



2024-2025 Annual Report



DIRECTORS



Established in 2003, the Sussex Area Community Foundation is one of 200 Community Foundations in Canada. We serve Sussex and surrounding communities connecting donors and others to community needs and opportunities.

Our Mission is to build lasting connections by fulfilling community needs through grants and scholarships.

Our Mandate is that the Sussex Area Community Foundation responds to challenges and provides opportunities to the communities of the greater Sussex area to live, learn, work and play by encouraging endowment funds, promoting community leadership and fulfilling needs through grants and scholarships.

Board of Directors:

Paul Bedford (Chairperson)
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 Paul Maguire
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 Stacey Stairs
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The Arts



Education



Environment



Health

Support
the Vulnerable

Sussex Area Community Foundation community priorities

COMMITTEES

Executive Committee: Paul Bedford (Chairperson), Alaina Lockhart (Vice-Chairperson), Peter Davidson (Treasurer), Katherine Gish (Co-Secretary) and Laura Ravn (Co-Secretary)

Fundraising: Alaina Lockhart, Paul Beford, Estelle Arbing and Stacey Stairs.

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Growth and Development Committee: Paul Bedford, Brian Conway, Kelly Murphy, Alaina Lockhart, Laura Ravn.

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Investment Committee: Brian Conway (Chairperson), Bob Kimball, Paul Maguire, John Dunfield and Peter Davidson.

Kindness Week: Stacey Stairs (Chairperson), Kelly Murphy, Laura Ravn and Laura Adair.

Scholarship Committee: Paul Maguire (Chairperson), Bob Kimball, Estelle Arbing, Mike Elliott and Kelly Murphy.



Fall 2024 Grant Recipients

Statistics 2024-2025

Sussex Area Community Foundation Impact 2024-2025

37 Organizations Supported

121 Donors

\$97,695 Total Disbursements

\$39,776 in Donations

\$1,419,640 Disbursements
since inception in 2005



Norton Elementary School Community Grant for Swim Lessons

Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Community Grants

Apohaqui Elementary School – Engagement in Digital Literacy for \$5,000.00.
 Belleisle Regional High School – Essential Skills for \$2,300.00
 Compassionate Grief Centre of Southern NB – Grief Counselling Services for \$5,000.00
 Hospice Sussex – Family Grief Counselling for \$1,000.00
 Kings County Family Resource Centre – Infant CPR Manikins for \$1,220.00
 NB Federation of Music Festivals – Sussex Regional Music Festival for \$2,000.00
 Sussex Regional High School Band – Jazz Band Clinician for \$1,600.00
 Sussex Regional High School Theatre – Theatre Lighting and Sound Update for \$5,000.00
 Saint John Theatre Company – Southern New Brunswick Theatre Outreach for \$2,500.00
 Apohaqui Lower Millstream Recreation Council – Strategic Plan for \$1,100.00
 AX: Arts and Culture Centre of Sussex – AX Youth Arts Programming for \$7,500.00
 Belleisle Watershed Restoration Coalition – Programming for Magnificent Monarchs for \$3,000.00
 Greater Fundy Ground Search and Rescue – Technology and Equipment Upgrades for \$7,500.00
 Sussex Health Centre – Summer Activities for those waiting for Home Placement for \$1,000.00
 Norton Elementary School – Swimming Lessons for grades 3-5 for \$3,000.00
 Sussex Disc Golf Association – Disc Golf Course Improvements for \$2,070.00
 Sussex Middle School – Greenhouse for school Growing Together Project for \$7,500.00
 Sussex Pickleball Club – Outdoor Court Equipment for \$2,150.00
 Sussex Tennis Association – Ball Machine Upgrades for \$3,000.00

Unsolicited Grants:

AX: Arts and Culture Centre of Sussex – Annual Endowment Return for \$5353.15
 The Salvation Army Sussex – December and September Giving for \$1,550.57
 The Sussex Sharing Club – December and September Giving for \$1,550.57

Kindness Week 2025 Grants of \$200.00 for participating schools:

Apohaqui Elementary School
 Belleisle Elementary School
 Belleisle Regional High School
 Cambridge-Narrows Community School
 Compass Alternative Learning
 Kingswood University
 Sussex Elementary School
 Norton Elementary School
 Sussex Christian School
 Sussex Middle School
 Sussex Regional High School

Kindness Week
 at Cambridge-
 Narrows
 Community
 School



Thank you to the following donors (1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025)

Agricultural Museum of NB	Cecil & Thelma Folkins	Reg & Dawn Perry
Bill Anderson	Everett Folkins	Gordon Phillips
Michael & Connie Armstrong	Deborah Freeze	Lorraine Pollock
G.E. Barbour Inc.	Denise Gaunce	Chris Richardson
Heather Beckett	Kendra Gilmore	Carolyn Ritchie
Paul & Linda Belding	Joann & Bruce Goddard	Phyllis & Dave Ross
Patricia Bell	Sandra & David Gray	Gordon & Hazel Schafer
Tony & Debbie Benson	Jeanette Greenhan	Bruce & Sharon Seymour
Dorothy Betteridge	Johannes & Agnes Haarsma	Brenda & Lee Sharp
Mike & Jennie Briggs	Colleen Hartery	Frederick & Deborah Shaw
Todd & Kayla Briggs	Isabel Hayes	Glenna Simpson
Matthew & Jessica Briggs	Connie Hayes	Madeline Sleep
Rosemary Brown	Frank & Margaret Hayes	Debbie Smith
Melissa Brown	Andrew Hayes	Herb & Tina Snider
Sarah Burke	Joyce Hayes	Mary Lea Stafford
Cardwell Farms Compost	Everett & Dale Hayes	Don & Donna Stevens
Nic & Cherie Carhart	Barbara Hayes Naugler	Betty Stewart
Sally Carhart	Art Hetherington	Judy Stockdale-Dow
Murton Chown	Birdie Hogg	Richard & Ellen Sullivan
Mary Ann Coleman	Scott Hoyt	Sussex Ale Works
Sally Colpitts	J&J Machine Shop	Sussex Co-Op
James & Patricia Corbett	Gale & Carol Jeffrey	Sussex Local Milk Committee
Melanie Crealock	Carol & Gailand Law	Sussex Sawmill Operators
Cindy Creighton	Joanne Lucas	Sussex Vale Quilters Guild
Margaret Crothers	Susie MacDow	Bonnie & Bryant Tabor
June Crowe	David & Barb MacMillan	The Co-operators
Ralph & Judy Cunningham	Carla MacNeil	Bruce & Lorna Thompson
Eric Cunningham	Keri Marr	Glendon & Pam Tower
Cathy & Ken Curran	Matthew & Stephanie Mason	Sheri Townsend
Peter Davidson	Patricia McCaig	Marc & Miriam Verschoor
Ron & Terri deGooyer	Andrew McEwen	Doug Walker
Doug Doney	Kathy & Bill McMillan	Amanda Walsh
Blair Drake	Robert McMillan	Deborah Watson
Patricia Etheridge	Joyce Myers	Coralee & Ron Wesselius
John Fair	Dale Myers	Michael Williams
Marshall & Barb Fanjoy	Candace Myers	Laura Williams
Oscar & Sheila Fanjoy	Jason Nelson	Kathy Willie
Field Hockey New Brunswick	Darlene & Andrew O'Donnell	Jordan Wilson
Carol Floyd	John Oxley	Dave Young
Arnold Floyd	Kim Pearson	



Kindness Week

A single act of
kindness throws out
roots in all directions,
and the roots spring
up to make new trees.

Amelia Earhart

14 - 20
Feb.
2026



Scholarships Administered by the Sussex Area Community Foundation:

The Sussex Vale Quilters Guild donated for a scholarship starting in 2026 to a local graduating student entering schooling for the Fibre Arts.

Scholarships:

Earl and Joan Cunningham Scholarship at \$1,500.00 each – Hilary Jenkins & Lillian Mason-Coleman

Fran Simpson Memorial Scholarship at \$1,000.00 – Kaitlyn Mason

Friars Family Scholarships at \$500.00 each:

Florence Friars Scholarship in Nursing – Katelyn Sharp

Florence Friars Scholarship in Business – Keira Dunfield

Oscar Friars Scholarship – Agriculture – Ethan Bleakney & Nathan Moffett

James & Laura Dann Scholarship in Business – Xavier Johnson

Norman MacLeod Humanitarian Award for \$500.00 – Joseph Allaby

SRHS Class of '98 Unsung Hero Award for \$1,000.00 – Lillian Mason-Coleman & Jessica O'Donnell

SRHS Class Memorial 'Spirit' Award for \$500.00 to Myah McAllister

Sussex Area Community Foundation Scholarship for \$2,600.00 to Kendra Burns; Hannah McNair; Maddy Muir; Jessica O'Donnell and Chantale Williams.

Waterford Gems LOBA Scholarship for \$500.00 – Broden Davis



Sussex Music Festival Marimba Class for Local Students

Financial Statements – Statement of Operations

Sussex Area Community Foundation Incorporated

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

(Unaudited)

Years ended July 31, 2025 and 2024

	Distributable Income Fund	Community Funds Note 10	Cunningham Fund	Friars Fund	PotashCorp Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
Revenue							
Donations and bequests	\$ 12,403	\$ 12,273	\$ 15,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,776	\$ 54,840
Fundraising	5,691	-	-	-	-	5,691	14,803
Interest and dividends	66,157	8,236	5,324	2,091	937	82,745	82,234
Realized gain (loss) - sale of investments	(38,693)	(2,946)	(2,508)	(1,075)	-	(45,222)	60,355
	<u>45,558</u>	<u>17,563</u>	<u>17,916</u>	<u>1,016</u>	<u>937</u>	<u>82,990</u>	<u>212,232</u>
Expenses							
Investment management fees (Note 6)	-	20,981	1,452	582	262	23,277	21,618
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Rent	6,321	-	-	-	-	6,321	6,761
Telephone	1,176	-	-	-	-	1,176	1,175
Website	220	-	-	-	-	220	220
Office supplies and postage	1,630	-	-	-	-	1,630	1,459
Accounting review and legal	2,689	-	-	-	-	2,689	2,925
Insurance	1,254	-	-	-	-	1,254	1,043
Membership dues	984	-	-	-	-	984	1,003
Conference, travel, and meeting	6,244	-	-	-	-	6,244	-
Fundraising	417	-	-	-	-	417	4,866
Wages and employee benefits	25,731	-	-	-	-	25,731	25,279
Fund Administration Fee	(11,922)	4,142	2,084	829	4,867	-	-
	<u>34,744</u>	<u>25,123</u>	<u>3,536</u>	<u>1,411</u>	<u>5,129</u>	<u>69,943</u>	<u>66,364</u>
Excess (Deficiency) revenue over expenses before other items	10,814	(7,560)	14,380	(395)	(4,192)	13,047	145,868
Grant distributions (Note 8)	66,842	10,853	3,000	2,500	14,500	97,695	98,009
Excess (Deficiency) revenue over expenses before unrealized loss - investments	(56,028)	(18,413)	11,380	(2,895)	(18,692)	(84,648)	47,859
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	154,318	16,670	14,499	6,105	799	192,391	89,288
Excess (Deficiency) revenue over expenses	98,290	(1,743)	25,879	3,210	(17,893)	107,743	137,147
Net Assets, beginning of year	256,372	1,944,585	121,071	51,536	\$ 39,200	2,412,764	2,275,617
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 354,662</u>	<u>\$ 1,942,842</u>	<u>\$ 146,950</u>	<u>\$ 54,746</u>	<u>\$ 21,307</u>	<u>\$ 2,520,507</u>	<u>\$ 2,412,764</u>

Note 10



Sussex Regional High School Grant for Theatre Lighting and Sound

Financial Statements – Statement of Financial Position

Sussex Area Community Foundation Incorporated
Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)
July 31, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 40,753	\$ 14,351
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	1,254	1,307
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,001</u>	<u>1,871</u>
	44,008	17,529
Investments at Market Value (Note 4)	2,505,097	2,423,024
Security deposit	<u>490</u>	<u>490</u>
	<u>\$ 2,549,595</u>	<u>\$ 2,441,043</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 6,088	\$ 5,278
Scholarships and Grants payable (Note 5)	<u>23,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>
	<u>29,088</u>	<u>28,278</u>
Net Assets		
Distributable Income Fund	354,662	256,372
EJ Cunningham Scholarship Fund	146,950	121,071
Community Fund	1,942,842	1,944,586
Friars Fund	54,746	51,536
PotashCorp Fund	<u>21,307</u>	<u>39,200</u>
	<u>2,520,507</u>	<u>2,412,765</u>
	<u>\$ 2,549,595</u>	<u>\$ 2,441,043</u>

The complete statements are available on the website sacfi.org/about-us/financial-pages/



BRHS Grant

In the fall of 2024, Belleisle Regional High School received a community grant to purchase an embroidery machine and supplies for students to learn essential skills. The project was to make a thank-you display for local first responders that help the school. Local quilters partnered with students to make the quilt shown. It depicts many aspects of community life in the Belleisle Area.



GIVING

The Sussex Area Community Foundation helps caring individuals turn their interests into meaningful local contributions, showing that building compassionate communities doesn't require large gifts.

SIMPLICITY: Giving is easy with the Foundation handling all necessary details.

COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE - SACFI connects your generosity with local organizations.

PERPETUITY - Your donation becomes part of a permanently invested endowment.

FLEXIBILITY - Give your way. Tailor your gift to your goals or cause you care about.



Earl and Joan Cunningham Scholarship

In 2008, Joan Cunningham started a scholarship in memory of her husband Earl. Joan valued education and wanted to help local students who needed financial support. Joan passed in 2016, but her family continues to donate in her honour. In 2009, scholarships of \$750 were awarded. Thanks to continued donations, the 2025 Earl and Joan Cunningham scholarships totaled \$3,000 to help local students.



Sussex Area Community Foundation is one of over 200 Community Foundations across Canada. Together we make up the Community Foundations of Canada. In June of 2025, four directors from the Sussex Area Community Foundation attended a Community Foundation Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We learned best practices for our communities, met fellow directors and shared meaningful community impact stories.

New ideas were brought forward and the Sussex Area Community Foundation is excited to help the community in the coming years.

Thank you to our remarkable donors and local charities. Together we are creating a better community for generations to come.

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