

Community Matters

Thunder Bay Community Foundation Grants \$921,575 in 2023!

2023 was an exciting year for the Thunder Bay Community Foundation! Each year, the Foundation accepts online grant applications from charities in the Thunder Bay and District Areas. Without the tremendous support of their generous donors, the incredible work our local charities are doing and our volunteer Grant Selection Committee, the Thunder Bay Community Foundation Grants would not be possible.

The Foundation is announcing that **\$921,575.45** was given to deserving students and charities throughout 2023. This consists of Student Awards where 38 students received \$140,000, Donor Directed Donations where 22 organizations received \$177,658.45, the Community Services Recovery Fund Grants where 7 organizations received \$394,317, and Community Grants. Hospice Northwest, along with, 19 other charities in the Thunder Bay and District Area received 31 Community Grants this year totaling \$209,600.

Cherie Kok, Executive Director at Hospice Northwest expressed, “The Thunder Bay Community Foundation is the best thing since sliced bread for a small non-profit organization. Many of the 20 organizations, receiving funding do not have enough or ANY core funding to be able to deliver on many of our services. The Foundation allows many of us to support more and do more for the vulnerable in Thunder Bay.” Some of the projects making a positive difference in our community, thanks to the 2023 grants, include:

- Hospice Northwest – Client Self Care Kits
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind – Dream Weaver Arts Project
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay – Technology Upgrade
- John Ambulance – Therapy Dog Unit

Athena Kreiner, CEO of the Thunder Bay Community Foundation explains, “Investing in and supporting all facets of community and civic life is at the core of what the Thunder Bay Community Foundation does. The purpose of the Thunder Bay Community Foundation is to inspire, promote and facilitate philanthropy to support the ever-changing needs of the District of Thunder Bay. I would like to thank our donors, for caring about our community, wanting to make it a better place and making a positive impact. I would also thank to thank our local charities for their dedication and hard work they do throughout the year for the people in our community.”

A full listing of all 2023 grants can be found online at www.tbcf.org/grants/grant-recipients



Passionate about our Community?

Consider starting a Fund at the Thunder Bay Community Foundation!

- Support organizations and areas of need that are important to you.
- Give students the gift of education by establishing a scholarship or bursary.

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