



NEWSLETTER - 2018 FALL EDITION



BIG CHANGES FOR THE FOUNDATION

2018 has been an eventful year at the Foundation. Bonnie Moore, after 6 years with the Foundation, has left the organization to pursue new challenges. During Bonnie’s tenure, the Foundation’s portfolio nearly doubled, the number of funds more than doubled, internal procedures were streamlined, outreach to local charities increased and the number of donors increased. Although we will miss Bonnie, she will always be a part of the Foundation family. We are excited to see what she accomplishes next.



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Taking over leadership of the Foundation is Melanie Blanchette. A recent graduate of the Masters in Business Administration program at Lakehead University, Melanie plans on using her knowledge and skills to drive forward the strategic goals of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. She draws on a wealth of leadership experience that spans all aspects of community services in the both public and non-profit sectors. Her business finesse demonstrates a savviness for collaboration and team-building; executive leadership; campaign outreach; and public relations. Melanie has many more notable accomplishments in her history. Stop by and get to know Melanie today!

- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- Grant Application Available**
September 1, 2018
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- Grant Seminars**
September 5, 2018
September 19, 2018
October 3, 2018
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- Grant Applications Due**
October 12, 2018
- Grant Reception**
November 28, 2018
- Philanthropy Month**
November

Call Melanie today at 475-7279 or email ed@tbcf.org



GRANT SEASON IS HERE!

It's that time of year again, our charities' favourite season! We are excited to announce the opening of our grant applications. This year the Foundation has \$300,000 available throughout our various funds delegated for poverty relief, youth recreation, health care, animal welfare, arts and more. Applying is really easy this year with our application process being available online.

There will be three Grant Seminars to provide assistance to our local charities. Topics that will be discussed at the seminar include:

- Granting Programs
- Granting Application
- Tips for filling out your application

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We will also be available by phone and at our office for any assistance required throughout the granting season.

At the Thunder Bay Community Foundation, we understand that the needs of our community are always changing. That's why, for over 45 years, we've distributed \$4.5 million in grants and scholarships in support of a wide variety of charitable organizations, programs and projects. Community Foundation grants are made possible through the generous endowments and gifts of local citizens. Thank you to our generous donors for making this program possible.

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THE JAMES AND SHIRLEY SYMINGTON FAMILY FUND CREATES LEGACY THAT WILL LAST FOREVER

This summer marked the grand opening of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay's new playground at their Windsor location. This new playground is very modern and will require minimal maintenance leaving more funds for programming. Thunder Bay Community Foundation (TBCF) donors and supporters, Jim and Shirley Symington in partnership with the TBCF made this possible with a grant in 2017.

The Symingtons are very proud supporters of the work done by the Boys and Girls Clubs having donated for several of their projects, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay's dunk tank.

Sadly, Shirley passed away this year before the opening ceremony. In attendance were Jim and Shirley's children Craig Symington (and his wife Jill Symington) and Sarah Symington all of whom gleamed with pride knowing that their parents' generosity will benefit so many youth in our community today and tomorrow.

Many children will benefit from this generous donation that will also serve to memorialize a wonderful, caring individual and her family. Thank you to Jim and Shirley from the Community Foundation staff and Board of Trustees.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

2018 has been a very generous year for the Foundation thanks to our wonderful donors, especially those who prefer to remain anonymous. So far this year the Foundation has given out over \$500,000 to local charities from several anonymous donors.



Grace Place

In April, a very spectacular donor generously paid the remaining \$174,000 on the mortgage for Grace Place, a soup kitchen and shelter run by Grace Ministries.

This will allow Grace Place to dedicate funds that would have otherwise been for the mortgage to projects such as their hair washing sink so they can have a volunteer hair stylist come in a few times a month and provide services to Grace Place's clients.

Salvation Army

In May, we were very lucky to present at the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Salvation Army's Journey to Life Centre. This facility will provide better services and give more options to those in need. One of our anonymous donors generously gave \$350,000 to support the project. The Salvation Army was very grateful for the local support and hopes that our donor's benevolence will inspire others in our community.



Alexander Henry

In June, Thunder Bay saw the opening of the CCGS Alexander Henry, a former Canadian Coast Guard light icebreaker and buoy tender that served on the Great Lakes from 1959 to 1984. This piece of Thunder Bay history was built at our very own port. One of our anonymous donors very generously provided a grand opening gift of \$47,000 that was successfully matched by the Lakehead Transportation Museum's fundraising efforts.

Shelter House SOS Van

In April we were proud to participate in the announcement of Shelter House's new van for the SOS Program. One of our anonymous donors



contributed over \$10,000 to Shelter House's SOS van in partnership with other organizations such as Matawa First Nations Management. Our very community oriented donor wanted to support a program that helps many individuals in need. According to the Shelter House website "The SOS Team, which is a highly trained, skilled team of compassionate people, is out on the road everyday. This team will be out in teams of two from 2PM - 2AM daily, offering their services to homeless, intoxicated and high risk people in our community... Our SOS Team carries on hand supplies such as warm clothing, blankets, food and harm reductions supplies for distribution as needed throughout our community."

HERE WE GROW AGAIN



We are so lucky to be able to get to know some of Thunder Bay's most philanthropic families. One such family is the Meredith-Karams. Patricia Meredith, husband Steve Karam, and their son Patrick Meredith-Karam established their fund at the end of 2017 with the goal of supporting a community that has provided them with so much support. The Meredith-Karam Family Fund will be a powerful giving tool to accomplish the family's philanthropic goals!



SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

2018 was a great year for our Scholarships and Bursaries Program. 33 awards went to 29 very deserving students for a total of \$118,800 to support their post-secondary hopes and dreams in becoming a reality. This year the Foundation was able to give out four new awards: The Amber Foundation Bursary, James and Shirley Symington Family Fund Bursary, Veena Lamba Scholarship for the Arts and the June Morgan McDonald Bursary for the Arts & Design. These awards make a real difference in the life of a student. From paying for tuition to buying supplies to working less and focusing more on their studies, these students can use their awards to support their educational pursuits in a variety of ways. We are so proud of our recipients and their accomplishments. Congratulations to all of our winners!

2018 Scholarship and Bursary Recipients

Aileen and Gertrude Lahti Family Scholarship

- Victoria Anthes - Sir Winston Churchill CVI
- Anna Wood - St. Ignatius High School

Arthur Widnall Bursary

- Summer Jackson-Storm - École secondaire catholique de la Vérendrye
- Kayla McCraw - Geraldton Composite High School

Friesen Jones Family Bursary

- Tristyn Mattinas - Sir Winston Churchill CVI

Helen L. Dewar Scholarship

- Katherine Filipovic - St. Ignatius High School
- Emily Hunt - St. Ignatius High School

James and Shirley Symington Family Fund Bursary

- Carter Pringle - Nipigon-Red Rock District High School
- Eraj Rehman - Sir Winston Churchill CVI

John A. McLean Scholarship

- Georgia Tocheri - St. Patrick High School

Joshua Dyke Family Scholarship

- Victor Liao - Sir Winston Churchill CVI
- Mariah Piovesana - Sir Winston Churchill CVI

June Morgan McDonald Bursary for the Arts & Design

- Hayleigh Narbonne - Manitouwadge High School

Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Bursary

- Sarah Bilokryli - St. Ignatius High School
- Cale Proteau - St. Ignatius High School

Ross A. Wilson Science Scholarships

- Allison Jones - Hammarskjold High School
- Emma Pineau - Hammarskjold High School

Roy Seymour Rogers and Geraldine Ruth Rogers Scholarships

- Matthew Gascon - Manitouwadge High School
- Maresa Gauvin - Nipigon-Red Rock District High School
- Tristan Oliveira - Manitouwadge High School
- Camille Vernier - Geraldton Composite High School
- Nicole Wiziniuk - Marathon High School/Ecole Secondaire Cite Superieure

Shirley H. & Meredith O. Nelson Health Care Scholarship

- Emily Kamphof - Westgate CVI

Superior North EMS Leslie Vance Bursary

- Kayla Genereux - St. Ignatius High School
- Emily Hunt - St. Ignatius High School
- Tara Macchi - St. Ignatius High School
- Nicole Wiziniuk - Marathon High School/Ecole Secondaire Cite Superieure

Susan Cochran Simonsen Bursary for Aboriginal Students

- Justine Hawkins - Superior CVI

The Amber Foundation Bursary

- Kayla Genereux - St. Ignatius High School

Veena Lamba Scholarship for the Arts

- Brooklyn Ranta - Sir Winston Churchill CVI

Victor Stevenson Engineering Scholarship

- Jared Kreiner - St. Ignatius High School
- Michael Pelaia - St. Ignatius High School
- Edison Su - St. Patrick High School