

# Spring Greetings

From



## INTRODUCING SCF New Board Members



Jessica Paradis works as the Marketing Coordinator at Lambton Mall where she plans special events and enjoys collaborating with local community agencies and charities to come up with creative ways to work together. She is excited to be a part of the special events committee with the Sarnia Community Foundation to continue contributing positively to our community.



Stéphane Thiffeault is a lawyer and is the Chief Administrative Officer of The Corporation of the County of Lambton. He is a member of a number of provincial adjudication boards including the Health Professions Appeals and Review Board and the Health Services Appeals and Review Board. He has practiced law in the public and private sectors and has occupied senior management/executive positions including that of Chief Privacy Officer and Compliance Officer with responsibilities in Canada, the United States and the Republic of Singapore.



Jessica Martin is one of the owners of the Sarnia Express Employment Professionals Office. She is the Operations and Recruitment Manager, connecting exceptional candidates and companies in professional fields while managing the Sales team and running the day-to-day operations. Before starting at Express, she spent over 20 years in Marketing and Special Events for the OLG Casino Point Edward, then as the Customer Relations Manager of Starlight Casino in Point Edward. Outside the office, she enjoys traveling anywhere hot, yoga to relax, and volleyball from time to time.

## 2023 Board of Directors

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Stéphane Thiffeault  
Bill Woods – Board Chair

## A Message from Mike Barron, Executive Director

As I reflect on my first 6 months here at Sarnia Community Foundation, I have met so many generous people here in our community. Some are reconections from my landing here in Sarnia-Lambton in 1998 and so many new fascinating, dynamic influences. I look forward to meeting with fundholders, donors, and any new donors.



As you may be aware, the Sarnia Community Foundation is celebrating its 40th anniversary. One of our key events for this celebratory year will be the Women of Excellence. The Special Events committee has been extremely busy planning this prestigious celebration. You can mark your calendar for an inspiring and fun luncheon on June 8, 2023, at the Dante Club (1130am-130pm). The Sarnia Community Foundation will be recognizing winners for 2022 along with the winners, from 2020 and 2021. We felt that the pandemic ceremonies at home were good, but having the winners from the stay-at-home events should be recognized in person! We are also very excited to announce that we will have 2 guest speakers at our ceremony including Julie Craddock, Deputy Chief of Police, Sarnia Police Service, and Teresa Cassar, Imperial Oil, Sarnia Site. (See events below for ticket information).

As I mentioned, Lambton County is filled with so many generous donors, donors who give to the Sarnia Community Foundation for Endowment, Community Impact Grants, or Scholarships. If you know of anyone who has questions about Sarnia Community Foundation or would like to discuss how they can set up a fund or a Scholarship, please contact the office at Sarnia Community Foundation.

This year the Sarnia Community Foundation is **celebrating its 40th anniversary!** It is so hard to believe that this organization started in 1983 with a \$25.00 donation. To date, the Sarnia Community Foundation has distributed more than \$7 million dollars to local charities and non-profit organizations in need, to make Sarnia Lambton a vibrant, inclusive, livable community.



*For Good, For Community, Forever*

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**Sarnia  
Community  
Foundation**

**VISION**

A Vibrant, Inclusive, Livable Lambton County

**MISSION**

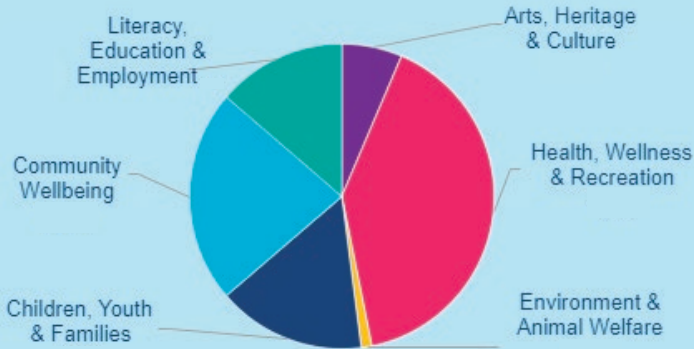
Granting to community charitable causes by growing and managing funds that will make a difference forever.

**What's an endowment?**

Donors make a gift to create or add to a fund that is held in perpetuity with a portion of the annual interest and dividend income earned each year being granted to charitable causes.

Donors can provide advice on the grants made by funds depending on what type of fund they donate to and how much they donate.

**SCF 2022 Grants = \$756,436.00**



**THE 2023 Women OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Annually, the Sarnia Community Foundation recognizes the outstanding achievements, and contributions enhancing the community and advancing the quality of life. The Sarnia Community Foundation is proud to be celebrating its 40th anniversary in Sarnia Lambton and looking forward to the in-person Women of Excellence celebration in June.

If you know of someone in the community who goes about their day making the community better or achieves results dynamically or contributes positively to a cause please consider nominating them.

The nomination process is easy and can be done online, visit [www.sarniacommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.sarniacommunityfoundation.ca) or call the Sarnia Community Foundation at 519 332-2588.

Nominations will be accepted up until Friday, April 14, 2023.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Swing into Spring**  
A GALA EVENING AT THE IMPERIAL THEATRE  
ENTERTAINMENT BY **JESSE GRANDMONT**  
WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY STACEY LEE GISE, ELENA HOWARD-SCOTT, STACEY ARI, AND MICHAEL VANBUVEL.  
JOIN US! APRIL 13TH, 2023 7:30 PM  
TICKETS \$35 VIP TICKETS \$55 WITH RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CONCERT  
Home Instead, Industrial Web Apps, The Juice Collective are sponsors.

**April 13, 2023**

Swing Into Spring at the Imperial Theatre

**April 20, 2023**

Sarnia Sings – Volume 4 at the Imperial Theatre

**June 8, 2023**

Women of Excellence at the Dante Club (Call the Sarnia Community Foundation to reserve your tickets)

**September**

Impact Grants Presentation – Stay Tuned

Here's my donation of  to be used for the  fund.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

I need more information about designated funds at the Foundation.

I would like to discuss the other options for giving with Foundation staff.

I would like to learn more about the Foundation

I have enclosed a cheque (made payable to the Foundation)

Please charge my:  Visa  Mastercard

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in honour of \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish a card to be sent to honouree, please provide an address \_\_\_\_\_

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