



Community Matters



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1. Kindness Matters

On the first Friday in November, nine local schools celebrated kindness within their school and the community. Sussex Area Community Foundation provided small grants to local schools who participated.

Above are the kindergarten/ grade one students at Apohaqui Elementary School who are showing their decorative heart-shaped cards they made for residents of Primrose Cottage Special Care Home to spread kindness. These cards were delivered to residents with cupcakes and a fruit basket to brighten their day.

Each class or school develop their own kind acts to celebrate Kindness Day. Students at Belleisle Elementary School created a thank you video for the volunteers from the fire department who take time off their regular jobs to provide fire safety training to students. Other schools that participated were Belleisle Regional High School, Compass (formerly PALS), Kingswood University, Sussex Corner Elementary, Sussex Elementary, Cambridge-Narrows Community School and Sussex Middle School who had grade 6 students walked to the Kiwanis Nursing home to perform an outdoor concert for residents and staff.

Community Foundation Directors 2021

- Laura Adair
- Patrick Cunningham
- Kathleen Davidson
- Steve Downey
- Patricia Etheridge
- Marshall Fanjoy
- Mark Fleming
- Mark Flewwelling
- Newton Johnston
- James Keirstead
- Catherine MacLeod
- Stacey Stairs
- Sheryl Tabor
- Jessica Walker
- Miriam Verschoor (Executive Director)

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2. New Directors

Sussex Area Community Foundation is managed by 14 volunteer directors who can serve a maximum of two terms of three years each. In 2021 SACF welcomes new directors Newton Johnston, who is a teacher at Sussex Middle School, and Stacey Stairs, who teaches at Sussex Regional High School. These directors are nominated from a committee of local mayors and service groups. Thank you to Fennella Brewer and Jack Crealock who have finished their terms with the Sussex Area Community Foundation.



3. Donors Help the Community

Donors help make things possible in our area. Whether it is to help a student with education costs or purchase a stove for the Middle School Breakfast Club. Donations make a difference and improve our communities.

Thank you to the following donors who contributed to the Sussex Area Community Foundation in 2020. This pool of donations will help provide grants for projects and scholarships to local students:

All Season's Restaurant
Don & Wendy Anderson

Rachel Bennett

Fennella Brewer

Rosemary Brown

Jill Buckley

Cardwell Farms Compost Prod.

Nic & Cherie Carhart

Nathasha Carr

Melissa Chown

Margaret Crothers

Cathy Cummings

Cathy and Ken Curran

Curran & Smith Assoc.

Susan Davis

Doug Doney

John & Kelly Dunfield

Robert Dunfield

Ryan Dunfield

Janie Dysart

Patricia Etheridge

John Fair

Fairway Motor Inn & Rest.

Marshall & Barb Fanjoy

Clifford & Carol Floyd

Deborah & Sam Freeze

Ken Garey

Al Gerrish & Karen Gallagher

Donna Hall

Jennifer Hall

Maureen Hanlon

Brad & Michelle Hayes

Isabel Hayes

Lisa Hutchinson

Gale & Carol Jeffrey

Mike Kennedy

Knock's Café

Tera Kozak

Wendy Larsen

Gailand & Carol Law

Ashely Layden

Burke Long

Barbara & David MacMillan

Patricia McCaig

Candace Myers

Darlene O'Donnell

Helen O'Donnell

Off the Rail Café

Melana & Chris Palmer

Thomas Parkhill

Connie & Gordon Phillips

Lorraine Pollock

Gerald Rennie

Chris Richardson

Tina & Herb Snider

Smitty's Restaurant

Mary Lea Stafford

Jerry & Sheri Streisel

Richard & Ellen Sullivan

Sussex Arts & Culture Ctr.

Taste & See Restaurant

Destiny Taylor

Jean Thompson

Town of Sussex

Up to Par Restaurant

Andrea van Hal

Miriam & Marc Verschoor

Laura Williams

Jordon Wilson

4. Upcoming Events:

The Sussex Area Community Foundation Spring Grant Applications are due to the SACF office on March 10, 2021 at 12pm. More information is available on the SACF website or call the office.

As part of the RBC Future Launch Grants, the Sussex Area Community Foundation is holding a Vital Conversation Gathering for the community. This is a chance to meet and discuss issues that are affecting our area and how we can work together for a better future. Everyone is invited to this gathering on February 24 at 7pm via Zoom. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by calling 433-6244 or email at sacfi@nb.aibn.com.

5. Helping Others to Make a Stronger Community

In April the local food banks were feeling the affects of revenue loss due to the closure of their thrift stores and increased need. The Sussex Area Community Foundation put out an appeal to collect and receipt donations on behalf of the food banks to save them time and resources. Thank you to the following donors who donated to the appeal as of the end of December 2020:

Don & Wendy Anderson	Miriam Galey	Kim Pearson
Paul Bedford	Alison Garey	Stacey Pineau
Clifford Bertin	Kendra Gilmore	Anthony Reicker
Fennella Brewer	Donna Hall	Chris Richardson
Florence Buchanan	Catherine Healy	Nicky & John Robinson
Marsha & Earle Burgess	Birdie Hogg	Kirk Sabine
Cathy Cameron	Connie Hourihan	Kristy Shortall-Cain
Bob & Judy Candy	Jannie Hugenholtz	Mary Lea & Allan Stafford
Curran, Smith & Associates	Cindy Hughson	Jerry & Sheri Streisel
Julie & Robert Dearman	Gale & Carol Jeffrey	Joan & Allen Tapley
Colleen deWinter	Valerie Kidney	Joanne Teakles
Marcus deWinter	Brenda Leask	Town of Sussex
Amber Douthwright	Jackie McGarrigle	Marc & Miriam Verschoor
Pat Etheridge	Jessi McGibbon	Walkerville Farms
Marshal & Barb Fanjoy	Kathy McKnight	Wendy Whitters
Deborah and Sam Freeze	Nancy Millican	Tim Wilson
	Rachel O'Donnell	

6. Community Grants 2020

The following community grants were provided to the community in 2020:

1	Belleisle Regional High – Book in a Bear’s Paw	11	Apohaqui Elementary School – Outdoor Equip.
2	Belyea Cove Community Hall – Hall Upgrades I	12	Belyea Cove Community Hall – Hall Upgrades II
3	Cambridge-Narrows Comm School – Outside Play	13	Kirk Hill Cemetery – Tree Removal
4	Communities in Bloom – Sussex Tree Inventory	14	NB Fed of Music Festivals – Enrichment Training
5	Elementary School Lit. – Literacy at the Library	15	Pascobac Centre – Wheel Chair Ramp for Camp
6	Junior Achievement – Company Program at SRHS	16	Regional Hospital – Cardiac Rehab in Sussex II
7	Kings Co. Historical Soc. – Archival Organizing	17	Sussex Corner Elem. – Signs for low-verbal kids
8	Penobsquis Community Enrichment –Room Reno	18	SJ Theatre Company – Virtual Plays for SRHS
9	Roots of Empathy – Creating Healthy Citizens		
10	Regional Hospital – Cardiac Rehab in Sussex		

7. Scholarships Recipients 2020:

The following scholarships were awarded:

Sussex Area Community Foundation:	Kristin Armstrong Evan deGooyer Shelby Dunfield Kendra Lesvesque Alexis Moffett
Earl & Joan Cunningham Scholarship:	Nathan Long Abanie Muscroft
Friars Family Scholarship:	Brayden Cornish Brett deGooyer Anthony McLean Emma Woodill
Matthew Palmer Scholarship:	Olivia Baxter Sheldon Forgrave
Fran Simpson Scholarship:	Lana Boyd Evan deGooyer
Sussex Class Alumni Fund "Spirit" Award	Abanie Muscroft
Class of 1998 Unsung Hero Award	Noah Gibbons- Salib Alexis Moffett



8. Emergency Community Support Fund

In March 2020 the federal government announced funding to assist charities that help the most vulnerable in our communities who are affected by COVID-19. These funds were distributed via a grant application through Community Foundations, United Ways and the Red Cross across Canada.

Sussex Area Community Foundation administered the following 15 grants to local charities valued at \$97,000.00:

Charity	Description of Grants (number received in brackets)
AX: Sussex Arts and Culture Centre	Youth Ceramics Class & Online Arts and Culture Programs(2)
Community Action for Refuges	Education, Social Interaction & Transportation (3)
Crosswinds Occupational Act Cntr	IPads for Clients to Interact with Resources (1)
Elementary School Literacy	Corporate Volunteer Program (1)
Kings County Family Resource Cntr	Online Learning Tools & COVID Outreach (2)
Portage Atlantic	Virtual Hybrid Room for Student Learning (1)
Rotary Club Sussex	Coats for Kids & Imagination Library (2)
Salvation Army Sussex	Family Support (1)
Sussex Area Seniors Centre	COVID-19 Impact Restructuring (1)
Sussex Pregnancy Care Centre	Virtual Earn While You Learn (1)