

YARMOUTH AREA COMMUNITY FUND

Newsletter 2020



\$470,000

89 Grants

The Yarmouth Fund keeps growing and the number of grants will soon reach 100!

Giving: Disbursing funds to established charities who have the capacity to mobilize those funds to create positive changes in our communities!

YOU can help our community create positive change!

“There is no doubt that every gift has an impact on your community.”



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Scholarships

This year we were very pleased to present our **first** scholarship to a Grade 12 student graduating from one of our local high schools.



Noah Wilcox who attended Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School received \$1,000.00 from the Yarmouth Area Community Fund. Noah received this in recognition of Academic Achievement and Leadership in Community Involvement. Peter Eldridge was pleased to make the presentation to Noah, as it brought back many memories to Peter, having taught in the high school for many years. Noah is attending Dalhousie University and has entered the Bachelor of Engineering program.

BUILDING RESILIENCE

At the core, community funds are about building resilience.

Resilience is the ability to respond and adapt to change creatively and collaboratively. Large or small, urban or rural, communities today face many challenges. Fostering resilience in the places we love means building capacity and relationships so that we can all learn to bend with the wind.

What is a Community Fund?

LOCAL GIVING FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Community funds (CFs) are the perfect way to give back to your community. Donations of all sizes are pooled together in a single fund to support local charitable causes, and since it's a permanent endowment fund, the giving continues forever!

A community fund is designed to be open and flexible to address the ever-changing needs and priorities of your community - from environmental concerns to social change and more. The fund is developed by members of the community, for the community, so you can be certain your investment stays local.



“Through a partnership we own 20 wind turbines that are located in 12 communities across Nova Scotia. In each community we contribute 1% of our gross revenues per year to not-for-profit organizations that contribute to community needs.”



Scotian Wind has a windmill in Brenton, Yarmouth County, and they have chosen the Yarmouth Area Community Fund as a way to give back to the Yarmouth communities.

Each year the Yarmouth fund receives 1% of their gross revenue and the Fund, when making grants, tries to ensure that organizations in the Brenton area receive a grant.

You will note that the Lake George Fire Hall, the South Ohio Community Centre, Camp Peniel and our local scout camp, have all received grants this year.

THANK YOU SCOTIAN WIND!

OUR 2020 GRANTS

This year due to Covid 19, we weren't able to meet with our grantees in person. We've done our best with our photos.



We are always pleased to be able to help the **Tri-County Pregnancy Centre**. This is an essential service in our community and offers much needed support to their clients. The Yarmouth Fund grant will help to purchase supplies for Moms and Babies along with education materials and other essential needs.

They offer peer support in a non-judgmental, pressure-free atmosphere for everyone regardless of age, race, gender or religious affiliation.

They give ongoing support for a variety of pregnancy and parent-related challenges.

All services are confidential and free of charge!



Yarmouth Food Bank

During this Covid 19 pandemic, food banks around the country have been needed by many. The Yarmouth Fund was very pleased to be able to help with a grant to the Yarmouth Food Bank. Local volunteers work very hard to help organize and disburse food so that no one will be hungry.

SAR Social Action Committee

Through the Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau Social Action Committee, under the guidance of Deacon Bruce Hubbard, many people in the Argyle area have been helped. The Yarmouth Area Community Fund is always pleased to be able to help with the good work this committee carries out.



Why give to, or create, a Community Fund?

Local Decision-Making about Local Priorities

Community Funds are community-led, meaning important grant decisions are made by those who are closest to the issues. A Community Fund Board of local citizens ensures the Fund supports the community's current priorities and stays relevant over time.

Lasting Legacies

Unlike buildings or equipment, a Community Fund will never outlive its usefulness. Wise stewardship of the investment by the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia will ensure it becomes a permanent community asset that will contribute to the quality of life in that community forever.

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

CFNS is an action centre for philanthropy. They provide the knowledge and support for communities, charities and citizens to realize their individual potential and collective possibilities.

They support Community Funds like ours, help groups to grow their charities, and help individuals honour loved ones or simply just give back to their community.



Camp Peniel

This year was a different year for the camp because of Covid 19.

Here the empty bunkhouse is waiting for the return of the Happy Campers.

Our grant will help four children when they are able to once again enjoy their weekly visits.



Scouts Canada

The Scout Camp at Pierce Park is still being enjoyed by our local boys and girls, and their leaders. Camping out and sitting by the campfire is always enjoyed by everyone. With a few falling trees around, there is lots of wood for these fires. This year the youth will use their grant to buy supplies to build a lean-to to keep their wood dry.



Jack.org at NSCC Burrige Campus

At NSCC Burrige Campus young leaders have formed a group under Jack.org. They've been provided with a room where students can drop in to socialize and relax. Here they will share ideas and experiences and become engaged in building healthy relationships. With the Yarmouth Fund grant they will be able to buy equipment and materials to make the room a welcoming place to gather.

Free Store

Dave and Amy in Student Services in the Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School are there to support and help all the students as they spend their years together throughout high school. Along with the help of local volunteers, a "Free Store" has been set up which contains supplies, snacks, t-shirts, school supplies and many other items that students might need during the day.

The Yarmouth Area Community Fund is well aware of the problems many students face everywhere, and Yarmouth is no exception.

There are several local volunteers who work to keep the Free Store stocked so the students can feel comfortable when they go to school.

Dave and Amy



Another grant given this year was to another program in the High School called **NEW ATTITUDES**. This program is sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Association and educates and raises awareness about mental illness to Grades 11 and 12. The grant will be used to support presenters who will speak about a particular mental illness that has affected their lives.



South Ohio Community Centre

A great place for local seniors to gather and socialize. A group of musicians join them each week and are enjoyed by all. The sound system they use was worn out and needed to be replaced. The Yarmouth Fund was pleased to be able to give a grant for the new system.



Lakes and District Fire Hall

The community centre has an area where they have exercise equipment for their members and there is a need to isolate the room during public gatherings. Often children try to climb on the equipment and they could fall. The Yarmouth Fund grant will help purchase an accordion folding door.

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Our focus: “to support what matters most to our communities for the future!”

Grant Recipients 2009 – 2020

Yarmouth Special Olympics
Yarmouth Life Skills for Disabled
Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre
HOPE, VON, YMCA, SHYFT
Home and School, Junior High
École Belleville Breakfast Program
Food Bank, YACRO
Mental Health Association
SAR Social Aid Committee
Tabitha Centre
Friends of the Yarmouth Light
Gilles Boudreau Fund
Salvation Army
Early Childhood Intervention
Tri-County Women's Centre
Saint Joseph Mission Church
Camp Peniel Society
Friends of Ellenwood Park
Hebron Baptist Church Playground
Operation Cat Snip
Friends of the Art Gallery Yarmouth
Yarmouth Group Search and Rescue
Seniors Second Chance Club
Kaye Nickerson Adult Service Centre
Bike Again Yarmouth
South West chapter Autism
Scouts Canada Yarmouth Group
Pubnico Fire Relief Fund
Juniper House
Rotary Club Charitable Trust
Beacon Church
Doug Melanson Park
Parkinson's local group
South Ohio Community Centre
Lakes & District Fire Hall
Yarmouth High School Free Store
Yarmouth Co. Historical Society
Yarmouth Learning Network
Nursing Bursaries to four students
Scholarship to grade 12 student
NSCC Burrige, Jack.org

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