



A Message from Andrew Douglas, SCF Board Chair

2024 was an outstanding year for the Sarnia Community Foundation! With the generosity of our donors and the strength of our investments, we gave back over \$800,000 to our community through grants and scholarships, supporting local charities and students. At the same time, we grew our fund pool by 19%, ensuring even greater impact in the years ahead. In 2025 we're making the housing and affordability crisis a key focus and will be working to assist the many fantastic initiatives in our community to provide safety and stability to those in need. Thank you for your support in helping us build a stronger community for everyone.

A Message from Mike Barron, Executive Director

Who thought 4 months ago, we would be where we stand today?



In a world marked by whiplash-inducing changes, uncertainty, and the dizzying effects of tariffs, the Sarnia Community Foundation (SCF) stands as a beacon of stability and hope for Sarnia Lambton. Despite the global turmoil, (SCF) has continued to thrive, demonstrating resilience and adaptability. This unwavering commitment to our mission has allowed us to support those in need, foster community spirit, and drive positive change. We are most thankful to our gracious donors and supporters; as they have provided financial support and have laid the groundwork for long-term growth and sustainability here at SCF in turn making our community stronger.

The strength of (SCF) lies in its ability to navigate through challenges with a clear vision and a steadfast dedication to our core values. By leveraging local resources in both Sarnia and Lambton County, forging strong partnerships, and engaging with community members, we have been able to mitigate the impacts of external pressures. Our focus on inclusivity and collaboration has ensured that everyone has a voice and a role in shaping our collective future. This approach has not only bolstered our community's resilience but has also created a sense of unity and purpose that is more important than ever.

Looking ahead, (SCF) remains committed to fostering a positive and supportive environment amidst the ongoing global uncertainties. We will continue to innovate, adapt, and respond to the evolving needs of our community, including those most vulnerable. By staying true to our mission and values, we can ensure that (SCF) remains a pillar of strength and a source of hope for all in Sarnia Lambton. Together, we can navigate these turbulent times, emerging stronger, more connected, and more resilient than ever before.

If you would like to set up a meeting with (SCF) to talk about setting up a Fund or to donate, please call today (519) 332-2588.

Welcome to Our New Board Members

We are delighted to introduce our newest board members who bring a wealth of experience and passion to our mission. Please join us in welcoming:

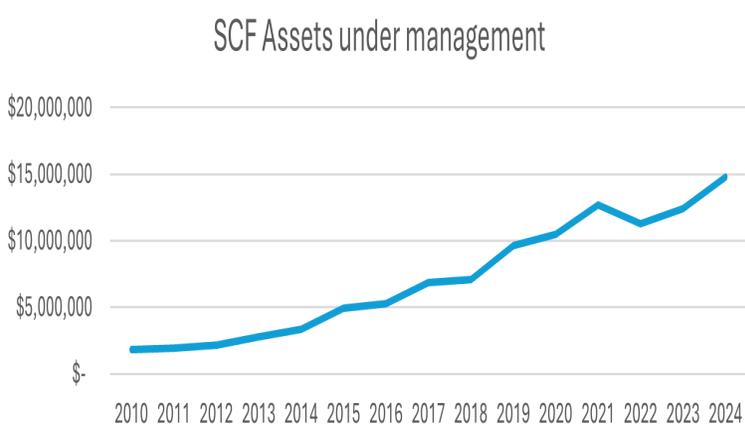
Jason Vaillant believes the Sarnia Community Foundation is a local organization that focuses on creating a thriving community now and for the future. As someone who was born here and chooses to live here, my personal values and goals align with the work that SCF is doing.

Terri Portelli says that retirement, and moving to Lambton County, presents me with the time and the opportunity to finally focus less on serving the needs of the corporate world, and more on the community we live in, the local people in need in our midst, and what decisions or actions we can take together to help make things better. It's wonderful to see the impact we can all make and I'm so looking forward to being part of it.

John Degroot Sixteen years ago, Catherine Scimmi, then a Sarnia Community Foundation Board member, stopped by my workplace to introduce me to the Foundation and discuss a potential contribution. I had barely heard of SCF, and she graciously took the time to outline the benefits and answer my questions. At the end of the conversation, I explained that I was already an active member in the Community, and felt I was nearly 'maxed out' in terms of community involvement. "That's precisely why you should become involved," responded Catherine. A few months later I was hooked. And a year later I was asked to serve on the SCF Community Engagement Committee, and a few years later I was asked to consider serving on the Board. Supporting the SCF as both Board member and fundholder is a no-brainer, because it is the best way to serve the Sarnia/Lambton Community. Today, tomorrow and forever.

Vanessa Vaillant indicated that community-endowed charitable foundations empower organizations to start new projects and fill gaps in funding and fundraising efforts. I'm excited to bring my philanthropic and organizational expertise to Sarnia-Lambton.

Theresa Kimmerly I got involved with the Sarnia Community Foundation because I believe in the power of community and the impact of giving back. Supporting local initiatives that strengthen our neighborhoods and improve lives is something I'm passionate about. The Foundation provides a way to make a meaningful difference, connecting resources with the people and causes that need them most.





2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

The SCF held its 2024 Community Impact Grants recognition at Pathways Health Centre for Children, October 17, 2025.

There was 16 Donor Advised and Community Impact Grants Distributed at the annual celebration: including:

- St Joseph's Hospice Sarnia Lambton
- Women's Interval Home
- The United Way of Sarnia Lambton
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sarnia Lambton
- Aamjiwannaang Athletic Club
- Boys & Girls Club Sarnia Lambton
- Family Counselling Centre
- Habitat for Humanity
- International Symphony Orchestra
- March of Dimes
- Moore Agricultural Society
- St. Child & Youth Services
- St Vincent DePaul
- Suicide Prevention Committee
- YMCA of Southwestern Ontario
- Pathways Health Centre

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- **Sarnia Sings:** Join us for an evening of live entertainment on May 1, 2025, at the Imperial Theater.
- **Women of Excellence:** An electrifying celebration on June 5, 2025, at the Dante Club.
- **2025 SCF Community Impact Grants** - Stay Tuned.

New Website Launch

We are proud to unveil our newly redesigned website! Visit us at www.sarniacommunityfoundation.ca to explore our new features, learn more about community impacts and how we grow within our community.

2024 Women of Excellence Awards



Mike Barron, Emily Bright, Emily Denham Weed, Erin Miller Hawryluk, Laurel Pickel-Kittmer, MaryIn Gifford, Susan Chamberlain and Jeannette Douglas

2025 WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE

The Women of Excellence at SCF is entering its ninth year of recognition and celebration. This year, we will be hosting our luncheon on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at the Dante Club. In collaboration with the Dante Club, the SCF is excited to announce this year's guest speaker, Karen Lee, PhD, President and CEO at Parkinson Canada. Karen is leading transformational change at Parkinson Canada, ensuring that people living in Canada impacted by Parkinson's live well, while collaborating with key partners to drive research that will improve quality of life. Karen's passion for science has benefited several communities across Canada, and she has been recognized by the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Medicine with an Alumni Award of Distinction and is also a member of YPO.

Mark your calendar as tickets go on sale Monday, April 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. EST. Individual tickets are \$60, or reserve a table of 8 for \$500. Call the SCF office at 519-332-2588 - don't miss out on the inspiring Women of Excellence event!

More From The Executive Director

I am thrilled to share the latest updates and achievements of Sarnia Community Foundation (SCF). 2024 ended a year full of growth and impact, and we couldn't have done it without your unwavering support from our donors and supporters. In 2024, there were several funds established at the SCF including:

- Bonnie and Douglas Clark Family Fund
- Anne McFadyen Scholarship
- All Round Student Award
- Project Mental Wellness
- Sydney Vrolyk Memorial Fund
- Kathleen Pretty Memorial Award

In 2024, SCF disbursed back into the Sarnia Lambton community over \$800 000.00. There were 171 grants with 435 donations.

It is with gratitude that we thank each fund holder and supporter of the SCF; we continue to work towards building a stronger, more vibrant community. We build relationships and collaborate with community partners.

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Sarnia Community Foundation

SCF Community Fund

- Link Family Fund
- Graydon and Bell Baines Family Fund
- Kingsley and Madeline Mahon Family Fund
- Stuart and Louise Sullivan Family Fund
- Jean and Harold Hunter Family Fund
- Douglas & Evelyn Barber Fund
- Dick & Isabelle Ford Family Fund
- John & Barbara McNeill Fund
- Cheryl and John DeGroot Family Fund
- David and Miriam Glew Family Fund
- Joan and Ted Fullerton Family Fund
- Jeff Burchill and Anne West Family Fund
- Gayle and Don Fysh Family Fund
- Carl Shaw and Virginia Dizon Memorial Fund
- Don Hislop Memorial Fund
- Chobrda Family Fund
- Jim and Judy Brady Fund
- Andrea Wist and Chris Hogan Fund
- 5th Child Fund

Donor Advised Funds

- Rozema Family Fund
- DOW Social Fund
- Charles and Alexander Mackenzie Fund
- Hall Family Fund
- NOVA Chemicals Fund
- Grogan Family Fund
- Les & Deborah McDermott Fund
- E.C. Fleming Family Fund
- William and Barbara Palmer Family Fund
- Gerry & Joanne Hines Family Fund
- Tom and Maxine Kenny Family Fund
- Bonnie & Douglas Clark Family Fund
- Bernard and Maureen Wiechula Fund
- Steeves and Rozema Fund
- MOJEN Fund
- Catterson Family Fund
- Bob and Helen Noble Fund
- Grant and Cheryl McKenzie Fund
- JASA Fund
- Hogan Family Fund
- Soparkar Family Fund
- Shannon Family Fund
- Val & Rany Xanthopoulos Family Fund
- Adam Dumond Fund
- Norma and Don Moore Fund
- Cassin Family Fund
- Paradox Fund
- Jamie and Mary Pole Family Fund
- The Clark Family Fund
- Murray Family Fund
- Silvana and Les Cservik Family Fund
- The Ron and Gwendy Richardson Family Fund
- North End Appliance Community Fund
- The Barry Wayne Robinson Memorial Fund

Designated Funds

- LOVE ALL, Justin Bourassa Memorial Fund
- Botma Family Fund
- Sarnia Heavy Construction Fund
- Ruth Ann Windover Memorial Fund
- HOLC Fund
- Maxine Fiddick/ Fiddicks Nursing Home Fund
- Ontario Sugar Beet Growers Fund
- Joanne Klauke Labelle Scholarship Fund
- University Women's Club Fund
- Zandbergs Fund
- Ontario Endowment for Children & Youth
- Directors Fund
- Doc on Ice Fund
- DOW Presidents Honour Club Fund
- Don Hislop Memorial Fund
- Blue Eyes Big Heart Josh Alderton Memorial Scholarship
- SSVP/J&JY Trades Scholarship
- Steeves Family Fund
- Jean & Harold Hunter Fund
- SCF Environment Fund
- Jean Macdougall Fund for Women in Politics
- The John Rozema Estate Fund
- McKay Family Fund
- Central Century Club Fund
- SCF Children & Youth Fund
- Lynn Brady Bryan Airey Fund

Community Endowment Funds

Petrolia Community Fund:

- Victoria Playhouse Fund
- The Oil Heritage District Community Centre Fund
- Petrolia Special Projects Fund

Brooke Alvinston Community Fund

Marceil Saddy Operating Fund

Legacy Gifts

Agency Endowment Funds

- YMCA of Sarnia Lambton Legacy Fund
- The Earl McKeough Fund
- Lambton Wildlife Land Stewardship Fund
- Lawrence House Centre for the Arts Fund
- The Inn of the Good Shepherd Fund
- The Dorothy Rogers Memorial Fund
- Women's Interval Home Fund
- The Ruby Mott Memorial Fund
- Grace United Church Fund
- The Ken Plumley Fund
- The Tom Murray Fund
- The Gwen Hopper Fund
- Tom and Donna Moore Fund
- Don And Colleen Livingstone Fund
- Dow Centre for Youth Fund
- 403 Wing/Golden Hawk Fund
- Golden K Legacy Fund
- Petrolia Rotary Club Fund
- St. Joseph's Hospice Fund
- Rayjon Share Care
- International Symphony Orchestra Fund
- Organization for Literacy Fund
- Lambton Mental Wellness Fund
- Theatre Sarnia Fund
- Rotary Club of Sarnia-Lambton After-Hours Fund
- St Clair Child & Youth Services Fund
- The Strydonck Fund
- Sarnia Lambton Golden K Youth Leadership Award Fund
- Fern Noel Award
- Family Counselling Centre Fund
- Dow Centre For Youth Fund
- Sarnia and District Humane Society Fund

Flow Through Funds

- Moffatt Scholarship Fund
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sarnia Lambton Particular Council Scholarship
- The Sarnia Awesome Foundation Fund
- Alvinston Optimist Arena Improvement Fund
- Wyoming Minor Baseball Association Fund
- Gloria Dawn McLeod Award
- DOW Canada Community Grants Fund
- Parents for Parks Petrolia
- Talk for Tamara
- Nicol Community Scholarship
- Stories from the Street Fund
- Project Mental Wellness

Scholarships

- Society of St Vincent de Paul/J&JY Trades Scholarship
- Blue Eyes Big Heart Josh Alderton Memorial Scholarship
- Susan Moffat Memorial Scholarship
- Lambton Federation of Agriculture Fund – Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship
- Joanne Klauke-Labelle Memorial Scholarship
- Norma and Don Moore Scholarship
- Zandbergs Scholarship Fund
- Brian Fox Agricultural Scholarship
- Love-All Justin Bourassa Memorial Fund
- University of Women's Scholarship
- Anne McFayden Memorial Scholarship
- Kathleen Pretty Memorial Awards
- Sydney Vrolyk Memorial Scholarship
- All Round Student Award
- Holly Delavigne Squash Scholarship

Make a Difference in Your Community

Are you looking to make a positive impact in your community? There are many ways to get involved with our Foundation:

- Volunteer: Join our team of dedicated volunteers; become a Board Member or a Community Committee member.
- Donate: Every dollar to the SCF makes a difference in Sarnia-Lambton.
- Spread the Word: Be an ambassador and share our mission with your network.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Together, we can create lasting change.



For Good, For Community, Forever

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If you are interested in joining us please send an email to Mike Barron, the Executive Director at:

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Join us in making a meaningful difference in Lambton County. Together, we can create positive change and build a brighter future!