

Hello Summer! 2025



Welcome Our New Fund Director!

The SCF is excited to introduce Amy Veysey, who joins us as our Fund Developer.

Amy joins the SCF in a time of significant growth at the SCF. Just 3 years ago the total dollar value of SCF assets was \$11 M and today sits at over \$15M. That represents a 36% increase over the last 3 years.



Board Chair Andrew Douglas shared this, "On behalf of the board, I'm thrilled to welcome Amy on as our new Fund Developer. We look forward to the opportunities this position provides the SCF, which will enable us to further strengthen our support for local charities and initiatives."

Amy will play a key role in expanding our foundation's resources, building relationships with donors, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our initiatives.

Amy is open to meeting Fund Holders and anyone wanting to learn more about SCF, endowment, family funds or start a Scholarship.

A Message from Mike Barron, Executive Director



Dear Friends,

At Sarnia Community Foundation (SCF), our mission is to empower and uplift our community through strategic philanthropy, meaningful partnerships, and lasting impact. This month, we celebrate our scholarship recipients, honor inspiring women, and welcome a

new team member dedicated to growing our foundation's resources.

Philanthropy is more than just charitable donations — it's a mindset rooted in compassion, generosity, and a desire to uplift others. At its core, philanthropy means "love of humanity." It's the act of giving time, resources, or expertise to improve the well-being of individuals and communities.

Whether it's a billionaire funding global health initiative or a neighbor volunteering at a food bank, every act of giving contributes to a ripple effect of kindness. Philanthropy isn't reserved for the wealthy — anyone can be a philanthropist by offering what they have to help others thrive.

Giving has a profound impact not only on recipients but also on the giver. Studies show that generosity can:

- Boost happiness and emotional well-being
- Lower stress and blood pressure
- Strengthen social bonds and community trust
- Create a sense of purpose and fulfillment

It's a powerful reminder that when we give, we don't lose — we grow. Giving connects us to something larger than ourselves and reinforces the values of empathy and shared humanity.

One generous act can inspire many. Philanthropy fuels innovation, supports grassroots movements, and fills gaps where governments or institutions fall short. It's a catalyst for change — whether it's funding education, fighting poverty, or responding to crises.

In a world that often feels divided, giving is a universal language. It reminds us that we're all part of the same story — and that we each have the power to write a better chapter.

Your generosity and engagement fuel everything we do— thank you for being part of this journey.

2025 Women of Excellence Awards!



Dr. Karen Lee, President and CEO Parkinson Canada, Brenda Dunn, Jaylene Henry, Jocelyn Pacquette, Bertha Rosa Park and Mike Barron, Executive Director Sarnia Community Foundation; absent Kirsy Kilner Holmes.

Honoring Our Trailblazers

The 2025 Women of Excellence Awards celebrate local women who inspire change through leadership, service, and innovation. Congratulations to our

honorees. The always inspiring event took place Thursday June 5, 2025, at the Dante Club.

SCF would like to thank the sponsors; including Randall Roberts Wealth Management at RBC Wealth Dominion Securities, Sandrin Services Ridgewood Capital Management, Exit Realty Community, Lambton College and DeGroots Nurseries.

Scholarship Program

INVESTING IN EDUCATION

Education transforms lives, and we're proud to support future leaders through our scholarship program. We are highlighting the Don and Norma Moore Award Recipients, the inaugural Anne McFadyen Scholarships, one of the Kathleen Pretty recipients.



Mike Barron, Executive Director SCF, Jack Soeder, Jocelyn DeKoning, Slobhan LeSarge, Melissa Chopcian, Jordan LeSarge

Norma and Don Moore Scholarship

The Norma and Don Moore Scholarship supports doctors or nurse practitioners enrolled in a programme leading to a license to practice in Ontario. Preference will be given to candidates who have indicated an intent to practice in Lambton County.

Anne McFadyen Memorial Scholarship



Stephen Kotanen, Cristof Fieuw, Robert Atack and Karen Atack, George McFadyen, Raihaan Abraham, Maya Chaikam, Kyleigh Noels, Owen Roberts, Marissa Vu-Nguyen

The annual scholarship will recognize and support five exceptional graduating students from Great Lakes secondary school who embody Anne's spirit, energy and passion for making a positive change in our community. Each successful candidate shall receive \$12,000 to enable them to pursue post secondary education at a school of their choice. The funds will be directed primarily towards tuition, books, and residence fees. Criteria for the scholarship will include academic excellence, commitment to community service, leadership, and financial need.

Anne was a positive energetic person known for her wisdom and compassion for others. She graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and attended the Faculty of Law at Western University graduating after being named to the Dean's Honours List. During her career as a lawyer in Sarnia, she became the first woman to hold the position of president of the Lambton Law Association. Later, she became the first lawyer from Lambton County to be elected to the executive board of the County and District Law Presidents Association where she served until being appointed a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice in October 1998. She retired from the bench in August 2022 and then continued to sit as a per diem judge primarily in the southwest judicial region of Ontario.

Anne enjoyed her interaction with the community through her volunteer work and her association with a Sarnia Road Runners where she was runner of the year in 1985. She was an avid reader and book club member. She also enjoyed acting in the plays performed by the Lambton Law Association that sponsored many local charities.

Kathleen Pretty Memorial Award

In honour of Kathleen Pretty, life-long learner, community advocate, and passionate chef, these awards will support students in the Culinary Management and Social Service Worker Programs at Lambton College.

The awards, currently in the amount of \$1000 per Program, will be granted annually to Lambton College students who have:

- Successfully completed the Culinary Management and Social Service Worker Programs
- Shown a commitment to community service and academic success



Margaret Capes, Melissa Richter and Mike Barron, Executive Director SCF

Each year, at the conclusion of the academic year, the Program Coordinators for the Culinary Management and Social Service Worker Programs will forward the names and contact information of the successful graduates to the Sarnia Community Foundation.

Sarnia Community Foundation staff will distribute the awards directly to the students and advise Margaret Capes, Executor of the Estate of Kathleen Pretty, of the names of the successful graduates.

As per the request of the Executor, these awards will not be part of the annual Lambton College Awards ceremony.

Make a Difference in The Community!

WE NEED YOU!



HELP US HELP MAKE SARNIA-LAMBTON A BETTER PLACE.

CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Are you passionate about making a positive impact in the Sarnia-Lambton community? Do you have expertise and enthusiasm to contribute to the Sarnia Community Foundation, dedicated to funding essential community causes and social impact? If so, we invite you to join our Board of Directors!

Why Join Our Board?

Shape the Future: Play a pivotal role in guiding our organization's strategic direction and ensuring our mission is fulfilled.

Make an Impact: Help allocate funds to meaningful projects that directly benefit the community.

Network: Connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about community development and philanthropy.

Develop Skills: Enhance your leadership, governance, and nonprofit management skills through collaborative work.

What We're Looking For:

We are seeking individuals with diverse backgrounds and skill sets, including but not limited to: Finance and Accounting, Education, Social Impact, Resident in Lambton County

Board Member Responsibilities:

Advocate for Sarnia Community Foundation within your networks and Sarnia-Lambton.

Contact us if you are interested in joining the team! Please send an email to Mike Barron (Executive Director) at: ed@sarniacommunityfoundation.ca or call us at 519-332-2588.

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

Thank you for making a difference in our community!

WANT TO START A FUND AT SCF | FUNDS | DONATIONS | TRANSFERS

The SCF is always looking to build relations and is open to setting up new funds, taking donations including stock or any other equities. SCF manages assets and annually works with non-profit social services charitable organizations, to help make our community stronger, viable and inclusive. Giving to SCF can be rewarding along with receiving a tax donation. Speak to your financial planner or give SCF call to discuss.