



FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUND

Connecting your personal values to giving

You know the areas of interest that you want to see addressed in the community – let us do the heavy lifting. Through a field-of-interest fund you tell us what you care about and we make sure your donation is put to work in the most effective way possible.

Why choose a field of interest fund?

- You want your donation to reflect your values – the arts, the environment, poverty, education – whatever you care about most
- You trust in the Foundation to identify the most pressing needs in the community related to your chosen areas of interest and issue grants to address them

How it works

- You make a donation to HCF and we set up a fund in your name, or a name you choose. You may remain anonymous if you prefer
- HCF continually evaluates needs in your area of interest that would benefit the most by grants from your donation
- HCF issues grants from your fund and handles all administrative details
- Your endowed donation ensures your area of interest is supported forever



GIOVANNI AND GRAZIA CRIMINISI FUND

Literacy key to a better life

Even without the opportunity for formal education, Giovanni and Grazia Criminisi understood the importance of literacy and learning for a prosperous life. Their five children honoured these values with a field-of-interest fund at HCF.

When the couple immigrated to Hamilton in the 1950s, they devoted their time and effort to make sure their children succeeded in school. Their oldest son Charles, a Hamilton lawyer, fondly remembers his dad watching him intently for hours, as he studied at the dining room table, far more engaged by the act of learning than by TV or music.

“My father was a very smart man without an education,” says Charles. “My mom taught herself to read English and could check that we had done our homework. There was no question in our house: hard work and good marks were an expectation.”

“Both my parents instilled in us that learning was the key to a better life”

The Giovanni and Grazia Criminisi Literacy Fund assists children and adults to acquire functional literacy that could lead to opportunities for education and employment.

“We want to replicate for others what our parents did for us,” says Charles, “to create literate, successful citizens.”