

# About Our Foundation

## OVERVIEW



## Mississauga Foundation

Building Tomorrow's  **Mississauga** Together.

We are a community foundation that empowers individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to contribute to the thriving well-being of Mississauga, creating a lasting and positive social impact.

### Our Mission

#### *Harnessing Generosity to Drive Transformational Change*

The Mississauga Foundation is dedicated to serving as a catalyst for transformational change in our community. Our mission is to connect the generosity of donors with the diverse needs of our growing city, fostering impactful collaborations and investing in initiatives that address local challenges. Through the establishment of funds and endowments, we empower individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to contribute to the well-being of Mississauga, making a lasting and positive social impact.

### Our Vision

- The Mississauga Foundation envisions a thriving and inclusive community where every resident has access to opportunities for growth, well-being, and fulfillment.
- We aspire to be a trusted and dynamic force for positive change, playing a pivotal role in addressing the evolving needs of Mississauga.
- By promoting collaboration, diversity, and innovation, we aim to build a sustainable foundation that empowers individuals and organizations to create a resilient and vibrant community for current and future generations.

### Facts about the Mississauga Foundation

We were established in 2001 by a dedicated group of leaders who believed in and were committed to building community vitality.

We have almost 100 unique Funds representing a broad range of philanthropic interests.

We have grown to over \$31 million in assets under management. Our cumulative granting to a wide range of local charities grows each year and we have granted over \$27 million as of 2024.

**For more information or to get involved visit**  
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Ten reasons people choose  
community foundations.

**one**

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community, and part of a nationwide movement whose support we build and share.

**two**

We bring donors to the table as **community builders**, working closely with them to align their philanthropic vision with the community's needs.

**three**

We identify **long-term needs** and opportunities and invest in solutions that let our communities guide their own future.

**four**

We take a broad and inclusive view of what a community is, and **provide grants** to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.

**five**

We provide highly **personal and flexible service**, accepting a wide variety of assets and offering donors maximum tax advantage.

**six**

We build **permanent funds** and those that can respond to immediate needs, helping our communities ensure vital futures.

**seven**

We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts.

**eight**

We believe that diversity is strength, so we **bring the entire community together** to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

**nine**

We are **transparent and reputable stewards** of community resources, committed to being accountable, accessible and responsive.

**ten**

We build **community vitality** – the unique and essential spirit that flourishes when people believe their community holds possibilities for everyone.

## Our Foundation in Action

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*Just like any business, charitable organizations have general administrative and overhead costs. It was important for me to provide Interim Place with unrestricted support that serves their best interests.*

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GARY REAMEY

Funding for ‘essential expenses’ leads to long term sustainability.

Interim Place says, “Operational dollars are the most difficult to secure, but are essential to ensure programs and services are delivered to the women and children that we serve. Gary’s long-term commitment not only provides operational funding, it also lends credibility to the sustainability of our organization as we reach out to the community at large for donor support.”

### Our approach

Many organizations are working for better communities, but a few important factors make our approach stand out:

#### We bring donors to the table as community builders

We help them formulate and realize their philanthropic goals, matching their interests and concerns with community needs and organizations. We help them find innovative and responsible ways to give their investments lasting impact.

#### We take the broadest view of what a community is and what it needs to succeed

That’s why our grants support everything from shelter, sustenance and care for those most in need, to recreation, the arts, and the environment.

#### We take the long-term view for our communities

We identify long-term needs and opportunities and invest in sustainable solutions, helping our communities become resilient, resourceful, and ready for the future they want.



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