



Summer is a time to pause, reflect, and enjoy the vibrant spirit of our community. As we reach the halfway point of the year, we're reminded of the incredible generosity, partnerships, and collective action that continue to shape Mississauga for the better. From supporting local charities to helping donors create lasting legacies, every contribution strengthens our community and builds a brighter future. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

Throughout the second half of 2026, we'll continue sharing [stories of local impact](#), celebrating our [25th anniversary](#), and preparing for another exciting grant cycle. We invite you to stay connected and follow along as we continue **Building Tomorrow's Mississauga Together**.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF IMPACT



25 YEARS OF HARNESSING GENEROSITY

This year marks a significant milestone as the Mississauga Foundation celebrates 25 years of building a stronger, more resilient city through the power of philanthropy.

For a quarter of a century, we've worked alongside donors, charities, community leaders, and partners to address local needs and create lasting change. Together, we've helped grow [endowments](#), invest in innovative community initiatives like [Vital Signs](#), and [support the organizations](#) that make Mississauga a better place for everyone.

As we celebrate this anniversary throughout the year, we want to thank everyone who has been part of our story. Your generosity has helped build a legacy that will continue to benefit our community for generations to come.

GRANT UPDATES

IMPORTANT GRANT ELIGIBILITY UPDATES

Organizations planning to apply for funding through the Mississauga Foundation should be aware of important eligibility updates that will take effect for upcoming grant rounds.

Smart & Caring Children & Youth Fund

To better align funding with the fund's purpose, eligibility has been refined to support:

- Organizations whose primary mandate focuses on children and youth (24 years and under); or
- Organizations with established programs specifically serving children and youth.

Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts, Culture & Heritage

- Eligibility has also been updated to support organizations whose primary mandate is arts, culture, and/or heritage.

These changes are intended to ensure funding reaches organizations most closely aligned with each fund's charitable purpose while maximizing community impact.

➔ Learn more about the updated eligibility requirements on [our website](#). If you have any questions, contact us at grants@mississaugafoundation.ca.



THE 2027 GRANT ROUND (FALL INTAKE) OPENS SEPTEMBER 1

The Fall intake of our 2027 Grant Round is almost here!

Applications for the following funds will open:

- Pendle Fund
- Smart & Caring Children & Youth Fund

Application Period

Opens: September 1, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Closes: September 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

➔ [Download the 2027 Grant Program Timetable](#)

We'll also be releasing a pre-recorded Grant Information Session on August 24, which will walk applicants through the program, eligibility requirements, and application process. Be sure to watch for its release on our website and social media channels.

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FUNDHOLDER SPOTLIGHT:

KEITH FARLINGER - CREATING A LASTING LEGACY FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

After long and successful careers, Keith and his family began thinking about how they could give back in a way that would make a lasting difference. Their desire to create a legacy led them to establish the Farlinger Family Fund for Youth Mental Health at the Mississauga Foundation—an endowed Donor Advised Fund that will support charities in Mississauga for generations to come.

Reflecting on what inspired their philanthropy, Keith shared:



"We are now retired after long successful careers and are looking at ways we could give back. As a board member of the Mississauga Foundation, I became aware of how easy it was to set up an endowment that created a lasting impact and that family members and others could continue to add to in the future."

When considering how to structure their giving, the family chose a Donor Advised Fund because it aligned with both their financial goals and their vision for creating a lasting family legacy. As Keith explains:

*"We decided on a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) due to the many benefits that they have when setting it up with the Mississauga Foundation. Firstly, as an endowed fund it will continue to benefit charities forever. Secondly, we were able to name the fund the Farlinger Family Fund as that was very important to our family. Another feature that was very important to us was the Transfer of Securities. Normally for a donation of this size, we would need to cash in securities, pay the tax on the gain and then donate what was left over. **With the simple direct transfer of the securities, we avoid having to pay the tax on the increased market value of the securities. At the same time, we receive a donation receipt for the market value of the securities.** Finally, our family was able to choose where the funds would be directed to ensure they reached the areas that were important to us. We have 5 young grandchildren, and given we live in a complex and challenging world, we wanted the funds used for youth mental health. Thus, the fund became the Farlinger Family Fund for Youth Mental Health."*



The Farlinger family's giving is rooted in a desire to help young people navigate today's increasingly complex world. Their fund is dedicated to supporting youth mental health initiatives across the community, ensuring young people have access to the resources they need to succeed.

Keith describes the impact he hopes the fund will have:

"Youth mental health is a complex subject and thus the contributions must address several areas. Through donations to charities in our community, this fund will help young people access the care, resources, and support

they need to build resilience and thrive in today's world. The fund will focus on investments in mental wellness, education, early intervention, and peer support."

Interested in becoming a Fundholder?

Email us at ggumulka@mississaugafoundation.ca to learn how you can make a difference.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

HELP GUIDE THE FUTURE OF THE RIVERWOOD CONSERVANCY



The vision of The Riverwood Conservancy is a community in harmony with nature. Located on a beautiful 150-acre natural area within minutes of downtown Mississauga, and with a wide array of wildlife including over 200 species of birds, Riverwood is an oasis of nature in today's hectic world.

In 2025, TRC connected more than 16,000 people with nature, including seniors pursuing active lifestyles, young people managing their mental health, volunteers who contribute to

protecting healthy ecosystems in the space.....and more!

TRC is refreshing its Strategic Plan, and you can be a part of it. Never before has nature been more important, and the coming years will see many changes in our community. **With your help, TRC aims to stay responsive and relevant with outdoor programming that reflects the needs of those who live, work and play in Mississauga.**

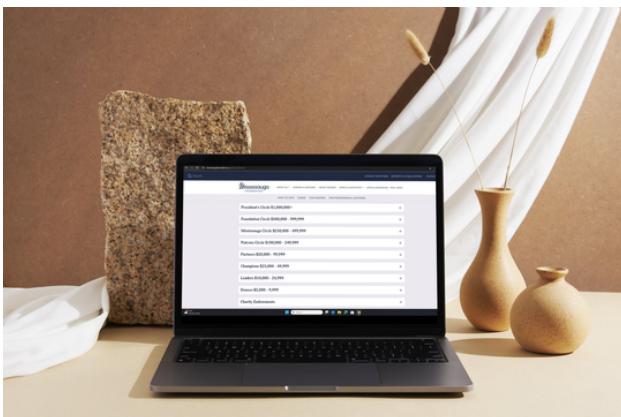
If you would like to provide input on how nature at Riverwood could support our community and your own agency's needs, please reach out to Sara Wilbur-Collins, Executive Director, by email or at (905) 279-5878 x24.



**Strategic
Planning
2026**

years of community impact

MORE FROM US:



DONOR WALL: CELEBRATE IMPACT ONLINE

Our digital Donor Wall is live! It celebrates the generosity of our fundholders and supporters, with several donors already climbing up our donation circles.

We invite you to explore the Donor Wall and see how collective giving is shaping a stronger, more vibrant Mississauga.

[Visit the Donor Wall here.](#)

Interested in becoming a Fundholder?

Email us at ggumulka@mississaugaFOUNDATION.ca to learn how you can make a difference.

WATCH OUR VIDEO: WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Curious about how community foundations make a difference? Check out our ["What is a Community Foundation?"](#) video to see how your support drives real change in Mississauga.

[Watch the video here.](#)



Thank You!

Whether you're a Donor, Fundholder, Charity Partner, Professional Advisor, Volunteer, or Community Champion, thank you for being part of the Mississauga Foundation community.

As we continue celebrating our 25th anniversary, we're excited for everything still to come this year and look forward to continuing to build tomorrow's Mississauga—together.



Building Tomorrow's **Mississauga Together.**



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