

Making Hamilton the Best Place to Raise a Child

Tackling Poverty Together



Early Successes

To date, Hamilton Community Foundation has provided 63 grants totaling approximately \$2.6 million dollars within the strategies of Poverty Alleviation, Prevention and Reduction. A few examples of outcomes to date include:

- An innovative partnership allowed 336 children from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to access recreation at a Boys' and Girls' Club using a shared bus.
- 8,623 youth start their day with a healthy breakfast and access to education, social services, volunteer work and employment training.
- 55 families will have the support to move from social housing to home ownership.

Poverty Reduction Strategy

The goal of Hamilton Community Foundation's Tackling Poverty Together is to identify and support strategies that prevent poverty and to help create and sustain pathways out of poverty for low-income people in Hamilton.

In 2004 the Hamilton Community Foundation decided to make Tackling Poverty Together the priority and focus of one of its major funds - The Community Fund. The Foundation has made a commitment of \$3M over 4 years to the Tackling Poverty Together initiative.

The Community Fund has been built over the years from unrestricted gifts from donors who want to support the community's highest charitable priorities. Because all sectors are supported in The Community Fund, it is the first time that the Community Foundation has been able to strategically focus its grants, building on sectoral solutions emerging from the arts, education, health and social services, recreation and the environment.

Together, and with additional partnerships, the Foundation supports solutions that prevent and reduce poverty in our community.

Community Partners

Organizations include:
Health & Human Services
Education
Recreation
Environment and Arts sectors

The Tackling Poverty Together Advisory Committee is made up of community representatives with an expertise in poverty reduction work.



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