Perth and District COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

What is the Perth & District Community Foundation

Perth and District Community Foundation (PDCF) is a charitable organization that is a Member of the Community Foundations of Canada. PDCF was created by and for the people of Perth and the area. Inspired by our donors, grant recipients and stakeholders we make a vital difference in our community.

Our Mission is to enhance the quality of life for residents of our community, by:

- Fostering community based philanthropy
- Building and carefully manage endowed funds
- Addressing community needs and opportunities through strategic grant making

What Does PDCF do?

- Established in 2002, the PDCF has been connecting donors to causes that matter. We attract and manage a growing endowment.

- Pools charitable gifts from donors into an income earning endowment fund that benefits the community.

- Makes grants from the earnings of these funds to support a broad variety of initiatives for youth, seniors, health and support services, education, environment, arts and culture, sports and recreation, and social development

- Provides leadership as a community convener, brining people together to identify and address community well being issues.

Why People Donate

- We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.
- Volunteers and staff have broad expertise regarding community needs.
- We provide highly personalized service tailored to each individual.
- Our funds help people invest in the causes they care about.
- We accept a wide range of donations, and can facilitate complex forms of giving.

Why People Donate

- Building endowment funds benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

- As community leaders we foster collaborations on issues of broad interest to create positive change.

- We offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under federal law.

- We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

What is an Endowment Fund?

An endowment fund is a permanent, self sustaining source of funding. Assets in an endowment fund are invested. Each year, a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the fund's purpose, and any earnings in excess of this distribution are used to build the fund's value. In this way, an endowment fund can grow and provide support for its designated purpose in perpetuity.

The Organization Endowment Fund

- A Community Foundation fund established and invested for the long term support of your organization by preserving the principal capital and utilizing the earnings to manage operational costs and/or program expenses.

- Showcases your organization’s focus on good stewardship and long term viability, while providing a strong incentive for prospective donors to contribute to your organization’s future