



2017 Year in Review

2017 has been another exciting year in the history of the Perth and District Community Foundation. The Community Foundation produced Lanark County **Vital Signs**[®] to provide a current overview of Lanark County. It gathers and publishes data on significant social and economic trends in areas critical to quality of life. **Vital Signs**[®] reports promote awareness of community issues and can help generate discussion, drive policy change and focus community leadership activities in our community.

Lanark County **VitalSigns**[®] 2017



Taking the Pulse of our Community

The report tells us that Lanark County is a great place to live. It is a place where citizens have a real sense of belonging, with tremendous opportunities to access and enjoy the natural environment. It is a collaborative and supportive community and a leader in many different ways!

We would like to acknowledge and thank the members of the Vital Signs Advisory Committee:

Catherine Ball Owner, Perth Physiotherapy,
Chéla Breckon Project Manager, Local Immigration
Partnership, Renfrew and Lanark Counties,
Emily Cassell Data Analysis Coordinator, Children's
Resources on Wheels,
Kevin Cloutier Executive Director, Open Doors for Lanark
Children and Youth,
Lana March Former Mayor, Perth,
Jim McIntosh Past Chair, Broad of Governors for
Algonquin College,

Katie Nolan Agriculture and Rural Economic
Development Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Affairs,
Fraser Scantlebury Executive Director, United Way
Lanark County,
Dennis Staples Former Mayor, Smiths Falls,
Dr. Paula Stewart Medical Officer of Health, Leeds,
Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit,
Jane Torrance Community Coordinator, Lanark County
Planning Council for Children, Youth and Families.



Success Story: The Perth and District Union Library Children's Summer Literacy Program

The Perth and District Union Library Children's Summer Literacy Program has been up and running for **28 years!** Over 1,500 children have received one-on-one tutoring in reading and writing skills during the summer months – boosting their skills and confidence before heading into the next school year. In 2015, the Summer Literacy Program was presented with the Ontario Library Association's Angus Mowat Award of Excellence. Other Lanark County libraries are now participating in the program, ensuring all children can develop a love of reading.



photo by Jim Noble

*"Library in Perth is a wonderful hub and valuable asset for the community."
(survey response)*

To sustain this important program, an endowment fund has been established through the Perth and District Community Foundation. Over **\$500,000** has been raised – securing the program in perpetuity.

The community identified "**Children and Youth**" as the most vulnerable members in our community, and wanted community leaders to provide more services and programming for children and youth (ranked just behind transportation).

The Big Picture – What Have We Learned?

The Vital Signs program has shown us that Lanark County is brimming with community spirit and resources. The various elements, profiled in the previous pages, are woven together to create this community of ours, with its strengths and weaknesses.

Through the Vital Signs survey, and other community engagements such as interviews with 40 key community members, and focus groups we know that:

- we are very proud of our community, our people, our lakes and natural environment, our services, our recreational opportunities and our arts and culture
- we have a higher than normal proportion of retirees, which, though it presents certain challenges, is also a treasure trove of resources (skills, knowledge, time and money)
- we have a rural “can do” approach to solving problems, where we pull together and make things happen, rather than wait for others to solve the issues for us.



photo by Lynn McIntyre

We also know that there are some areas where we could do better, where the most vulnerable of our community are not being supported, where people can't get the services they need. We have learned that:

- the lack of rural transportation options is the biggest single issue because it impacts many different aspects of our community, including access to services, income, employment and recreation
- youth and seniors are the most vulnerable members of our community
- there is an ongoing need for good jobs and stable incomes

"Inspired that there is this Foundation willing and organized to address these issues."

"PDCF – keep up all the good work you do!"

"Keep up the good work! Thanks"

"Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our feelings in this survey!"



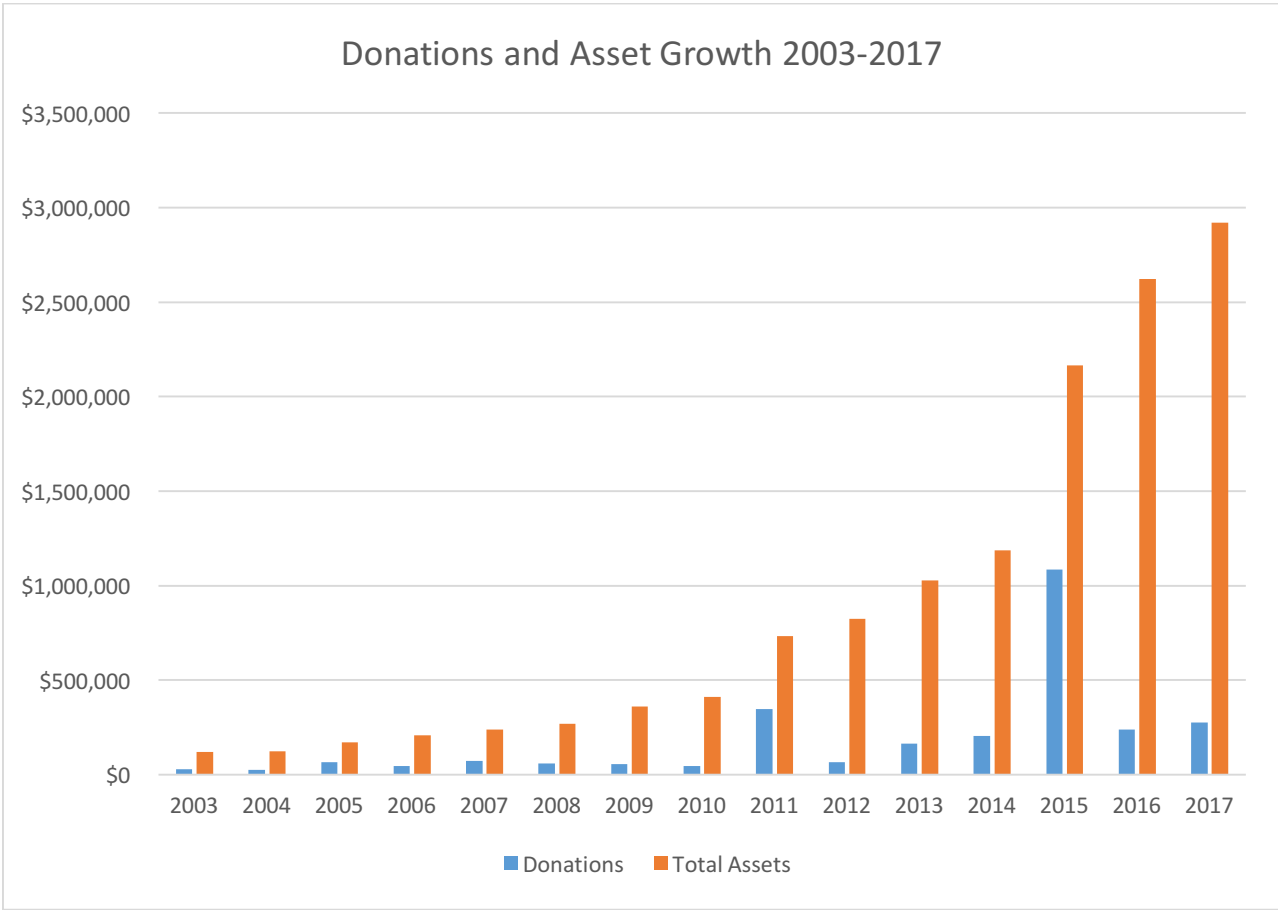


Table One. Donation and asset growth for the period 2002 to 2017.

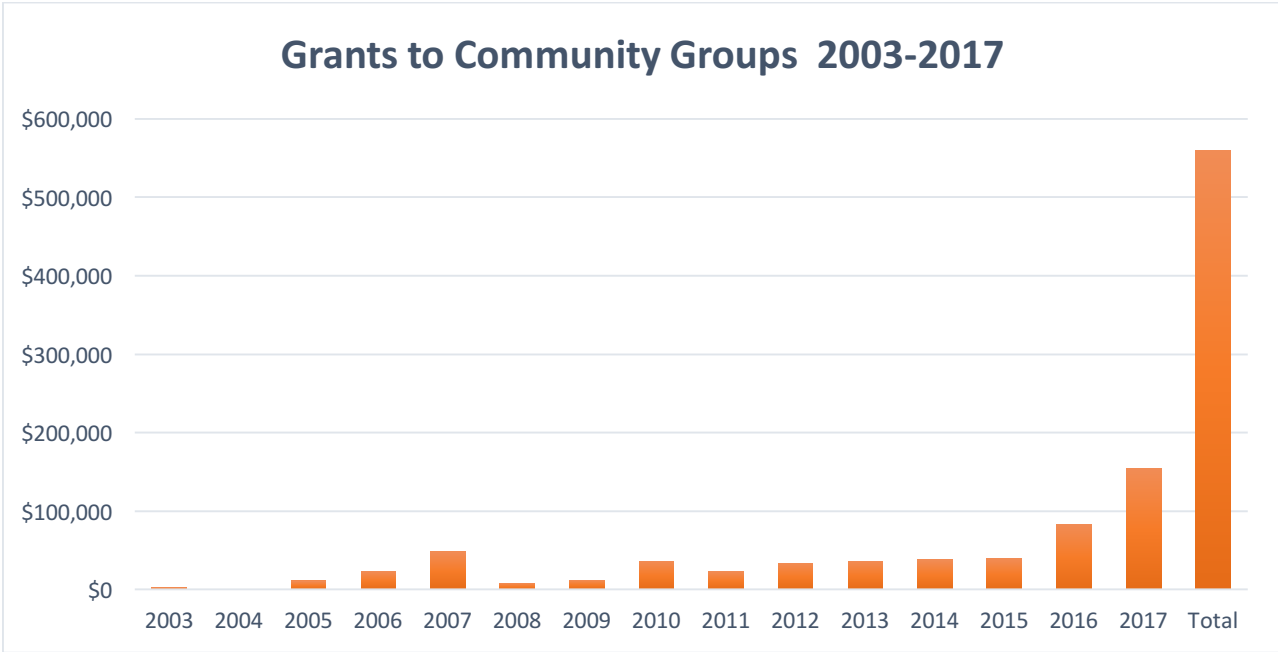


Table Two. Grants to community groups for the period 2003-2017.

Statement of Financial Position 2017

December 31	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current		
Cash	30,121	42,914
Miscellaneous receivables	5,450	6,323
	35,571	49,237
Investments (note 2)	2,889,594	2,574,660
Total Assets	2,925,165	2,623,897
 Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,823	21,699
 Fund Balances		
Operating fund	22,170	31,083
Unrestricted fund	195,101	173,855
Restricted and named funds (note 3)	2,704,071	2,397,260
	2,921,342	2,602,198
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	2,925,165	2,623,897

**The Perth and District Community Foundation
Statement of Operations and Fund Balances**

For the year ended December 31	Operating Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted / Named Funds	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues					
Donations	---	38,771	237,479	276,250	237,497
Investment income (loss)	---	16,267	217,589	233,856	309,168
Golf Tournament (net)	15,006	---	---	15,006	20,391
Christmas Fundraiser (net)	2,738	---	---	2,738	21,704
Management fee	26,853	(1,868)	(24,985)	---	---
Other income	12,104	---	---	12,104	2,330
	56,701	53,170	430,083	539,954	591,090
Expenditures					
Administrative					
Marketing, advertising	4,495	---	---	4,495	3,224
Office and general	15,052	---	---	15,052	16,852
Salaries and benefits	38,652	---	---	38,652	42,710
Programs	7,415	---	---	7,415	---
Grants	---	31,924	123,272	155,196	92,340
	65,614	31,924	123,272	220,810	155,126
Net Revenues (Expenditures) for the Year	(8,913)	21,246	306,811	319,144	435,964
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	31,083	173,855	2,397,260	2,602,198	2,166,234
Fund Balances, End of Year	22,170	195,101	2,704,071	2,921,342	2,602,198

Grants 2017-18

	Project Title	Description/Project Purpose	Amount Approved
1	Burning Passions Theatre	This is a two stage project- stage one creates a safe space for young people to talk about their lives in an unfiltered fashion through theater. Stage two builds on stage one and conducts theatrical historic walking plays in Perth.	\$2,500.00
2	Cornerstone Landing Youth Services	To undertake a feasibility study that will allow Cornerstone Landing to apply for Capital Cost grants.	\$4,000.00
3	Great War Memorial Hospital Foundation	purchase defibrillator for ER at the Perth hospital	\$26,000.00
4	Lanark County Interval House	Series of workshops to promote awareness among youth about violence against women	\$1,500.00
5	Lanark County Therapeutic Riding Program	STABLE Thinking is developed in conjunction with YAK for those having mental health issues to participate in a program that will reduce anxiety, increase resiliency and self esteem	\$3,500.00
6	Lanark Highlands Youth Centre	Summer Excursion Program for Youth engaging youth in active living and is a shared program with YAK	\$1,500.00
7	Lanark Renfrew Health & Community Services	Provides Monthly community dinners	\$3,000.00
8	Lanark Renfrew Health & Community Services	Host Free training events to build volunteer, staff and board capacity	\$3,000.00
9	MERA	Encourage a new generation of artists to expand membership in the MERA community	\$1,500.00
10	Perth Enrichment Program for Older Adults	Give Seniors opportunity to socialize in a safe and fun environment and address social isolation	\$1,950.00
11	Perth Fair	Provide Students opportunity to display their historical research projects	\$800.00
12	Stewart Park Festival	Provides young people with opportunity to play on large stage through the Student Coffee House, Be in the Band and the Youth Showcase.	\$3,000.00
13	The Table	Build on Flavours From Your Neighbours Community Kitchen Program	\$4,400.00
14	Youth Action Kommittee	Support Artful Youth Program - an 8 week multi-media program, led by local artists	\$3,262.00
Total			\$59,912.00

Thanks to the donors and 39 Family and Agency Funds who last year donated over \$276,000.00 dollars to the Perth and District Community Foundation.

Allatt	Stuart and Sharon Laing
Anderson Family	McIntosh Perry
Benjamin Rogers Memorial	MERA Award of Excellence
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Reta M. Miller (bequest)
Boysen Family	Munroe Family
CARR	Noble /Stolee Family
Dr. William Cuthbertson	O'Connor Family
Community Builders	Perth Blue Wings
Dr. Gordon Jackson	Perth Library Children's Literacy
Dr. Murray Wilson	Rotary Club of Perth
Robert J. Ellard Family	Smart and Caring
Environmental Trust	Smiths Falls Montague
GKJ Community	Strome / Drew
Graham Family	The Table
Don and Lorraine Hill (bequest)	Tay Valley History
Hollis Family	Underhill McIntyre Family
Jacqui Bowick Sandor Second Chance	VCK Fund
Ken Gray Memorial	Woodwark and Stevens
Marriner Family	Young Talent
Ladly Family	

PDCF 2017 Legacy Golf Classic

The Perth and District Community Foundation is extremely grateful to our volunteers, generous sponsors, donors and contributors to the 2017 PDCF Golf Tournament. We are appreciative of our valued guests who attended the event, many who have supported this event since 2005. A special thanks to our platinum sponsor The Graham Dixon Group BMO Nesbitt Burns!



Please support all of the generous, community-minded businesses who supported our Community fundraisers.

