward School students, along with their family and friends. Many more reconnecting outside the event.

Youth around the community benefitted by obtaining high school volunteer hours through assisting at the event.

50 years passes quickly, I had a great time reconnecting with former friends and classmates. ~ John



Southgate Community Connection

VISION

Free monthly dinners for Southgate residents, to provide social connection. Some participants have indicated this is the only time they "eat out" in a month. Attendance ranges from 55-120, and 15-40 take out meals.

NEED

Feeding 100 people each month but lacking adequate kitchen tools. Food preparers bring tools from home but urgently needed high-quality knives and two additional electric roasters for monthly meal preparation.

SUCCESS

The Southgate Community Connection dinners have a homey and inviting atmosphere. It is an excellent home cooked meal and social, that is particularly appreciated by seniors. The organizers seamlessly cook and feed people, young and old. Non of them look frazzled and each always have a moment to chat. Such a great evening in our ever-growing community. ~ Kim



Dundalk Santa Claus Parade

VISION

A dedicated group of mothers who volunteer their time to ensure that Southgate's community members especially young families and seniors will have a local parade to enjoy and participate in for generations.

NEED

Funding was required to help support accessibility for elderly and those with mobility issues. Ability to purchase hot chocolate, decorating supplies, print marketing and prizes to ensure that there is incentive for community members to continue participating in the event.

SUCCESS

*The smiles that every child has as the float passes is priceless. The adults too get a sense of joy. It gets the community out of their houses and enjoying the fresh air. We had a snow storm this year and we still handed out 340 loot bags!!! We had 25 floats that participated in our parade ~
Luisa*



Dundalk/ Southgate Pride Parade

VISION

The parade was started by a Southgate resident who wanted to support the LGBTQIA+ community. She passed in the year that the parade organized. The parade continues to celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride and honor her memory and legacy.

NEED

Grant was required to help with purchasing, prizes, children's loot bags, refreshments and activities for the children (balloon animals, face painting, chalk drawing on the patio, bubbles, crafts).

SUCCESS

Our event helped the LGBTQIA+ community know there's a welcome and safe place for them. We attracted about 100 attendees within the day event that ran from 11am to 6pm.

"You helped make the LGBTQIA+ community adults and kids have a safe fun non-judgemental day" ~ Kasia





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Community & Capital Grants

Friends of the Dundalk Library Children's Literacy and Digital Literacy at the Library (Community Grant 2024)

\$3000 was granted toward a project involving Literacy and Digital Literacy. Research shows that combining play and learning helps children in their educational journey. Practicing at home can lead to greater success.

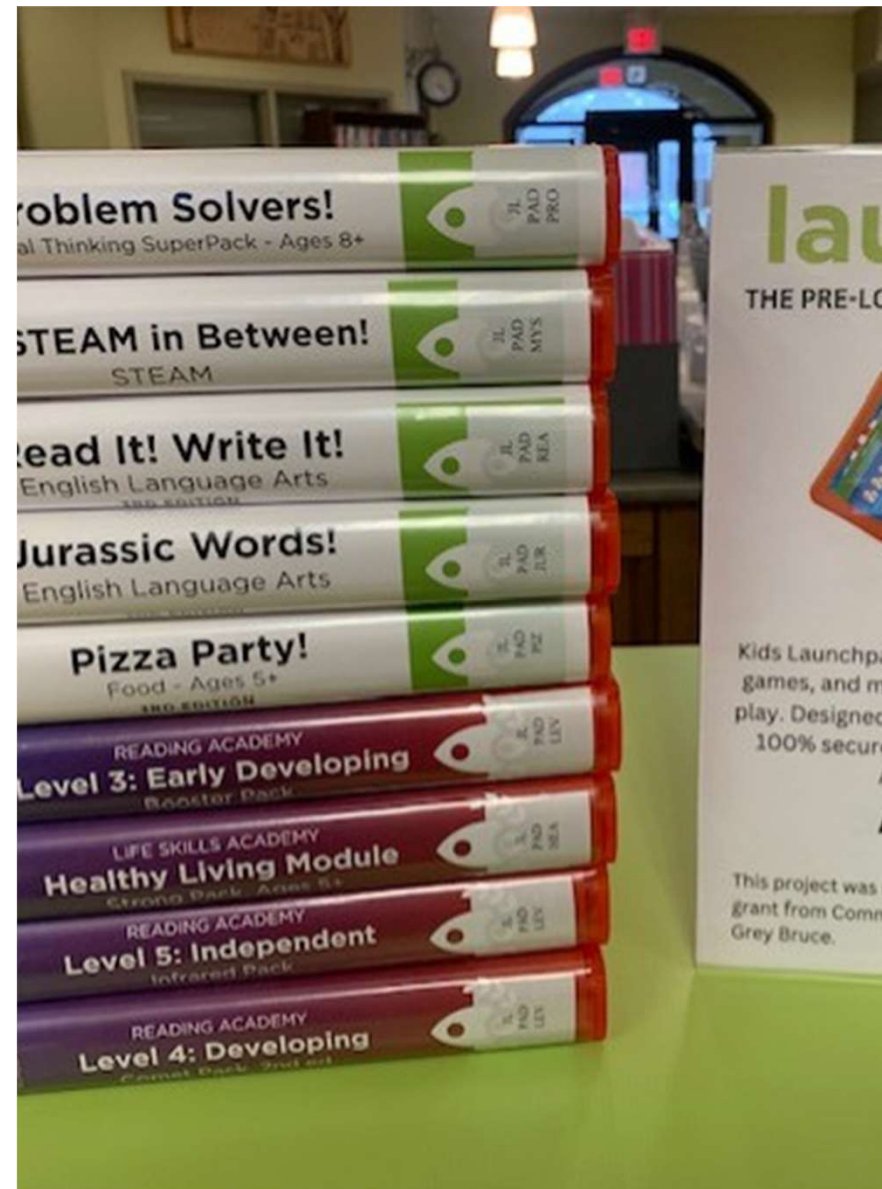
SUCCESS

Literacy Kits were purchased with a variety of items to create engaging learning for different ages, abilities, and interest. Library staff assembled the kits in themes and provided instructions for parents and caregivers to decide the right level and need for their children.

These kits included rhyming games, match-a-sound games, sight word practice tools, phonetic and phonemic awareness, number, shape, and colour recognition, writing practice and pencil grip, as well as emotional intelligence.

12 Launchpad tablets were purchased for home use. All tablets have a reading or math focus for ages 5-9.

Many families could not afford devices for home use or the apps, as these apps can be expensive to purchase individually.



Egremont Optimist Club Bathroom Renovation (Capital Grant 2023 – complete)

\$10,000 grant provided funding for renovation of the facilities bathrooms to have wheelchair accessible stalls with grab bars and barrier-free toilets.

Appropriate wheelchair accessible signs with Braille were installed. Club members completed the paint refresh.

SUCCESS

A local company was chosen to order the appropriate fixtures, sinks, and toilets. All plumbing installations were completed. With the exception of the contractor's materials and services, all other work was done by Optimist Club members.

A senior member from the community commented on the difference the "comfort" toilets make, when using the facilities. She said the taller toilets and handrails make bathroom use feel comfortable and safe.

Club members have all said how good the updated bathrooms look and many appreciate the "fresh," new look.

Dundalk Agricultural Society Recladding Heritage Building (Capital Grant 2024 – in progress)

\$15,000 grant awarded to replace a severely deteriorated, rusty siding and roof (exterior only) on the 60+ year-old building, to ensure its long-term functionality for the Agricultural Society and surrounding community.

Facilitated by Dundalk Agricultural Society grounds committee , the work will be carried out by a local Mennonite group to rescue this heritage building from irrevocable decline.

This building serves as the office for the Dundalk Agricultural Society, functions as a secondary barn for livestock shows and provides storage space/winter storage for the organization.

Community Grants – Spring & Fall



CRA Registered Charities or Non-Profit Organizations with a QD



Spring deadline April 15/Fall deadline September 15



Online application



To support new or expanding project and programs



Applications must support vitality in Grey Bruce through one of the categories identified in Vital Signs



Up to \$5,000

Vital Signs Categories

- Arts and Culture
- Recreation
- The wellbeing of children and youth
- Reduction of poverty
- Education
- The environment
- Health and wellness of the people of Grey & Bruce
- Living Standards and Housing



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