



MISSISSAUGA FOUNDATION

As the year draws to a close and winter settles gently over our city, we're taking a moment to reflect—on what we've achieved, what we've learned, and what we're building together for the future. 2025 has been a year of renewed momentum, remarkable generosity, and deeper community connection. None of it would be possible without you.

A YEAR IN REVIEW: 2025 IN REFLECTION

2025 has been a year defined by growth, collaboration, and meaningful change. Across the Foundation, donors, partners, charities, nonprofits, fundholders, and volunteers have helped advance community well-being in ways both big and small.



STRENGTHENING LOCAL IMPACT

Throughout the year, we saw incredible strides across priority areas—from food security and youth opportunities to arts, culture, and neighbourhood development. With the support of our fundholders and community partners, the Foundation contributed to programs that addressed urgent needs while investing in long-term solutions.

This year, your generosity helped:

- Expand meal access programs for residents experiencing food insecurity
- Support youth-focused initiatives centered on leadership, mentorship, and mental health

- Enhance arts and cultural programming that builds community connection
- Deliver emergency relief to families facing sudden hardship
- Strengthen capacity for local charities working on the front lines

These investments helped thousands of residents across Mississauga, embodying our mission to improve quality of life for all who call this city home.

VITAL SIGNS AND ITS ROLE IN 2025

The Vital Signs research continued to guide our understanding of the community's most pressing challenges. Key findings in housing affordability, food insecurity, and public safety shaped both our granting priorities and deeper conversations about long-term solutions. By grounding our actions in data, we ensure donor dollars go where they can make the most meaningful difference.

[Read all the Vital Signs Reports here.](#)



Vital Impact
Stories



[Watch our Vital Impact video](#), which focuses on one of the five pillars of support identified through the Vital Signs Report—bringing the data to life through real stories.

Stay tuned for more impactful video stories coming soon.

GROWING OUR FOUNDATION FAMILY: WELCOMING NEW FUNDHOLDERS IN 2025

2025 marked one of our strongest years for donor engagement. More residents, families, and businesses joined the Foundation to create lasting philanthropic legacies. Whether through establishing a new family fund or contributing to community initiatives, fundholders continued to show what generosity looks like in action.



Below is a highlight of some of the new Fundholders who joined us in 2025 and the impact they are helping make possible:

- Jauernig Family Fund
- JUMP Basketball Scholarship Fund
- Marsella Family Fund for Food Security
- Novo Nordisk Rare Diseases Fund
- Options Mississauga Fund
- Padfield Mushynski Family Fund
- Safe City Mississauga Fund
- Tara Addis Mississauga Vitality Fund

NEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FUNDS

These new fundholders, each with their own passions and priorities, contribute to the vibrancy and resilience of Mississauga in unique ways. Many have chosen to focus on areas such as Mississauga's pressing needs, youth development, health and well-being, diversity, equity & inclusion, and food security.



Their contributions will help the community by:

- Providing meals, support, and resources to vulnerable families.
- Strengthening multicultural programming and community services.
- Supporting grassroots projects improving neighbourhood safety and inclusion.
- Funding mental health projects for youth and young adults.
- Enhancing opportunities and inclusivity at workplace.
- Providing scholarships for youth attending post-secondary education.

These ripple effects will continue to grow over time as the funds generate long-term support for the causes fundholders care about most.

Why New Fundholders Matter

Every new fund established at the Mississauga Foundation represents a long-term promise—a promise to invest in the city's future. These funds not only provide critical support today but will continue to fuel community advancement year after year.

Fundholders play a central role in helping the Foundation address both emerging challenges and persistent gaps. Their contributions build financial resilience, ensuring Mississauga's nonprofit sector has the resources it needs to create meaningful, lasting change.

Reach out to us at ggumulka@mississaugafoundation.ca to learn more on how to become a fundholder.



A GROWING CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY

The enthusiasm of this year's new fundholders reflects a growing shift in Mississauga: more residents are choosing to give locally, invest in local solutions, and shape the city's future from within. This momentum builds a strong foundation—one supported by civic pride, community leadership, and shared purpose.

To all our new fundholders, welcome. We are honoured to partner with you.

MATCHING PROGRAMS FOR NEW FUNDHOLDERS

We currently have three matching programs to help new fundholders maximize their impact. **Learn more by exploring each program on our website:**

- [Charity Endowed/Agency Funds.](#)
- Matching Contributions for Mississauga Field of Interest Funds.
- [Team Scholarship Program.](#)



GIVE A LITTLE, MEAN A LOT: INSPIRING EVERYDAY GENEROSITY



This year, we proudly launched the [Give a Little, Mean a Lot](#) campaign—making philanthropy accessible for all. The message is simple and powerful: **You don't need a large gift to create meaningful change.**

Small contributions of \$2/day, collectively fuel programs that touch lives every day. Through this campaign, we highlighted the many fields of interest donors can support by establishing a Named Fund. From Food Security and Children & Youth programs to Arts, Environment, and Newcomer support, the campaign reaffirmed that there are countless meaningful pathways to give.

Every contribution, large or small, moves our community forward. When many people give a little, the outcome can mean a lot for those who need it most.

The campaign will continue into the new year, inviting residents across Mississauga to champion the causes they care about most.

STAY TUNED: GRANTING UPDATES COMING SOON



As we prepare for the year ahead, the Foundation is gearing up for another important granting cycle.

In early 2026, we will share updates on:

- Grant application intake timelines.
- Eligibility criteria and funding priorities.
- Resources for applicants.

We encourage community organizations, registered charities, nonprofits, and partners to watch for

announcements in the coming weeks. We're excited about the upcoming cycle and the impact it will enable across Mississauga.

CLOSING REFLECTIONS: THANK YOU FOR A MEANINGFUL YEAR

As we wrap up 2025, we want to extend our sincere thanks. This year has shown, once again, that Mississauga is a city defined by generosity, resilience, and compassion.

Whether you attended an event, supported a fund, joined us as a new fundholder, or simply engaged with our work—you helped shape a stronger, more vibrant Mississauga. Every act of philanthropy, large or small, contributes to the collective impact we hold as a community.



We look forward to stepping into 2026 with renewed purpose and excitement. Together, we will continue building a city where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Warm wishes for a peaceful, joyful winter season and a bright year ahead.

Thank you for being part of the Mississauga Foundation.



Images from the Donor Wall Unveiling Event, March 2025, at Mississauga City Hall.



Images from the Planned Giving Seminar with Mark Halpern, October 2025.

Building Tomorrow's  **MISSISSAUGA Together.**



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