



COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATIONS  
OF CANADA  
*all for community.*



## OVERVIEW

# We are Canada's community foundations

*Community vitality has been our purpose, promise, and passion since 1921, when we started connecting donors to community needs and opportunities, and helping them invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play.*

*We are the Canadian movement for community vitality, represented by more than 160 Community Foundations from coast to coast and through our national organization, Community Foundations of Canada.*

**Community means so many things to so many people and the world to us. In all we do, and all we say, we are all for community.**

Many organizations are working for better communities, but a few important factors make our approach stand out:

### **We bring donors to the table as community builders.**

We help them formulate and realize their philanthropic goals, matching their interests and concerns with community needs and organizations. We help them find innovative and responsible ways to give their investments lasting impact.

### **We take the broadest view of what a community is and what it needs to succeed.**

That's why our grants support everything from shelter, sustenance and care for those most in need, to recreation, the arts, and the environment.

### **We take the long-term view for our communities.**

We identify long-term needs and opportunities and invest in sustainable solutions, helping our communities become resilient, resourceful, and ready for the future they want.

## Community Foundation Facts.

We are one of Canada's largest grantmakers, contributing more than \$169 million to thousands of charities.

We are a national network, with more than 160 community foundations in urban and rural areas across Canada.

Together we hold more than \$2.4 billion in shared assets.

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## Ten reasons people choose community foundations.

### one

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community, and part of a nationwide movement whose support we build and share.

### two

We bring donors to the table as **community builders**, working closely with them to align their philanthropic vision with the community's needs.

### three

We identify **long-term needs** and opportunities and invest in solutions that let our communities guide their own future.

### four

We take a broad and inclusive view of what a community is, and **provide grants** to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.

### five

We provide highly **personal and flexible service**, accepting a wide variety of assets and offering donors maximum tax advantage.

### six

We build **permanent funds** and those that can respond to immediate needs, helping our communities ensure vital futures.

### seven

We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts.

### eight

We believe that diversity is strength, so we **bring the entire community together** to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

### nine

We are **transparent and reputable stewards** of community resources, committed to being accountable, accessible and responsive.

### ten

We build **community vitality** – the unique and essential spirit that flourishes when people believe their community holds possibilities for everyone.

## Our vision for our communities and our country

Community vitality is the unique spirit that flourishes when people believe their community holds possibilities for everyone. It's put into action by people coming together, getting involved in community issues, and providing philanthropic support for causes and organizations.

And it can be measured by how well people's needs are being met: from our most basic needs – sustenance, shelter, health care, safety – to those needs that give quality to life, such as places and opportunities to play, learn and create.

## Canada's Community Foundations do three key things to build community vitality:

Vitality takes long-term resources for long-term solutions – so we work with donors to build endowment funds that ensure vital futures for communities.

Vitality comes from all corners of a community, so we grant funds to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.

Vitality needs leadership, so we bring people together from all parts of our communities to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

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We are part of Canada's community foundation movement, represented by more than 160 community foundations from coast to coast.

Community vitality has been our purpose, promise and passion since 1921, when we began connecting donors to community needs and opportunities.

Together, we help Canadians invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play.