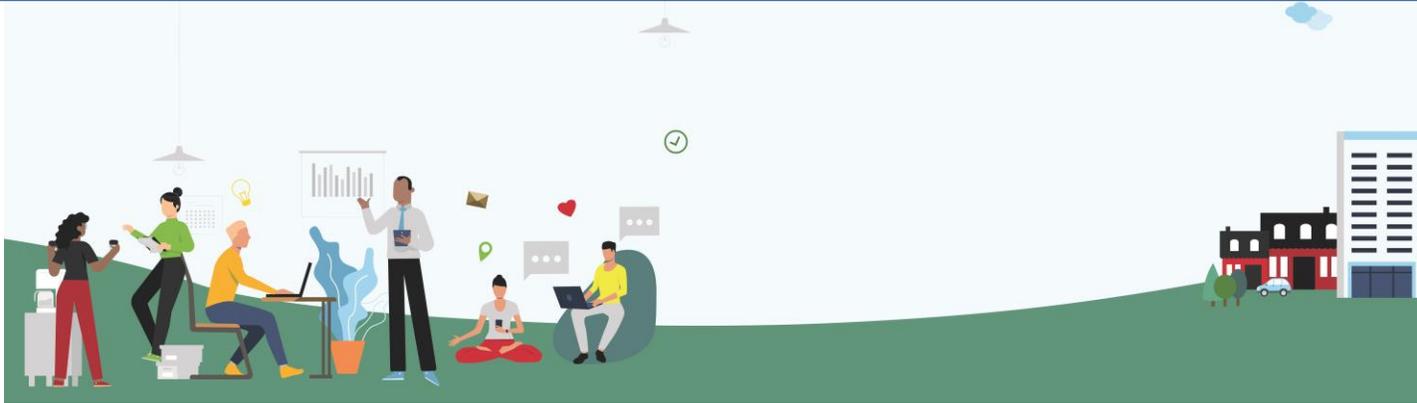




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Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

Annual Report 2019

A Message from our Interim CEO

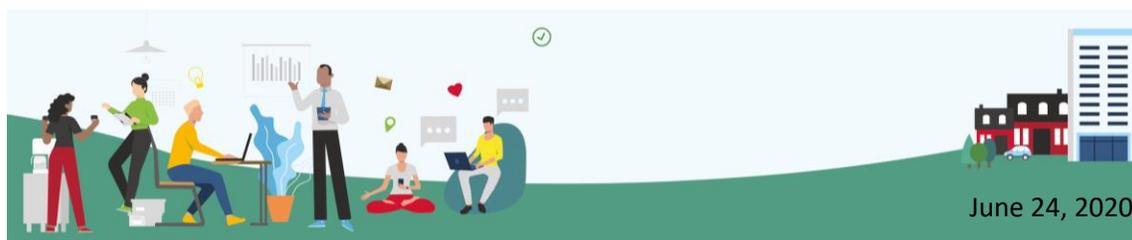
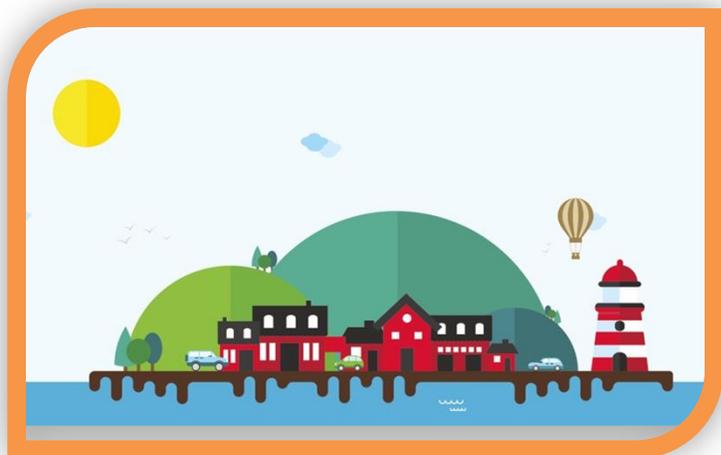
Welcome to the first annual report from Community Foundation of Nova Scotia! We are so pleased to share some the impacts of the philanthropic giving of our fund holders, the passion of our team and the commitment of our board to the vision of this organization.

2019 was an exciting and impactful year for the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia.

We saw a change in our senior leadership, the addition of a new full-time program manager, as well as new accounting team members. This year saw our organization grow, both in scale and scope. We began a new strategic planning initiative that will inform our key focuses in the years to come. We enhanced operational systems and processes to increase our abilities to serve our stakeholders and communities. We built new partnerships and collaborations with other organizations in our province to allow us to step into more bold and innovative service models to make greater impact. From Vital Signs reports to community engagements to visits throughout the province to meet with fund holders and supporters, we have prioritized the gathering of information to allow us to better understand how to serve moving ahead in 2020 and beyond.

On top of these key foundational activities, we were a partner on some incredible granting impact initiatives, including the Green Shield Canada Six 4 Six Program and the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge for Youth. We welcomed many new fund holders into our CFNS family and saw our endowment grow significantly, which will allow for increased philanthropic giving into our communities.

We also were able to play an important role in the future of social enterprise in Nova Scotia through the Investment Readiness Program. We are proud to be a part of the deployment of this funding program from the federal government that will support the growth of social purpose organizations in the province over the next two years.



As we continue into 2020, we are motivated by the needs of our communities and the desire to make a difference in our province. We welcome our new CEO, Daniel Holland, who will be taking the helm of our organization and steering us into new and even more impactful ventures to support our province. We know that 2020 has presented challenges that we could not have imaged mere months ago, but these are the times that our communities need us the most. And we are honored to be there to serve.

Thank you for your continued support of CFNS, and as I pass the torch to our new leader, I would like to express my gratitude to the board and the team for my time here as the interim steward of the organization. It has been an amazing ride and I look forward to the bright future ahead for Community Foundation of Nova Scotia.



Stephanie Clark



Special Initiatives

2019 brought some amazing new opportunities for collaboration with businesses who were interested in corporate social responsibility.



Green Shield Canada launched the Six 4 Six Program which saw \$230,000 granted to mental and oral health initiatives in the province including:

- Chebucto Family Centre
- Brigadoon Village
- Then North Grove (formerly the Dartmouth Family Centre)
- Chebucto Connections
- The John Howard Society of Nova Scotia
- The Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia
- Dalhousie Dentistry Community Oral Health Partnership

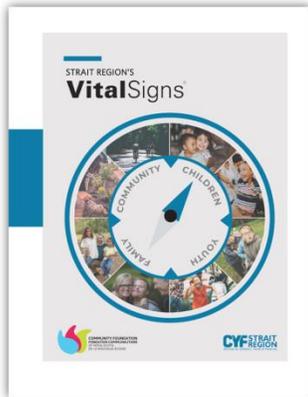


RBC Future Launch Community Challenge asked youth (ages 15-29) to develop, pitch and implement projects that helped deal with challenges affecting their community, such as intergenerational connections, food security, and environmental issues. As a result, projects in Yarmouth County, Glace Bay and Lunenburg County were all funded.



Vital Signs® is a national program led by community foundations and coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada that leverages local knowledge to measure the vitality of our communities and identify significant trends in a range of areas to support action toward improving our collective quality of life.

VitalSigns®



The **Strait Region Vital Signs®** report was developed to foster community awareness, engage readers in strengthening supportive conversations, and inspire actions that ensure all children, youth, and families can access the vital resources they need to not only survive but thrive in our communities. Developed in partnership with the Strait Region Society for Children, Youth and Families, the Strait Region Vital Signs report was completed in 2019.

Community Foundations Canada “All in Conference”

CFNS sent a representative from our team to participate in the bi-annual conference, held in June in Victoria, BC. More than 800 community builders, philanthropists, change makers and partners attended this transformative, 3-day event, which explored how we can collectively and meaningfully be ‘All In’ for our communities and for a more equitable and sustainable future.



June 24, 2020

New Funds

Since 2008, CFNS has continually grown our funds due to the generosity of spirit and desire to make an impact on the lives of the people across the province. Here is a look at some of the new funds that were established during the year.

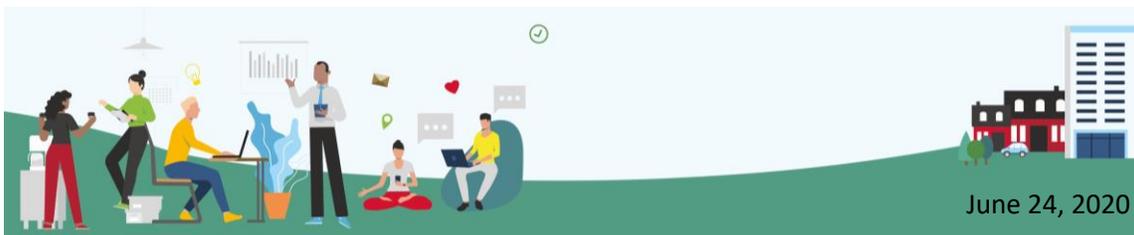
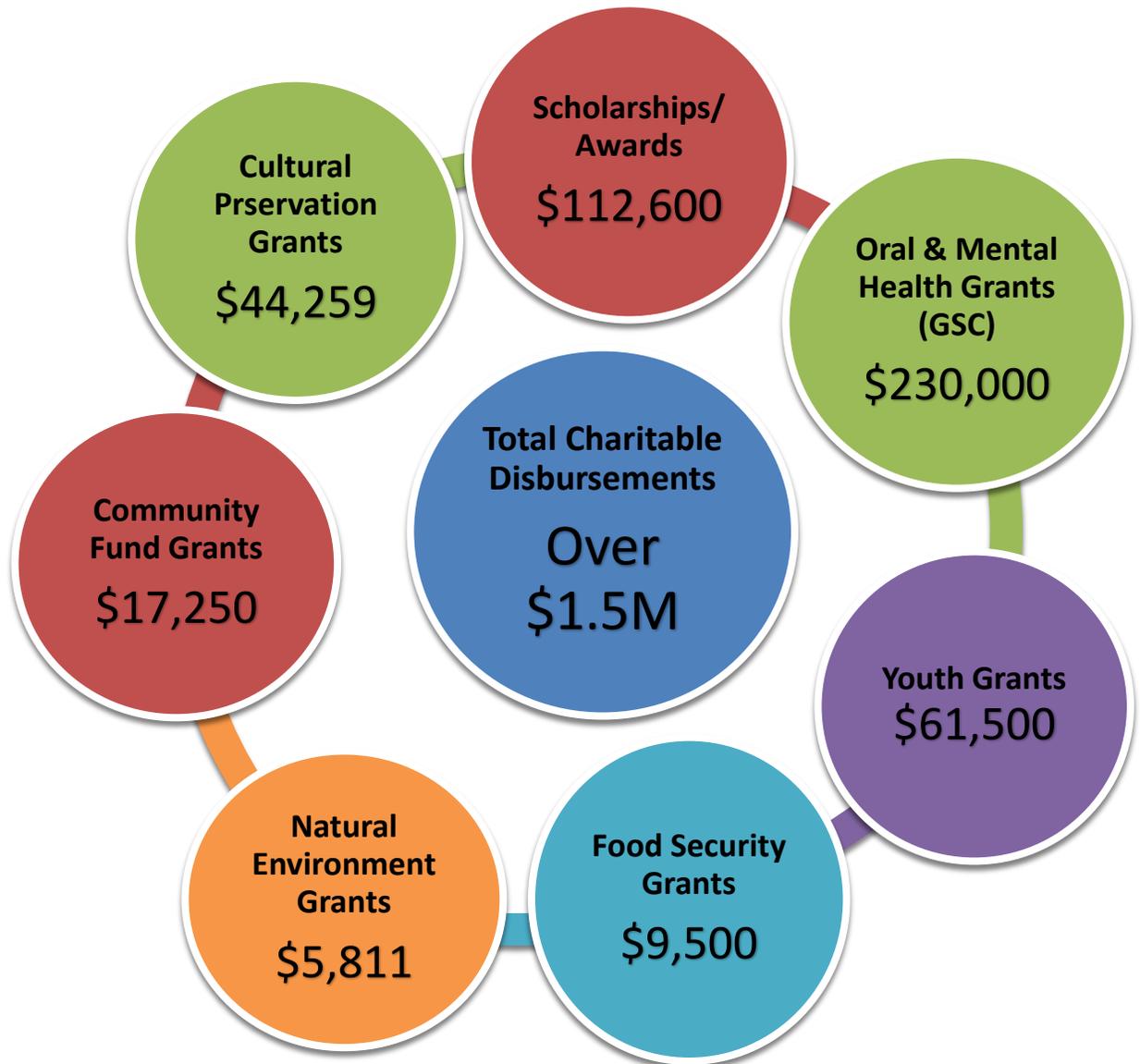


By the end of 2019 our total number of funds was close to 100, and our endowment fund had grown to over \$10 million.



2019 By the Numbers

Here's a look at how some of our funds were disbursed over the year and the impact we have been able to make, thanks to our generous fund holders and donors.



Social Media Presence

During 2019, our social media followers grew significantly across all of our platforms. If you don't follow us online already, we invite you to do so in order to be informed of our most up-to-date information.



1824 Followers



526 Followers



503 Followers



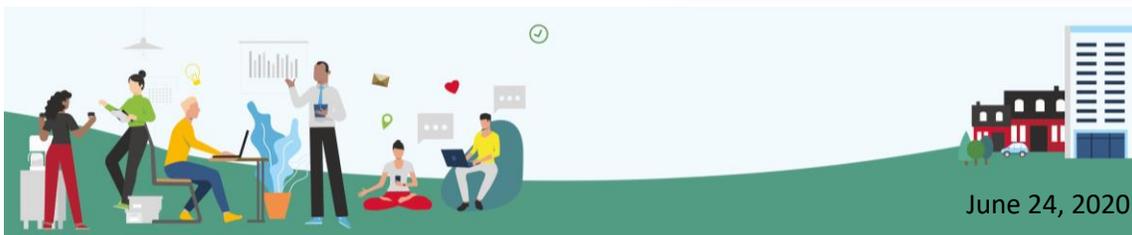
62 Followers



4 Subscribers

Promotional Materials

This year we updated a lot of our public-facing promotional materials, as we as created a new Tool Kit of resources for our fundholders. We also created a video that we hope will be the first in a series of videos that will help expand our reach.



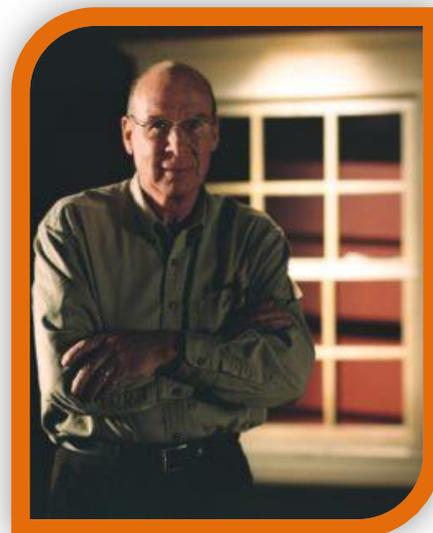
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In Memoriam

In addition to the amazing accomplishments that we celebrated in 2019, sadly we lost one of our CFNS family members. On December 2, 2019, Peter Kohler, founder of the Peter Kohler Scholarship for aspiring engineering students, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Fort Myers, Florida.

In 2013, Peter launched the Peter Kohler Scholarship with CFNS which has enabled many students to pursue a career in engineering who may not have otherwise been able to do so.

His contribution to our organization will never be forgotten.



Without you, we can't do what we do. Here is just a small glimpse into Nova Scotia's change-makers.

Thank you for an unforgettable 2019!



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