



COMMUNITY FUND

Meeting Hamilton's changing needs

The challenges of tomorrow cannot always be predicted today. The Community Fund offers flexibility which allows HCF to evaluate Hamilton's well-being and its opportunities – arts, education, environment, health and social services, neighborhood revitalization and more.

Why choose the community fund?

- You want your donation to provide the greatest flexibility in meeting Hamilton's needs as they arise
- You want to pool your donation with others to achieve maximum impact, and have it be a permanent source for funding good work
- You trust Hamilton Community Foundation to assess and respond to the city's needs and opportunities as they change over time

How it works

- You donate to HCF indicating your donation as "unrestricted". Your donation is endowed as part of the Community Fund
- In consultation with staff and community experts, the Foundation's Board determines the areas of greatest need for grants
- When your accumulated gifts total \$5,000 you may choose to be recognized with a named fund within the Community Fund



MARNIE AND BILL BREHM FAMILY FUND

Trusting in the Foundation

The Community Fund was the right choice for Marnie and Bill Brehm because they are confident in HCF's ability to understand and respond to Hamilton's most pressing needs.

Marnie, an accountant, and Bill, a retired planning consultant, have volunteered their time and talents at the leadership level in many organizations over the decades. Marnie has been involved with Hamilton Community Foundation since the 1980s, as a Board member and a contributor.

Confidence in Hamilton Community Foundation is key to the Brehm family's support for the Community Fund. They also like the flexibility of the Community Fund and the speed with which it allows the Foundation to respond to changing community needs.

"While we could choose to support a particular cause or issue – and we do that in other aspects of our giving – we think the Community Fund is crucial too," Marnie says.

"The Foundation is in a position to best determine the needs of the community and this gives them the capacity to respond."

The Marnie and Bill Brehm Family Fund is pooled with other donations in the Community Fund and supports initiatives like ABACUS: advancing post-secondary access, and HCF's work to strengthen Hamilton's neighbourhoods.