

A Year in Review—CFPD Continues to Make Huge Impact on Portage & Area

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Community Foundations are more than organizations—they are engines of hope. They fund dreams, strengthen neighbourhoods, and create opportunities where none existed before. When communities, and the people who care about them, invest in themselves, incredible things happen. Through our *Community Grants Program*, organizations can bring to fruition important programs that



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positively impact—even transform the lives of—the clients they serve. Through the *Bursaries & Awards Program*, students can realize their dreams of achieving post-secondary education without financial barriers. And through annual *Fund Pay-outs*, non-profit organizations can receive funds that make a significant difference in what they can do day-to-day as they serve our

community members with the various services and resources they offer. In 2025 alone, the Community Foundation of Portage & District disbursed over \$606,000 into our community through all avenues combined: over \$390,000 through bi-annual Community Grants; over \$75,000 through Student Bursaries (including 4 to Portage Terriers players); and over \$135,000 through annual Fund Pay-outs (to non-profits chosen/advised by fundholders to receive the monies).

Philanthropy is Strong in Portage & Area

The CFPD endowment fund currently sits at over \$14 million—a remarkable and impressive number that reflects upon the caring and generous nature of our citizens who, year after year, show their dedication to the Foundation through their charitable giving. In 2025 alone, CFPD raised \$954,000 in charitable donations, from 171 unique donors. Estate donations tend to be the greatest source of fund growth, and CFPD saw five substantial estate donations since 2024, totalling 1,486,000—which will mean at least an *additional* \$74,000 will be available for disbursement each year (since only the interest is paid out, with the principal donations remaining in place forever). CFPD is also supported by numerous sponsors who financially assist with special events and initiatives, as well as by volunteers (18

currently) who dedicate their time and energy to sitting on our board and committees, and assisting with special events.

Changing the World, One Gift at a Time

If you wish to support local organizations and the people they serve, to help improve life in your community, please consider becoming involved with CFPD—either by starting your own fund or by making a donation to an existing one. Several options exist: Our “general fund” (Smart & Caring Community Fund) and numerous Undesignated or Field of Interest Funds are for grant-making through bi-annual Community Grants—and we also hold many Bursary, Agency, Designated, or Donor-advised Funds to choose from, depending on whether you want to support students or a local non-profit organization of your choosing. To learn more about the various charitable giving options, visit <https://www.cfpdi.ca/waystogive>.



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