



As the leaves turn and we embrace a new season of gratitude and giving, we're reminded of the many ways our community continues to come together to make Mississauga thrive. From inspiring conversations about legacy giving to stories of generosity that meet urgent needs, this season has been full of moments that truly reflect the heart of our city.

WHAT'S NEW



PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR WITH MARK HALPERN

This October 23rd, the Mississauga Foundation proudly hosted a Planned Giving Seminar featuring Mark Halpern, CFP, TEP, MFA-P—one of Canada's leading experts in Strategic Philanthropy.

Co-presented with Indus Community Services, Embrace Agency to End Violence, and Peel Children's Aid Society (Peel CAS), the seminar offered attendees valuable insights into Legacy Giving and the tax-efficient strategies that can help donors make a lasting impact in our communities while supporting the causes closest to their hearts.

After our Planned Giving Session, we heard from several attendees who were inspired to take the next step in their giving journey. In fact, **multiple donors have already begun working with their advisors to explore new legacy gift strategies** after hearing Mark's presentation.

It's a powerful reminder that **when charities bring their donors to these sessions, those donors start exploring legacy gifts — and it works.**

See snippets from the seminar on our social media : [Mississauga Foundation LinkedIn](#).

Interested in giving smarter? Explore tax-efficient ways to give—like donating stocks, securities, or leaving a bequest. Get in touch with Glenn Gumulka, President & CEO, Mississauga Foundation at ggumulka@mississaugafoundation.ca

“GIVE A LITTLE, MEAN A LOT” CAMPAIGN

Our Give a Little, Mean a Lot campaign reminds us that generosity—no matter the size—can spark meaningful change. When we give together, small contributions grow into something powerful, supporting the people and organizations working every day to make Mississauga stronger.

Make your impact last by creating your own Named Fund with The Mississauga Foundation. It's an easy, accessible way to make your giving go further.

Here's how it works:

- **Start small:** Just \$2 a day (about \$42 a month).
- **Build your legacy:** In five years, you'll have a \$2,500 Named Fund that lasts forever.
- **Grow your impact:** Your fund is invested, pooled with others, and the earnings are granted back into the community year after year.



Your Named Fund carries your name, your values, and your vision for a better Mississauga—because when you give a little, you truly mean a lot.

Have a chat to know more: hrathod@mississaugafoundation.ca

Let's get your fund started: ggumulka@mississaugafoundation.ca

MATCHING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We're thrilled to share that matching funding is now available for two key areas:

1. **Charity Endowed Funds** – to help local organizations build sustainable, long-term support for their missions. Up to \$5,000 available in matching funding.
2. **Team Scholarship Program** – to empower the next generation of learners and leaders in Mississauga. Up to \$5,000 available in matching funding.
3. **Mississauga Field of Interest Funds** – to support vital community priorities and drive meaningful change across our city. Up to \$80,000 available in matching funding.



This is a wonderful opportunity to amplify your impact and create a legacy of learning and leadership.

Open your Charity Endowed, Team Scholarship or Mississauga Field of Interest Fund today! Contact Glenn Gumulka, President & CEO, Mississauga Foundation at ggumulka@mississaugafoundation.ca



COMMUNITY STORY: THE COMPASS FOOD BANK

We recently received a heartfelt message from Melinda Prain, Communications and Fundraising Manager at The Compass, one of the organizations supported through our Food Security Fund.

Melinda shared that their team was struggling to meet the high demand for omega-rich foods—especially tuna and sardines, staples for many of their clients. Our recent grant from the Food Security Fund arrived just in time, allowing them to place an order for these much-needed items.

"You've made our day," Melinda told us. "We cannot thank you enough."

-Melinda Prain, Communications and Fundraising Manager, Compass Food Bank.

Moments like these remind us how community generosity translates directly into nourishment, dignity, and hope.



GRANT NEWS



SPRING 2026 GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN FEBRUARY 2026

Our Spring 2026 grant intake opens this February, featuring exciting opportunities to apply for:

- The Novo Nordisk Chronic Diseases Fund, and
- The Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts, Culture and Heritage.

These grants support 2026 projects.

Please note: Not-for-profits are not eligible to apply directly. Applications must be submitted through a partnership agreement with a Registered Charity serving Mississauga.

Important: We will not be hosting a Grant Information Session for this intake, so it's important that you [review our updated Grant Information Presentation](#) for details on new changes, eligibility criteria, FAQs, and grant writing tips.

Visit our [Grant Seekers](#) page for more information and to download the timetable, or reach out to us at grants@mississaugaFOUNDATION.ca

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As we reflect on this season of giving, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors, partners, and community members. Your generosity and commitment fuel our mission to strengthen Mississauga—today and for generations to come.

Let's continue building a city where everyone belongs, contributes, and thrives.



Mark Halpern, at the Planned Giving Seminar



L to R, Tom Cooney, Andrine Johnson, Glenn Gumulka, Robert Wordham, Mark Halpern.

Building Tomorrow's  **Together.**



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