



Sudbury
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de Sudbury

2025

Report to the *Community*

Celebrating 30 Years of Caring

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Sudbury Community Foundation acknowledges and respects that we are gathered on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe People of Turtle Island. We proudly recognize our local host, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, and the continued stewardship of this land.

We also recognize the contributions of the Métis Nations of Ontario and that the Greater City of Sudbury also includes the traditional lands of the Wahnapiatae First Nation.

WHO WE ARE



VISION

A community working together to enhance the quality of life for all.



MISSION

We are a catalyst for strengthening our community by creating meaningful connections that address today's and tomorrow's issues through investing in people, ideas, and solutions.



VALUES

- Growth and Transformation
- Empathy and Compassion
- Engagement and Transparency
- Diversity and Inclusiveness

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In loving memory of
Josey Frescura

Thirty years of *impact.* The *best* is yet to come.

Thirty years ago, the Sudbury Community Foundation was established on a simple but powerful belief: that our community is at its strongest when we care for one another.

Since 1996, we have worked to turn that belief into a permanent legacy of impact. Together, we've seen tremendous success, putting over \$2.5 million to work through the collective generosity of our donors. Whether it be bolstering the arts, protecting our environment, supporting youth education, or strengthening the safety net for our neighbours, one thing remains constant: the Sudbury Community Foundation is, and will always be, Sudbury's charity of choice for making good things happen in the 'crater' we call home.

This work is only possible because of trust. To our donors: thank you for trusting us with your legacy, for believing in our vision, and for investing in Greater Sudbury. This milestone is as much a celebration of the Foundation as it is an acknowledgement of your enduring commitment to our community.

Reflecting on 30 years doesn't just make us look back; it provides the foundation to drive forward. We enter this next chapter with renewed energy and a commitment to be more visible, more active, and more impactful than ever before.

As we celebrate three decades of giving, our promise to you is simple: we will continue to be the catalyst for good this community deserves.

The best is yet to come!

Kyle McCall

Board President,

Sudbury Community Foundation



Behind every fund, is a story.

Every Endowed Fund at the Sudbury Community Foundation tells a story about the individuals, families, organizations, and businesses who established them. Each story is unique, inspiring, and deeply meaningful. The commonality is a shared love for community and a personal desire to make a lasting difference.



DONOR-ADVISED FUND

Compassionate Community Donor-Advised Fund

Raymond Bisailon created the Compassionate Community Fund, a Donor-Advised Fund, to support charities and programs that hold special meaning for his family. A call to Carmen Simmons, then Executive Director of the Sudbury Community Foundation, was the beginning of it all. What started as a simple conversation became a lasting connection to the community.

Over the years, Ray has supported many local programs and has seen firsthand the difference they make in the community. He has also come to better understand the challenges many charities face. Along the way, he has met many kind and caring people, and shares that has been one of the most rewarding parts of the experience.



Take, for example, the Samaritan Centre Haircut Program. What Sharon and her team of volunteers do is extraordinary. They offer free washes and haircuts to our community's unhoused and vulnerable populations. In reality, it's so much more than a haircut; it's dignity and appreciation, and I'm proud to support it. Having a warm and welcoming space where people feel accepted is critical to health and well-being. In terms of impact, the smiles and transformations speak for themselves.

— Raymond

The Dr. Oluremi Ogundimu Sudbury Afro-Canadian Heritage Association Bursary Fund

The Sudbury Afro-Canadian Heritage Association Fund was established in 2007 to mark the Bicentenary of the Abolition of the British Slave Trade Act. In February 2024, it was renamed the Dr. Oluremi Ogundimu Afro-Canadian Heritage Association Fund. This bursary helps reduce barriers to education by encouraging young people to dream big. Since its creation, the Fund has awarded more than \$42,000 in bursaries benefiting deserving students from Greater Sudbury and North East Ontario.



"Being chosen as the recipient of the 2024 Dr. Oluremi Ogundimu Sudbury Afro-Canadian Heritage Association Fund scholarship was a great honour. Striving to achieve my academic goals in Mechanical Engineering has led me to the University of Waterloo, where I have been able to focus on my learning thanks to the generous support of my community."

— Adam, 2024 Scholarship Recipient

Joseph and Gloria Sidock Award

The Joseph and Gloria Sidock Award was established in honour of Joseph and Gloria Sidock in recognition of their lifelong commitment to Blind River and the surrounding community. This award focuses on volunteerism, leadership, and outstanding contributions to the Blind River community and its surrounding areas.



"Receiving the Joseph and Gloria Sidock Award has lifted a tremendous weight, allowing me to focus fully on my studies in kinesiology. This support has fueled my goal of returning to Northern Ontario to help strengthen the health and wellness of the community that shaped me."

— Mariska L., 2025 Award Recipient

Tom Davies Millennium Fund

The Sudbury Community Foundation named its first unrestricted endowment fund after Tom Davies, the Regional Chairman of Sudbury from 1981 to 1997. Mr. Davies, known for his visionary leadership, understood the value of a Community Foundation and its ability to strengthen Sudbury's charitable and volunteer sectors. Over the years, this Fund has had a tremendous impact on strengthening our community by funding grants to multiple charities and supporting programs such as community gardens, art and music programs, peer support initiatives, and much more.

Unrestricted endowment funds are vital to helping the Foundation respond to our community's changing needs, providing the flexibility to direct support where it's needed most.

Please visit www.sudburycf.ca to view a complete listing of all the endowment funds managed through the Sudbury Community Foundation.

One grant can help *change a life.*

Deaf Seniors Community Kitchen - Bob Rumball Foundation for the Deaf



The moment you walk through the doors of the Bob Rumball Centre in Sudbury, you feel a sense of community. Take a few more steps, and it hits you, a smell so divine it instantly makes your stomach growl. On this day, the community kitchen is busy. It's bustling with approximately 10 deaf seniors preparing a mouth-watering stew, biscuits, and dessert. They are participating in a newly established free monthly cooking class that teaches new skills, addresses social isolation, and fosters a strong sense of belonging.

Beverly loves to cook! She looks forward to the monthly classes offered at the community kitchen and really enjoys connecting with her new friends. The excitement starts with selecting a menu, typically soup or stew, and dessert, then doing the shopping. Everyone who attends the class has a role in preparing the meal. They work collectively and support one another. They communicate using their first language, American Sign Language. The fellowship is genuine, and there is a true sense of happiness. The program is designed with structure, yet flexible enough to be fun and something the group looks forward to each month. Early outcomes include improved wellness, empowerment, and strong connections within the deaf seniors' community.

The Deaf Seniors Community Kitchen Program was funded by the Greater Sudbury Charities Fund. This investment helped purchase much needed equipment to get the program running.

GLENCORE SUDBURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Winter Corps Performance Uniforms – Blue Saints Booster Club



The Blue Saints Drum and Bugle Corps has been a proud ambassador for Greater Sudbury for nearly 75 years, bringing music, movement, and community spirit to parades and events across Canada. At every performance, members carry the Greater Sudbury flag alongside the Provincial and Canadian flags, sharing a piece of home wherever they go.

For the youth involved, the Blue Saints are much more than a performance group. It is a place of belonging and acceptance.

The program offers free access to music and movement education in a welcoming, inclusive space where young people can build confidence, develop skills, and form lasting friendships. It brings together youth from diverse backgrounds, creating a strong sense of belonging that extends well beyond parade season.

A major part of every performance is the uniform. To ensure the program remains barrier-free, uniforms are provided at no cost. The Corps' winter jackets, worn through rain, snow, and hail, were more than 20 years old, and replacing them became vital as the winter season approached.

With the support of a Sudbury Community Foundation community grant, the Blue Saints were able to purchase 75 new coats and hats in time for their first parade of the season. These new uniforms are making a difference now and will have an impact for years to come.

Funding for the Winter Corps Performance Uniforms was generously provided by the Glencore Sudbury Community Development Fund.



PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS OF ONTARIO (SUDBURY CHAPTER) FUND

Financial Support for Eligible Greater Sudbury Families - Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity

Greater Sudbury is home to Ruthie and her family. When Ruthie was diagnosed with cancer, she needed inpatient treatment at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. As you can imagine, this was an extremely difficult time for the family. Her dad had to take time off work to stay by her side throughout her treatment because being with his daughter was what mattered most.

As the out-of-pocket expenses continued to grow, the family knew they needed help. That's when they were told about Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity, which helps families caring for a child in a medical crisis.

The financial assistance this local family received provided much-needed relief, both financially and emotionally. They'd been carrying a heavy burden, and the support allowed them to breathe. It allowed for Ruthie's dad to remain by her side throughout her treatment, surgery and recovery.

Funding for the Financial Support for Eligible Greater Sudbury Families was generously provided by the Professional Engineers of Ontario (Sudbury Chapter) Fund.



COMMUNITY EVENT

Heart of the Crater *FRIENDraiser*

The energy in the room was infectious at the Sudbury Community Foundation's inaugural Heart of the Crater FRIENDraiser. What began as an invitation to bring a friend to learn about the value of community foundations turned into an uplifting afternoon of stories, generosity, and shared purpose, a true reflection of the community spirit that defines Greater Sudbury.

Nearly 100 guests, including elected officials, fund holders, volunteers, and partners from across the business community, joined us to engage with local charities that had previously received funding through the Sudbury Community Foundation. Conversations flowed as organizations shared the impact of their programs with the people they serve.

"We were thrilled to see such a positive response with our inaugural Friendraiser," said Kyle McCall, President of the Community Foundation, adding, "At our core, it is why we exist. We strive to be a catalyst for strengthening our community, and that includes creating meaningful connections."

During the FRIENDraiser, over \$10,000 was raised for the Sudbury Cares Fund thanks to the generosity of our community, including an anonymous donor who matched donations up to \$5,000.

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STARTING A FUND

Working with the Sudbury Community Foundation

Community Foundations strengthen local philanthropy, connect donors with causes that are meaningful to them and uplift communities.

The Sudbury Community Foundation has been a trusted partner for 30 years! More than funders, we are partners in helping our local communities thrive, providing professional stewardship, local knowledge, and flexible options to support immediate needs and future priorities.

STARTING A FUND

Establishing an endowment fund with the Sudbury Community Foundation is an efficient and effective way to create a lasting legacy.

BENEFITS

- Support charitable causes for generations while the principal is preserved in perpetuity.
- Benefit from generous tax credits.
- The Foundation's pooled investments and professional management improve efficiency and reduce administrative burden.
- Endowments are a dependable source of funding for qualified donees.
- Endowments offer a meaningful way to build a lasting legacy tied to your name, family, business, or a cause you care about.

WAYS TO GIVE



Leave a gift in your will

Leaving a gift in your will can create a lasting impact in our community. Choose an option that works best for you—whether it's a specific amount, appreciated securities, proceeds from life insurance or a registered plan, or a percentage of your estate. Your gift will support meaningful change for generations to come, while also offering valuable tax advantages for your estate.



Gifts of Publicly Traded Securities

Maximize the impact of your gift while reducing your taxes. When you donate appreciated securities, you receive a charitable tax receipt for their full market value and avoid paying capital gains tax on the increase in value.



Life Insurance

Name the Sudbury Community Foundation as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy or consider establishing a new policy and receive the tax benefits now.



Donations

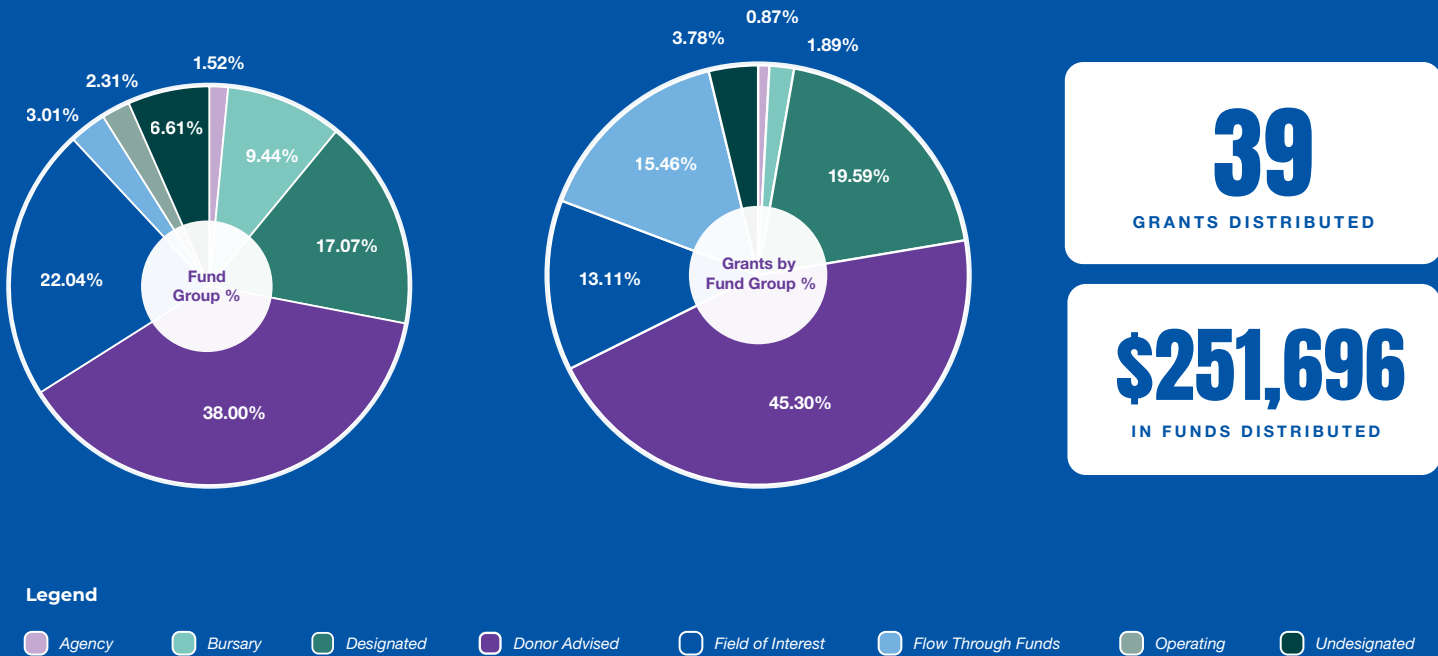
Donate a one-time gift to our community fund to support local community grants. Donate to an already existing fund by cheque, credit card, or cash.

We encourage you to speak with your professional advisors about the best option for you.

To learn more, visit www.sudburycf.ca

BY THE NUMBERS

2025 Highlights



Our 30-year impact in numbers



Audited financial statements are available at sudburycf.ca

Looking Forward

The Sudbury Community Foundation has been a trusted partner in local philanthropy for 30 years. As we look ahead to the future, we are excited about what's to come, including building and maintaining meaningful connections, expanding opportunities, and building and strengthening partnerships that uplift our community today, tomorrow and forever.



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