



KENORA & LAKE OF THE WOODS REGIONAL

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Building Forever Together



GRANTS OF \$6 MILLION TO CHARITIES
IN THE KENORA AND LAKE OF THE WOODS REGION, SINCE 2004

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Operating Sponsors

The Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation is privileged to have received support from the individuals and organizations listed below. These sponsors play a key role in promoting our vision, mission and purpose. Each one makes an important contribution to the operating expenses of our Community Foundation. We commend them for their leadership and vision, in assisting us with the development of community philanthropy. If your organization would like to join us in growing our community, please contact us at info@klwcf.ca



Vision: A Kenora & Lake of the Woods region where life flourishes and communities grow.

Mission: The Community Foundation is dedicated to help improve community living and the quality of life for citizens and visitors to Kenora and the Lake of the Woods Region.

Purpose: The Kenora & Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation's purpose is to inspire and lead collaboration to empower communities to make an impact on the lives of people. The Community Foundation aims to strengthen the communities we serve by continuously striving towards three key objectives: Endowment Building, Broad and Effective Grant Making and Community Leadership.

Values: The Kenora & Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation is guided by the values of responsiveness, inclusivity, honesty and accountability, collaboration and courage. We are caring and hopeful in our community work.

Impact: The Community Foundation is the only organization within the region facilitating philanthropy through the building of permanent endowment funds, for the benefit of the area's registered charities. The permanent endowments we are building will support our community's future.

Land Acknowledgment: The Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation supports and serves on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Metis of Treaty #3. We acknowledge that our Indigenous peoples are the stewards and guardians of this land. As a community and workplace, we honour and celebrate our Indigenous nations, their traditional knowledge and contributions. We acknowledge the harms of our shared history on Indigenous peoples, and we move forward in the spirit of inclusiveness and reconciliation within our community work.

Front Cover: The Community Foundation's Board of Directors is pleased to share that in 2025, an unprecedented \$815,874 was distributed in grants to support the charitable sector across the Kenora and LOW Region. Pictured from left to right: Board President Darcia Curtis, Board Vice President Gord McCool, Board Treasurer Dan Reynard, Directors Laura Wheatley and Liana Berezowski and Executive Director Lynn McAughey. Missing: Directors Lisa Devlin, Stef Bryant and Peter Ratuski.

Establishment of an Indigenous Advisory Circle: The Community Foundation is proud to announce that, as part of its 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, we have established an Indigenous Advisory Circle to support healing and reconciliation, promote engagement and participation in philanthropy, and share supports and resources. Our first meeting was held in the spring of 2025 with front row, left to right: Donna Anderson, Stefanie Bryant, and Elder Randy White. Back row left to right: Kevin Parsons, Senior Capacity Building Advisor Endow Manitoba, Melanie Badger, Manager of Indigenous Philanthropy with the Winnipeg Foundation and Executive Director, Lynn McAughey.



Establishment of an Indigenous Advisory Circle.

Double Your Impact Campaign

\$60,000 Goal Surpassed, with \$107,901 in Endowments!

Our Board of Directors extends a heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our “Double Your Impact Campaign”, which ran from November 10 until December 31, 2025. The campaign originated from the generosity of an anonymous donor, who challenged us to raise \$60,000, which would then be matched. Thanks to your generosity and belief in the power of endowment giving, our goal of \$60,000 was not only met—it was surpassed, with an incredible \$107,901 in endowed donations received. This outstanding result will have a lasting impact, strengthening our ability to support our community now and for generations to come.



Charitable giving became a family affair when Rob Aitken and sons created a family endowment fund and used the “Double your Impact Campaign to maximize” their gift.



Peggy Holland, left, representing the G Clef and Music Men Choir, donated \$1,000 to the Tattie McLeod Family Fund for Community Needs and \$2,000 to their own endowment fund also supporting community needs. Thanks to the “Double your Impact” campaign, their donations resulted in an additional \$3,000 donation towards social welfare projects in Kenora.



Cindy Melenchenko made a gift to her family endowment fund in support of social services, in memory and in honor of her parents, grandparents and extended family members.

Message from the President and Executive Director

As 2025 comes to a close, we reflect with gratitude on the generosity, collaboration, and community spirit that continues to shape the work of the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Community Foundation. This year, donors, volunteers, charities, businesses, and community partners came together to strengthen our region in meaningful ways. Following our 20th Anniversary celebrations, we experienced renewed community engagement, welcomed new fund holders, advanced our Strategic Plan, and established our Indigenous Advisory Committee. Together, we celebrated the creation of 14 new endowment funds, expanded opportunities for legacy giving, and continued building a culture of philanthropy that will benefit generations to come.

The impact of this collective generosity was extraordinary. In 2025, the Community Foundation awarded a record-breaking \$815,874 in grants, including a transformational \$100,000 contribution to the Lake of the Woods District Hospital's Beyond the Scan campaign, helping bring advanced diagnostic imaging technology to our region. Signature initiatives such as the Double Your Impact Campaign, Golfing for Philanthropy presented by Kenora Chevrolet Buick GMC Corvette, and the Festival of Tree's Mistletoe Masquerade presented by Kenora Home Hardware Building Centre exceeded expectations while strengthening community connections. The return of our Granting Ceremony, the growth of Youth in Philanthropy programs, bursary distributions to local high schools, and new partnerships with professionals and organizations all demonstrated the incredible power of people coming together to invest in community well-being. We recognize and thank Bryce and Nicki Douglas in growing our Community Foundation over the past year. Their leadership and generosity was greatly appreciated.

We are deeply grateful to the many organizations and partners whose in-kind donations supported our operations throughout the year, including Para, Acadia Broadcasting, Andrew and Lisa Paterson and family, Westland Insurance, FSET, Northern Credit Union, BrokerLink, the Dingwall Group, and Joey Katz – Real Estate Broker. Their generosity reflects the true spirit of community and allows the Community Foundation to continue maximizing our impact across the region. We thank renowned Kenora photographer Tom Thomson, for the use of his Lake of the Woods photos throughout this report. We acknowledge the continued support we received from our Directors Emeriti; Andrew B. Paterson, Donald A. Parfitt and Lorne W. Temple in supporting the work of our Community Foundation. We also extend heartfelt thanks to retiring board members Shannon Robinson, Claudine Corderio, Kyle Attanasio, and James Williams for their years of dedicated service, and warmly welcome new board members Lisa Devlin, Peter Ratuski, Liana Berezowski, and Dan Reynard. As we look ahead, we remain inspired by the generosity that defines our communities and committed to building a stronger future together through philanthropy, endowment building, and community leadership.



Darcia Curtis,
President

Lynn McAughey,
Executive Director

The Impact of Food Security Grants in Kenora

Food insecurity continues to impact individuals and families in Kenora and the surrounding region. Food insecurity is a growing public health concern across Canada. **In 2025, the Community Foundation distributed grants of \$190,000 to combat food insecurity.** Recent data suggest that 1 in 5 households in the Northwestern Health Unit region experience food insecurity, meaning many individuals and families struggle to afford enough food to support good health. Families with children, seniors living on fixed incomes, and people with low or unstable incomes are often most affected. People who are unhoused or experiencing housing instability also face significant barriers to accessing regular and nutritious meals.¹

The Northwestern Health Unit's Cost of Eating Well Report highlights the financial pressures many households face. Rising food and housing costs mean some families must make difficult choices about how to stretch their income. Food insecurity is rooted in poverty — when incomes do not keep pace with the cost of living, households struggle to afford basic needs. Community programs help address immediate needs.¹

In Kenora, the Nutrition on Weekends (NOW) program sends food home with students for the weekend. The program is delivered locally by the Rotary Club of Kenora, with support from community partners including the Community Foundation and the Northwestern Health Unit Health Unit. Community organizations, including charities supported by the Community Foundation, play an important role in strengthening community supports and improving food access for Kenora residents, including those identified below.

In 2025, the Kenora Salvation Army reported feeding 2,098 people. This represented over 14% of the total population of Kenora. They also reported a 10% increase in the number of people fed through their food bank in 2024. At Christmas this past year, they handed out 200 food hampers, representing over 3,000 lbs of food.

The Community Outreach Meal Program (COMP), run by Knox United Church volunteers, provides a nutritious weekly lunch to 90–120 patrons at the Kenora Fellowship Centre.

Operating twice a week, the CommUNITY Space at St. Alban's Cathedral offers hope to over fifty individuals experiencing food insecurity on the streets on Kenora. They also provide basic needs such as hydration and washrooms.

The Minto EarlyONCentre assists food insecure families with gaining access to healthy reliable food. They serve approximately one hundred families, including one hundred and fifty adults and two hundred and thirty children.

¹. Statistics and content provided by the Northwestern Health Unit www.nwhu.on.ca



For additional details on "Great Grants & Impact Stories", please visit our website at: www.klwcf.ca/positive_impact/



NOW Program



Kenora Salvation Army Food Bank



COMP volunteers Eric and Ren



CommUNITY Space Nutrition



Minto EARLYON Centre

A Community Investing in Its Youth

At the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Community Foundation, we believe that every student deserves the opportunity to pursue their dreams—regardless of financial barriers. Each year, thanks to the generosity and vision of our donors, graduating students across the region receive bursary support that helps turn those dreams into reality.

In 2025, the Community Foundation proudly awarded bursaries to graduates from Bimose Community High School, Beaver Brae Secondary School, and Saint Thomas Aquinas High School. Each ceremony was filled with pride and excitement, celebrating not only academic achievement, but also leadership, creativity, resilience, and community involvement.

These awards were made possible through a diverse range of donor-established funds, including:

- Wauzhusk Onigum Education Bursaries
- Roger and Jane Swanson Music Education Bursaries
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #13 Bursaries
- Knights of Columbus Bursary Awards
- Forest Capital of Canada Bursary Awards
- Miss Cookie–Carol Wicks Bursary Fund
- Women's Place Kenora Bursary Fund
- Michael R. Douglas Indigenous Student Bursary Award

Among this year's recipients were exceptional students whose accomplishments and aspirations stood out:

- **Lazarus Constant** (Bimose Community High School), recipient of the Wauzhusk Onigum Education Bursary
- **James Bell** (Beaver Brae Secondary School), recipient of both the Miss Cookie–Carol Wicks Bursary and the Roger and Jane Swanson Music Education Bursary
- **Julian Rhind** (Beaver Brae Secondary School), recipient of the Forest Capital of Canada and the Wauzhusk Onigum Education Bursary
- **Samantha Oldford** (Beaver Brae Secondary School), recipient of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #13 Bursary
- **Sophie Muise** (Saint Thomas Aquinas High School), recipient of the Women's Place Kenora bursary
- **Wyatt Greer** (Saint Thomas Aquinas High School), recipient of the Forest Capital of Canada bursary
- **Diana Soto Payares, West Ranville, and Kolton Emond** (Saint Thomas Aquinas High School), recipients of Knights of Columbus bursaries
- **Javan Ura** (Saint Thomas Aquinas High School), recipient of both the Roger and Jane Swanson Music Education Bursary and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #13 Bursary



Lazarus Constant



Samantha Oldford



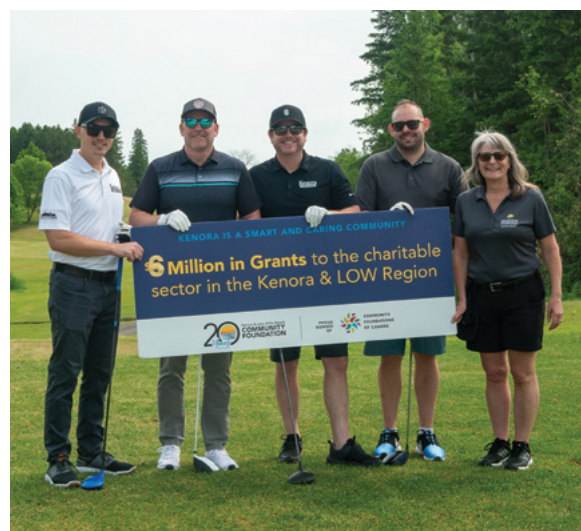
Wyatt Greer

Looking Ahead

For those inspired to make a lasting impact, establishing a bursary fund is one of the most meaningful ways to give back. By investing in education, donors help shape the future of our region - one student at a time.

The 6th Annual Golfing for Philanthropy Charity Fundraiser, presented by Kenora Chevrolet Buick GMC Corvette, brought twenty-seven teams together for charity.

The work of the Community Foundation in growing the charitable sector in the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region, was strengthened by the success of the 6th Annual Golfing for Philanthropy Charitable Fundraiser, held on June 12th at the Kenora Golf and Country Club. Each participating team had the honor of posing with the Community Foundation's banner announcing that \$6 Million in grants has been distributed to charities in the Kenora and LOW Region over the past twenty-one years. Donny B, Tbaytel, Clearwater Market and Kenora Home Hardware Building Centre, joined the event as Premier Sponsors. The tournament also benefitted from the dedicated efforts of over twenty volunteers. Golfers enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch provided by the Rotary Club of Kenora, and supper was provided by the Kenora Golf and Country Club. The Community Foundation recognizes and thanks all our generous tournament sponsors, prize sponsors, spirited teams and dedicated volunteers for joining us in Building Forever Together.



Kenora Chevrolet Buick GMC Corvette team members included, left to right, Brendan Morris, Jason Kantola, Jordan Kantola and Jonathan Moss.



The event was won by the Dingwall Group, with golfers, left to right, Bill Dingwall, Mike Dingwall, Cam Dingwall and Doug Novak.



Building donations for the Kenora Rotary Fund for Community Needs.



Westland Insurance Volunteers.

The Mistletoe Masquerade captivated youth, families, performers and guests

The 22nd Annual Festival of Trees Charity Fundraiser, a Mistletoe Masquerade, was presented by Kenora Home Hardware Building Centre. We wish to thank all those who participated in any way in the planning and delivery of the event, including tree and wreath designers, event sponsors, auction item donors, tree, wreath and auction item purchasers, Gala Night of Philanthropy and Twilight Ticket guests. Finally, we acknowledge all Community Day performers and guests (including Chip the Singing Dog), and our dedicated volunteer planning and site committee members. We are extremely grateful for your outpouring of support in making the entire day one the most successful and enjoyable Festival of Trees events in recent memory!



The Mistletoe masquerade.



Presenting Sponsor Kenora Home Hardware, with Premium Sponsor Donny B and Sponsor Northern Credit Union.



The exquisite Borrower's tree designed by the Kenora Association for Community Living and friends.



Planning Committee Members attending the Gala Evening.



Special guests from Winnipeg, siblings Dreyden and Jayden Flett far right, performed Grass and Jingles Dances during Community Day, alongside their family members.



The Winds of the Woods performed at Community Day.



Valleyview Singers.



G Clef and Music Men Choir.



Festival of Trees Committee members.



Choosing Where to Give

Community Fund

This fund is not tied to a specific charity or area of interest. This allows the Community Foundation to respond to the immediate and changing needs of the community.

Field of Interest Fund

Allows the donor to designate a specific area of interest from which charitable grants can be made, including the following categories: Arts & Culture, Health & Wellness, Social Services, Animal Welfare, Community at Large, or the Environment.

Designated Fund

Gives donors the opportunity to specify which charity will receive their long-term support.

Donor Advised Fund

Enables donors to have ongoing participation in the selection of charities that will benefit from their gift.

Charitable Agency Endowment Fund

Donors can contribute to any of the Agency Endowment funds established by registered charities.

Memorial Fund

Can be established in the form of any of the above listed fund types, in memory of a family or individual. Grants from these funds are tailored to each donor's wishes.

Funds Held For Others

A registered charity entrusts the Community Foundation with a portion of their assets, while the charity retains the ownership of the assets.

The Community Foundation considers grant applications made by charitable organizations that fall into the following categories: Arts and Culture, Health and Wellness, Social Welfare, Animal Welfare, the Environment and the Community at large. Only registered charities in good standing with CRA, offering programs benefiting residents and visitors in the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region, are eligible to apply.

Charitable Agency Endowment Funds

Kenora Association for Community Living:

Contributions to this fund will help the Association achieve its goal of ensuring that all people with special needs have the opportunity to live meaningful and satisfying lifestyles.

City Of Kenora Public Library: The fund provides a permanent, annual source of funding for library programs and future initiatives.

Triple PLAY: Triple PLAY allows sports, recreation and arts and culture activities to be accessible to all children in our region.

Kenora District Home for the Aged: The investment from the fund will be used by Pinecrest to support their programs.

Kenora Special Olympics: Contributions to this fund will help to ensure that the best possible programs are available for athletes with intellectual challenges.

Dr. Jim Beveridge Kenora Community Hospice Fund:

Donors can honor Dr. Jim Beveridge's legacy in ensuring that the Community Hospice is built to the highest standards, reflects the values of community and makes quality end-of-life care a lasting reality.

Kenora Handi Transit: This service provides a lifeline to physically or developmentally challenged individuals in need of transportation.

Len and Jo Ann Mark Legacy Fund for the Lake of the Woods Concert Group:

The fund provides ongoing financial support for the continuation of professional music and performing arts presentations in the Kenora and Lake of the Woods region.

LOW Museum Gail Konantz Art Education Fund: Income from this fund will support visual arts education for youth and adults at the Douglas Family Art Centre.

The Muse: Lake of the Woods Museum and Douglas Family Art Centre: Income from this fund will be used to support the many yearly programs and exhibits offered by the Muse.

LOW Museum Lori Nelson Legacy Fund: Enables donors to support art and historical exhibitions, and community education programming.

Women's Shelter Saakaate House: Contributions to this fund will help provide safe and secure accommodations for abused women and children transitioning to safe living conditions.

Minto EarlyOn Centre: This fund offers donors the opportunity to assist financially challenged families in accessing a variety of healthy food programs.

Firefly: Allows donors to support programs relating to child and youth mental health services.

Pellat United Fire Fighters (PUFF): Contributions to this fund will help support the group's fire protection and emergency medical first response services to the unorganized townships.

Celebrating our Donors, Charities and Community Partners



Noted Kenora and Lake of the Woods philanthropists, Lisa and Andrew Paterson (Community Foundation Director Emeritus and Order of Manitoba recipient), attended our Granting Ceremony and met their recipient representatives, including Beaver Brae Secondary School Co-Op Teacher, Janice England, far left and Saint Thomas Aquinas High School's First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Graduation Coach Kathleen Holmstrom, far right. The Patersons provided grants to both school's student Co-Op programs. In 2006, Andrew and Lisa established a Family Fund for Indigenous Youth Apprenticeship Programs and Social Services supporting wage subsidies.



During our Granting Ceremony on June 27th Retired teachers of Ontario (RTO) ERO District 26 Kenora, proudly announced the creation of an endowment fund to support senior citizen activities in the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region. Congratulations to all RTO/ERO District 26 Kenora members and thank you for joining us in supporting the charitable sector in our region.



The Kenora Cat Shelter, (Paws and Tails Animal Welfare) officially received its charitable status in 2025. Thanks to the dedication, compassion, and endless efforts of over 100 volunteers, like Ginger and Lisa, they have been able to help over 4,200 cats, since their inception in 2003. Their mission is to work in Kenora and the surrounding communities to provide shelter, care and compassion to stray and abandoned cats, and helping to find loving, permanent families.



A grant of \$14,000 helped the Township of Sioux Narrows Nestor Falls honor the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation: "Waasa Niigaan Izhaada-Our Path Forward." Pictured left to right: Heather Gropp, Community Development Officer, Denise Lysak, Cultural Officer, Woody Linton, Community Builder, Mayor Gale Black, Township of Sioux Narrows- Nestor Falls and Cathy Linton, Community Builder.



A grant of \$15,630 to the Pinecrest Home Auxiliary, assisted with the renovation of the Tuck Shop to make it wheelchair accessible. Michelle Spencer, CEO Kenora District Home for the Age stated "The Community Foundation provides partnerships and financial support to assist with meeting our mission of enriching the lives of those we serve. We are honored to receive their support as a recognized community partner alongside so many other organizations that build our great communities".



In 2025, our Community Foundation launched a new strategic plan, supporting multi-year, high-impact projects for our community. We were very proud to announce a gift of \$100,000, pledged over 5 years, to assist in bringing an MRI, along with a new CT scanner, and advanced mammography equipment to the Lake of the Woods District Hospital in Kenora.



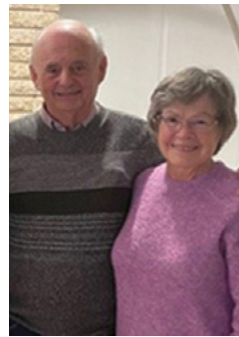
Thank you to all our donors for stepping up at our 2025 Annual Giving Challenge held at Northern Credit Union and broadcasted live on 89.5 The Lake. The one-day event garnered an amazing \$34,000 in endowment fund donations. Kenora and District Chamber of Commerce President, the late Andy Scribilo, Manager Alex Evans, and Communications Coordinator Ryan Forbes donated \$750 from the proceeds of a putting contest at their recent Golfing Tournament.



The Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) Program at the Community Foundation is a leadership and community-granting program for local high school students. It teaches youth how philanthropy works by giving them real responsibility for researching community needs and distributing grants to local charities. The program has been running since 2006 at Beaver Brae Secondary School and Saint Thomas Aquinas High School. Northern Credit Union has covered the cost of the program for many years.



A heartfelt thank you to the Dingwall Group and Joey Katz - Real Estate Broker for their generous support in providing this beautiful billboard over the holiday season and into the new year. This gift reflects the true spirit of community—coming together to build something lasting. We invite you to join us in growing our region's charitable sector by starting your own endowment fund. For just \$45/month, you can help strengthen the organizations and initiatives that make Kenora and the Lake of the Woods region such a vibrant place to live, work and play.



Len Mark has been a community builder in Kenora for many years: as a musician, member of the Rotary Club of Kenora, President of the Kenora District Festival of the Arts and President of the Lake of the Woods Concert Group. Len and his wife Jo Ann recently celebrated 61 years of marriage and it is rare to see them apart. Len and Jo Ann have improved our community by their volunteerism and especially their championing Arts and Culture for all. In honor of this commitment, the Len and Jo Ann Mark Legacy Fund for the Lake of the Woods Concert Group was established.



The Treaty Three Police Service, represented by Donna Anderson left, presented a generous grant from their endowment fund established in 2012, to the Kenora Fellowship Centre at our Granting Ceremony on June 27th. Shooniyaa Wa- Biitong, represented by Marie Seymour Executive Director center, received \$48,000 in funding from the Andrew and Lisa Paterson Family Fund for Indigenous Youth Apprenticeship Programs and Social Services. The Ma'mo'weh Wii'soo'ka'tiwin Foundation's grant of \$15,000 helped to present educational activities in the spirit of reconciliation at the Makate Waagmichewang Youth and Family Wellness Camp on National Indigenous People's Day. Stefanie Bryant Executive Director at MWG Youth and Family Wellness Camp, right, accepted the grant.



Our 2025 "Breakfast for Professional Advisors" was well attended on February 26 and provided an opportunity for accountants, lawyers, wealth specialists and business professionals to learn about growing the charitable sector through the Community Foundation, while minimizing taxes.

A Listing of Our Funds

Every effort has been made to provide a complete list of funds. If however, your fund is missing from this list, we sincerely apologize and ask that you contact our office.

Field of Interest Named Endowment Funds: \$2,500 and up

Abundance Fund for Health & Wellness	Hammett, Elaine Family Fund for Arts & Culture	Nelson, Keith Fund for Community
Aitken Family Fund for Community	Harland, Dr. Peter and Ruth Family Fund for Community	Northwestern Health Unit Staff Fund for Social Services
Alcock, Gloria Family Fund for Animal Welfare	Hunt, Sally Hunt Family Fund for Animal Welfare	Noseworthy, Ron and Claire Family Fund for Arts & Culture
Alcock, Ken and Vicky Family Fund for Community	Inglennook Studio Fund for Arts & Culture	Noseworthy, Ron and Claire Family Fund for Health & Wellness
Alvestad, Pat Community Leadership Fund for Operating	Jackson, Barb Family Fund for Minto Parent/Child Resource Centre Fund	Onysko, Bob and Marginet, Carmen Family Fund for Community
Alvestad, Pat Family Fund for Animal Welfare	Katz, Joey and Tracy Family Fund for Animal Welfare	Pigeon, Clem and Roberta Family Fund for Health & Wellness
Anonymous (9)	Koch, the Andrew, Lindsay and Palmer Leadership Fund for Operating	Pochailo, Diane and Bill Community Leadership Family Fund for Operating
Antenbring, Robert Family Fund for Community	Kovall, Jane Fund for Community	Point, Logan Family Fund for Community
BDO Canada LLP Employees Fund for Community	Lafreniere, Bev and Len Community Leadership Family Fund for Operating	Pope John Paul II School Staff Fund for Community
Beaver Brae Youth in Philanthropy Fund	Lake of the Woods Brewing Co. Fund for Arts & Culture	Reynard, Dan and Laurie Leadership Fund for Operations
Beta Sigma Phi Fund for Community	Lake of the Woods Brewing Co. Fund for Health & Wellness	Richardson, Jan and Fred Family Fund for Social Services
Bulman Family Fund for Social Services	Lamb, Rod and Debbie Family Fund for Animal Welfare	RTO/ENTENTE Education Fund for Seniors in the Community
Chambers-Ivey, Brenda Family Fund for Community	Langlois, Suzanne and White, David Family Fund for Community	Schwartz, David and Patricia Family Fund for Community
Christie, Kent and Judy Family Fund for Community	Letourneau, Guy and Patty Family Fund for Health and Wellness	St. Thomas Aquinas Youth in Philanthropy Fund
Clarke, Jim and Diane Family Fund for Social Services	Letwiniuk, Tara Family Fund for Animal Welfare	Tomashowski, Michael and Rossana Family Fund for Community
Dede, Mary Fund for Health and Wellness	Lockhart, Jim and Debbie Family Fund for Social Services	Torrie, Shelley Family Fund for District Home for the Aged
Dokuchie, Myrtle Family Fund for Arts & Culture	Manzie, Taras and Audrey Family Fund for Social Services	Warnick, Gord and Patricia Family Fund #1 for Kenora District New Horizons Seniors Centre, Keewatin Branch
Dragon Tamers Endowment Fund for Health & Wellness	Mauthe Family Fund for Pellatt United Fire Fighters	Williams, Kelly and Gary Family Fund for KACL
Duggan Family Fund for Community	McAughey, Lynn and Scott and family Leadership Fund for Operating	Woodbeck, Dean Fund for Community
Fehr, Carol and Wayne Community Leadership Fund for Operating Endowment	McLeod Family Fund for Community	Young Professionals Network of Kenora Fund for Community
Flavelle, Ronald (Rick) Fund for Community	McMillan, Rory and Glenda Family Fund for Social Services	
Gallivan, Charito Fund for Social Services	MNP Employee Endowment Fund for Community	
GClef & Music Men Choir Fund for Community		
Geary, Darlene Family Fund for Animal Welfare		
Gillons Employees Fund for Community		

New 2025 Funds

Aitken Family Fund for Community	McAughey, Lynn and Scott and Family Leadership Fund for Operations
Anonymous (2)	Reynard, Laurie and Dan Leadership Fund for Operations
Dede, Mary Fund for Health and Wellness	Richardson, Jan and Fred Fund for Social Services
Flavelle, Ronald (Rick) Fund for Community	RTO/Entente Education Fund for Seniors in the Community
Katz, Joey and Tracy Family Fund for Animal Welfare	Woodbeck, Dean Fund for Community
Koch, the Andrew, Lindsay and Palmer Leadership Fund for Operating	
Kovall, Jane Fund for Community	
Mark, Len and Jo Ann Legacy Fund for Lake of the Woods Concert Group	

Designated Named Endowment Funds: \$10,000 and up

Agnew, Dr. G. Family Fund for Community	Hockey Day in Kenora Fund for Children's Recreation	Retson, James and Roberta Family Fund for KACL
Alvestad, Dennis and Linda Family Fund for Social Services	Hogg, Dale and Cindy Family Leadership Fund for Operations	Riediger, Dave and Trish Family Fund for Community
Anonymous (3)	Koivuskoski, Kim Keep It Growing Community Leadership Fund for Operating	Senft, Rod and Jeanne Family Fund for Community
Asper, Lennard and Susan Family Fund for Community	Kenora Borealis Fund for Community	Sioux Narrows Men's Breakfast Club Fund for Sioux Narrows Community Needs
Cameron, Dr. Bill and Meg Family Fund for Social Services	Lillico, David Family Fund for KACL	St. Thomas Aquinas Staff Fund for Community
Cordeiro, Claudine Community Leadership Family Fund for Operating	Martin, Jack and Debbie Family Fund in Support of Children in Medical Distress - Designated for Firefly	Strachan, Charles and June Family Fund for KACL
Dahl, John and Judy Family Fund for Health & Wellness	McConnell Foundation Fund for Environment	The Winnipeg Foundation Community Leadership Fund for Operating
Foster, Dr. C. Family Fund for Arts & Culture	McDermid, Dr. D. & McKenzie, L. Family Fund for Community	Treaty Three Emergency Services Community Fund for Kenora Fellowship Centre
Foster, Dr. C. Family Fund for Environment	Melchenko, Cindy Family Fund for Social Services	Vanderzande, Nick and Diane Family Fund for Special Olympics
Girard, Dr. Moe and Ruth Family Fund for Arts & Culture	Merredew, Damon and Carol Family Fund for Social Services	Wicks, Eric, Dorothea and Carole (Cookie) Family Fund for Community
Graham, Joseph Family Fund for Community	Northern Credit Union Staff Fund for Community	Wires, Betty Family Fund for Community
Growing Homes Fund for Social Services	Pedersen, Dr. S. Family Fund for Arts and Culture	Yanchishyn, Larry and Sylvia Family Fund for District of Kenora Home for the Aged
Hanson-Mauthe, Jocelyn and Ron Family Fund for Kenora Handi Transit	Poulin Family Fund for Community	

Lake of the Woods Dream Funds: \$50,000 and up

Alcock, B.C. Family Fund for Health & Wellness	Keewatin Forever Fund for Keewatin Community Needs	Reishel, Paul and Patricia Family Fund for Animal Welfare
Anonymous (3)	Kenora Rotary Fund for Community Needs	Richards, Mike Golf Tournament Fund
Burns, James Family Fund for Kenora Public Library, Arts & Culture	Kinsmen Club of Kenora Fund for Community Needs	Richards, Mike Hockey School Fund
City of Kenora Fund for Community	Knights of Columbus Father Lacombe Council 2806 Fund for Social Services	Riley, Sandy and Debbie Family Fund for Environment
CP Rail & Kenora Employees Fund for Social Services	Marr, Bill and Norah Family Fund for Community	Schaeffer Family Fund for Community
Dingwall, Family Fund for Community	McCool, Gord and Amanda Fund for Community	Sill Foundation Leadership Fund for Operations
Douglas, Bryce and Nicki Family Fund for Social Services	Paterson, Andrew and Lisa Family Fund for Indigenous Youth Apprenticeship Programs & Social Services	
Hill, Paul and Carol Family Fund in Support of Educ For Underprivileged Children		

Bursary Funds

Douglas, Michael R. Indigenous Student Bursary Fund
Forest Capital of Canada 1999 Fund for Student Bursaries
Keewatin Legion Branch #13 Bursary Fund
Knights of Columbus Father Lacombe Council 2806 Fund for Bursaries
Swanson, Roger and Jane Music Bursary Fund for Arts & Culture
Wauzhushk Onigum Foundation Educational Endowment Fund
Wicks, Ms. Cookie- Carol Wicks Bursary Fund
Women's Place Kenora Bursary Fund

Estate Funds

Bednarchuk, Lawrence Estate Fund for Community Needs
Bednarchuk, Lawrence Estate Fund for Social Services
Kozie, Lilian Fund for Community
Kozie, Lilian Fund for Social Services for Foster Parents Association
Schaeffer Dick and Betty, Family Fund for Community
Smith, Gordon James Fund for Children Sports - Social Services

Our 2025 Donor List

The Community Foundation thanks all of our donors for contributing to the future of the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region. Proceeds from the Festival of Trees Charity Fundraiser and the The Golfing for Philanthropy Charity Fundraiser support our operations. Donations are invested as capital and the investment growth is distributed to registered charities in line with the donor's wishes.

Our mission is to help improve the lives of as many people as possible within our family of communities. Every effort has been made to provide a complete list of donors. If however, your name is missing from this list, we sincerely apologize and ask that you contact our office.

Abundance Canada	Clearwater Market Inc.	Friesen, Ken	Jones, John Paul	Lautner, Freda
Acadia Broadcasting Corp	Clemmens, Robert & Gale	Future Builders Limited	KACL	Leckie, Donelda
Affleck, Bev & Murray	Coma, Sylvia	Gagne, Celia	Kasprick, Cathy	Leckie, Lynne
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Thank you retiring Board members:

Shannon Robinson, Claudine Cordeiro, James Williams and Kyle Attanasio, for your commitment to building up the charitable sector in our region.

Welcome to incoming board members:

Lisa Devlin, Peter Ratuski, Dan Reynard and Liana Berezowski



Board of Directors



Grants



Grants



Finance, Audit and Risk



Fund Development

2025 Financial Summary

Summarized Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
Cash	108,798	110,501
Accounts Receivable	78,478	17,578
Prepaid Expenses	2,090	1,623
Investments at Fair Market Value	10,395,588	10,139,562
	10,584,954	10,269,264
Current Liabilities	131,431	32,433
General Operating Funds	456,755	436,087
Restricted Donor Funds	4,095,985	3,930,039
Endowment Funds	5,900,783	5,870,705
	10,584,954	10,269,264

Summarized Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31

	2025	2024
INFLOWS		
Gifts and Donations	565,216	663,110
Investment Income		
Realized	598,091	609,972
Unrealized	186,184	776,861
Fundraising Revenue	171,170	115,084
	1,520,661	2,165,027
OUTFLOWS		
Grant Distributions	865,320	652,350
Fundraising Expenses	44,624	32,532
Investment and Custodial Fees	56,714	49,814
Administration Expenses	337,311	302,229
	1,303,969	1,036,925
Excess of Inflows over Outflows	216,692	1,128,102



TOTAL ASSETS:
\$10,584,954



TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED:
\$736,386



TOTAL GRANTS:
\$815,874



TOTAL GRANTEES:
91



TOTAL NEW FUNDS:
14



Kenora's Loonie Bear was beautifully restored to his past glory, in the spring of 2025. Loonie has been a delight to children and their families on the Kenora Harbourfront for the past nineteen years. He was a generous gift to the Community Foundation from Director Emeritus Andrew B. Paterson and family in 2006, in honor of our children and our beautiful lake region. Andrew's generosity also covered the cost of his spring restoration.



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If you have questions about eligibility, the grant application or process, or wish to discuss your project before applying for a grant, please contact:

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