

ANNUAL REPORT | 2021



OUR VISION

The Kensington Conservancy will work to inspire all members of the St. Joseph Channel community to embrace positive conservation values that will promote the protection and preservation of natural ecosystems for all generations.

OUR MISSION

The mission of The Kensington Conservancy is the establishment, development, maintenance and management of nature reserves and programs in the St. Joseph Channel for the conservation and preservation of the natural ecosystems.

ABOUT US

The Kensington Conservancy is a land trust that works to protect lands and waters by purchasing property, accepting donations of land and through voluntary conservation agreements. These protection methods are all aimed at preserving our precious landscape in perpetuity.

The Kensington Conservancy believes that conservation and preservation can also be achieved through the good stewardship practices of all property owners. We work with local landowners, farmers, governments, schools and other organizations to develop programs that will promote greener and less intensive development, best land and water management practices, invasive species control and low impact recreational activities.

Our membership includes residents of Canada and the United States who represent various interests including permanent and seasonal residents, businesses, government, and the scientific and academic communities. As one of North America's few bi-national land trusts, the Kensington Conservancy is a registered charity in both Canada and the United States. The conservancy received Canadian charitable status in 2006, making 2021 our fifteenth year of operation.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all TKC members, supporters, volunteers and environmentalists. We thank you for your interest in our organization and hope you will be proud of our efforts and accomplishments.

Let me take you on an emotional journey to our favourite places. First imagine you are travelling in space, and notice the earth doing its annual rotation around the sun. Umm, that's interesting, let's get closer! As you approach the earth, you see it is divided into continents. One of the continents, North America, has a large land mass devoted to one country, Canada. Let's get a bit closer to this...Canada! This country too, is divided into smaller sections, provinces, and we are particularly interested in Ontario. Look north of the Great Lake, Huron, and try to locate a small section around the St. Joseph Channel. Almost there! Now you need an old cottage with a wooden deck, soft in some spots, but you know them all, so not dangerous. A comfortable chair, and perhaps a mug or glass in your hand. The sun is rising, or maybe setting. You are HOME! In your mind, in your heart, and in your spirit!

Now this is our favourite place, the place we want to be, as often as we can, for as long as we can. But how do we keep it this way, how to preserve the concept, the feeling, the place. TKC has tried to fill this order, maintain the land and waterways as close to natural as possible. Protect plants and animals, and whenever possible deflect man's influence on our habitat. It is not an easy job, and without you, your interest, time, support, and continued investment, we would not be able to move forward. Thank you all so much, for helping us see our goals, and reaching them. We have made gains in 2021, despite COVID-19 and its many restrictions, and continue to do so into this year. Our staff have been working hard and it shows. Our finances are solid, but always looking for improvement. Our acquisitions are fantastic, and prospects develop regularly. TKC is that little part of the universe, special to all of us, that we want to protect and care for. Thank you all for doing your part to make this a reality.

In closing you may return to your journey travelling through space, but remember, "we need you". If we want to keep our little part of the universe special, we have to work hard, invest our time and talents, care enough and do enough to keep things as we want them to be. This is a unique community, this St Joseph Channel area, with unique and caring people doing what they were meant to do. Let's continue this journey, both here, and universally to sustain, protect, and encourage our environment, and our "special places" in this universe.

Many thanks to everyone,

ALICE HILL, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2021 was a big year for The Kensington Conservancy. We protected a new property, welcomed many new members, launched a webinar series, and collected a lot of valuable data from our nature preserves and conservation easements. Between changes in permanent staff and a series of grants that allowed us to hire for seasonal contracts, we had ten different employees throughout the year. This was all done between lockdowns, periods of working from home, and other obstacles due to the pandemic.

Angela Charbonneau stepped in as our new Office Manager in January and instantly became the glue that holds everything together. Our seasonal contracts provided great opportunities for recent graduates to gain experience in the conservation world and all of them were a pleasure to work with. Corinne Wilkerson joined us halfway through the year as our new Land Stewardship Coordinator, bringing her vast experience from the biology and conservation world.

It was also my first year as The Kensington Conservancy's Executive Director. There was certainly an adjustment period, but it did not take long to get a handle of my new tasks and responsibilities. I am lucky that The Kensington Conservancy has such a great Board of Directors and staff team to help with everything. I missed being out in the field as much as I was in my old position, but I still made an effort to get out when I could find the time.

As I write this, we're already well into 2022 and it is shaping up to be another great year. We recently announced our acquisition of the Gravel Point Preserve, which is our largest nature preserve to-date. We started two new programs to collect data on bat populations and water quality. We're utilizing volunteers better than we ever have. I am very excited to see where things go with The Kensington Conservancy from here.

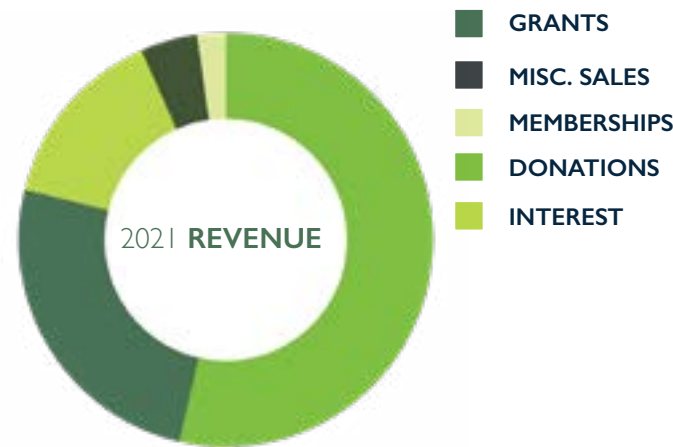
As always, none of this would be possible without the generosity of our local community. I thank each and every one of you who has supported The Kensington Conservancy in the last year.

CARTER DORSCHT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



TOTAL REVENUE

GRANTS	78,266
MISC. SALES	6,820
MEMBERSHIPS	13,589
DONATIONS	167,722
INTEREST	45,262
TOTAL	\$311,659



US INVESTMENTS USD

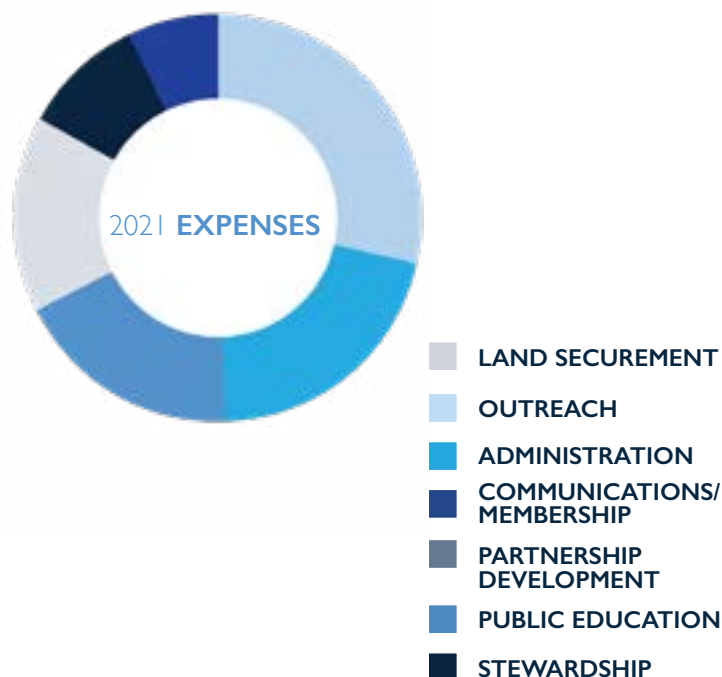
	NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS
ENDOWMENT FUND		947,345
CASH	142,505	
TOTAL USD		\$1,089,850

CANADIAN INVESTMENTS CAD

	NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS
OPERATIONAL RESERVE	-9,906	46,186
STEWARDSHIP FUND		353,143
CAPITAL ASSETS		1,547,615
TOTAL CAD		\$1,937,038

TOTAL EXPENSES

LAND SECUREMENT	29,855
OUTREACH	38,346
ADMINISTRATION	33,205
COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP	44,436
PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	15,081
PUBLIC EDUCATION	20,815
STEWARDSHIP	61,450
TOTAL	\$243,188



TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2021, we continued to deal with the impacts of COVID-19. Fortunately, our financial situation remained stable because of several subsidies, grants, and donations.

Wages allocated among the various programs shown on the graph were \$165,000 in 2021 compared to \$123,000 in 2020. Subsidies and grants offset both these amounts, resulting in a net wage cost of \$63,000 or 34% of expenses in 2020 and \$87,000 or 37% in 2021. Our wages were higher in 2021 because of increased contract staffing and severance pay. Through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program, the Canadian Government provided \$47,000, which allowed us to maintain our staffing levels. We don't expect significant wage subsidies in 2022, as the CEWS was replaced with two other programs that the Conservancy does not as readily qualify for, so our net wage costs will rise.

Funds from our investments were used to pay for the purchase of Coatsworth Island for \$126,000 and to provide operating funds. With the extra funding from our investment accounts and grants and subsidies, the excess revenues over expenditures for the year were \$112,000.

Our investments did well again this year. Going into 2022, it will be challenging to maintain the return of our Endowment Fund because of a bear market. The Finance Committee has taken steps to mitigate the market turmoil on the Endowment Fund. These market issues should not impact our returns in our Stewardship Fund or Operating Reserve Fund because these funds are invested in fixed income, and with rising interest rates, our returns here could be higher.

The coming year will be challenging because of lower investment returns and ongoing inflation, making your donations even more critical. While we receive some government support, most of our funding comes from memberships and donations. These fund our operations.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their generous support last year.

TOM DALTON, TREASURER



A YEAR IN REVIEW 2021

- Hired Angela Charbonneau as TKC's Office Manager
- Launched the TKC Webinar Series
- Protected the entirety of Coatsworth Island
- Hired Carter Dorscht as TKC's Executive Director
- Recorded almost 800 species on TKC's protected properties
- Hired Corinne Wilkerson as TKC's Land Stewardship Coordinator
- Participated in Johnson Township's Christmas in July parade
- Hired Vince La Tassa and Rachael Solaro as Assistant Field Technicians
- Conducted a species at risk inventory of the Black Hole Preserve
- Recorded over 300 species in the TKC Summer BioBlitz
- Hosted the 4th annual Explorer Summer Day Camp with the St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers
- Conducted the 6th annual Desbarats Christmas Bird Count



CORINNE WILKERSON



JOHNSON TOWNSHIP CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARADE



RACHAEL SOLARO AND VINCE LA TASSA



“ So, let us move forward with faith in ourselves, in our intelligence, in our indomitable spirit. Let us develop respect for all living things. Let us try to replace violence and intolerance with understanding and compassion. And love. ”

~ JANE GOODALL

LEGACY CIRCLE

The Legacy Circle and bequests are important parts of The Kensington Conservancy. Bequests from legacy donors have provided opportunities for growth and have strengthened the organization. Legacy donors have allowed us to provide an annual conservation award to a Sault College student, pay off the purchase of the Boyer Preserve, build The Kensington Conservation Centre and fund our Stewardship and Endowment Funds. Most recently, legacy donors allowed us to purchase the east half of Coatsworth Island.

A legacy gift in one's estate will help sustain The Kensington Conservancy and its ability to keep its promise to preserve the land and water of our area in perpetuity.

Please consider including The Kensington Conservancy in your will and estate planning. Don't hesitate to call or email Carter, our Executive Director. He can help you by providing TKC's tax ID for you to share with your attorney. He will also add your name to the Legacy Circle list after you have notified The Kensington Conservancy of your intentions to leave a bequest.

We'd like to thank and honor those who made bequests to The Kensington Conservancy.

Pam Bent

Erl Lagerholm

The Phelps Family

The following individuals have identified that they've made bequests to The Kensington Conservancy in their Estate Plans:

Mary and Donna Deplonty

Tina and Terry Haight

David Hofmann

Virginia Jordan

Connie and Alden Meyer

Libby and Matt O'Connell

David Welles, Jr

Peter Welles



The Kensington Conservancy will provide information and assistance to you on planned giving and other ways you can support our work. However, we strongly encourage you to seek independent advice when making charitable gifts of annuities, securities, property, life insurance, wills, trusts, contracts and other legal agreements. This may be your lawyer, banker, accountant, investment advisor, wealth manager, financial planner, or other professional.



COATSWORTH ISLAND

Coatsworth Island stands as the majestic protector of Portlock Harbour. It is one of the largest remaining undeveloped islands in the St. Joseph Channel. Thanks to support from the extended Welles Family, The Kensington Conservancy was able to purchase the west half of the island in 2019.

In early 2021, The Kensington Conservancy was able to purchase the east half of the island with a legacy gift from the Phelps Family. The entire island is now protected and known as the Coatsworth Island Preserve.

The island has scenic rocky areas with tall pines along the shore and the interior is a mixed forest. Staff have already recorded 175 different species of flora and fauna on the preserve, including species at risk such as Bald Eagle and Eastern Wood-Pewee. There are certainly many more species left to be found too!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Kensington Conservancy Board of Directors boasts a broad cross section of the local community. It has citizens from Canada and from the United States, permanent and summer residents, those with long family histories and those with new experiences in this vibrant community. Everyone comes to the table with a genuine love of land and water and a wish for future generations to enjoy the same treasures. Listed below are the members of the board of directors.

Executive Committee

Alice Hill	President
Hugh MacDonald	1st Vice President
Terry Haight	2nd Vice President
Richard Warren	Secretary
Tom Dalton	Treasurer

Directors

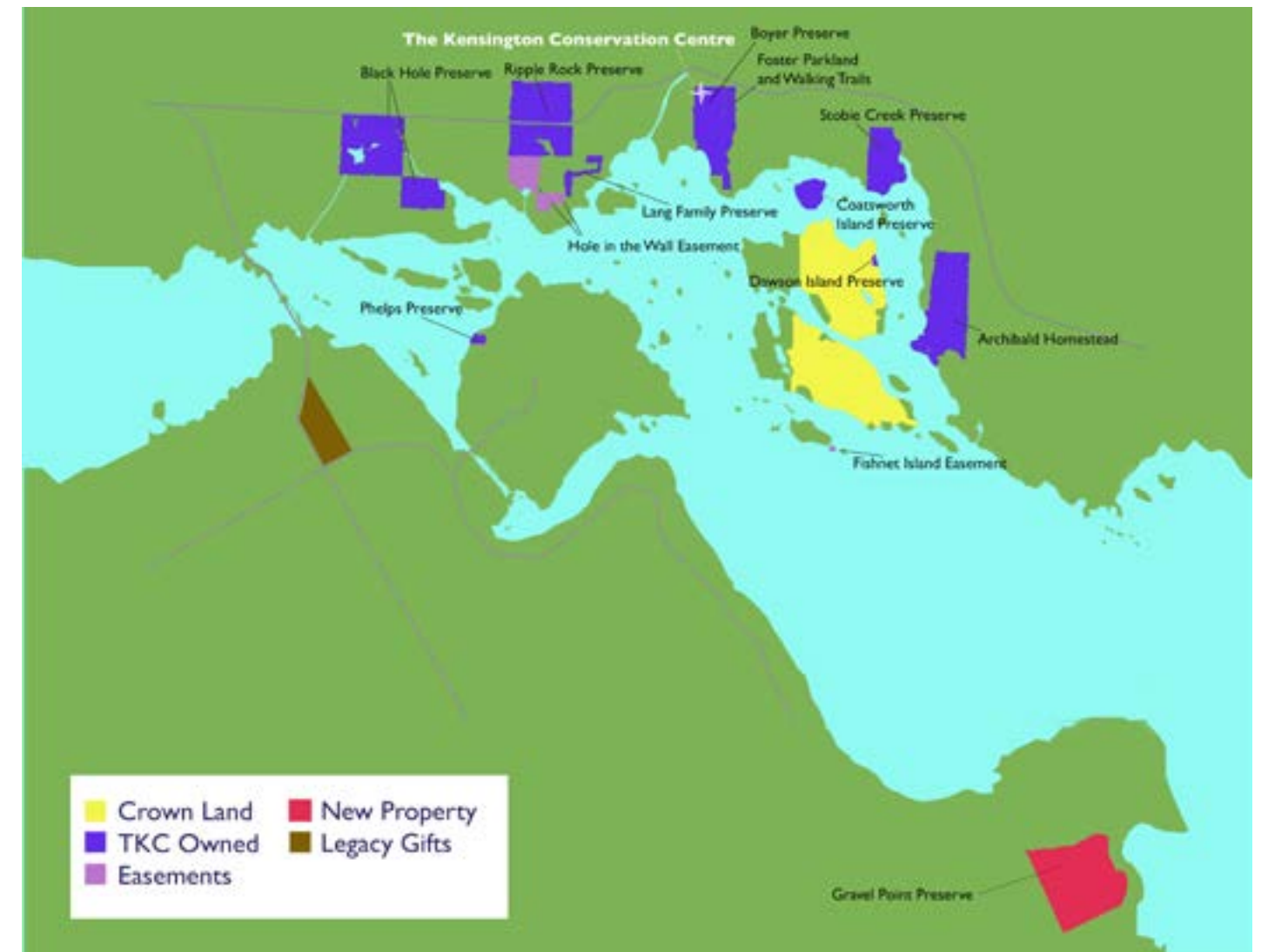
Bess Celio
 Libby Haight O'Connell
 John Hollingsworth
 Susan Lang
 Kathleen McFadden
 Alden Meyer
 Nancy Schrank
 Sarah Vincenzo
 Hope Welles

Board of Advisors

Holmes Morrison
 Adele Simmons
 Georgia Welles

Staff

Carter Dorscht	Executive Director
Corinne Wilkerson	Land Stewardship Coordinator
Angela Charbonneau	Office Manager
Roxane Bergeron	Field Technician



ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

OSPREY

>\$10,000

Boden, Linda
Cricket Fund of the Greater Toledo
Community Foundation
The Lumpkin Family Foundation
Simmons, Liesel & Ian
Smith, Loren
Welles, Peter

LOON

\$5,000-\$9,999

Haight, Tina & Terry
Hollingsworth, Laurie & John
The VIYU Foundation

BEAR

\$2,500-\$4,999

Douglass Family Foundation
Ferguson, Harwood
Gawthrop Islands LLC
Hodgkins, Bondy & Tom
O'Connell, Libby & Matthew
Petty, Catherine
Wulsin, Susan & Drausin

DEER

\$1,000-\$2,499

Bowen, Calvine & Charles
Fort, Debby
Jewett, Ellen & Kauffman, Richard
Lang, Susan & LeSage, Patrick
Marsters, Courtney & Steve
Morrison, Antoinette & Holmes
Phelps, Mason
Schrack, Nancy & Doug
The Donnelley Foundation
Vincenzo, Sarah & John
Welles, Catherine & Chris
Welles, Hope & Deke

OTTER

\$500-\$999

Bennett, Marcia & Ted
Doering, Sarah & Fred
Dorscht, Melanie & Ron
Douglass, Polly (Cynthia)
Foster-Miller, Peggy & Miller, Glenn
Grannis, Pat & Balky
Hill, Alice & Jim
Hill, Jamie
Hofmann, David
Hoyt, Freddie
Kite, Suzanne & Tiger
Miranda, Cameron & Adam
Navarro, Donna
Prieksaitis, George
Rilett, John
Simmons, Adele
Sipe, Debbie & Richard

Swindells, Anne
Verburg, Jill & Brad
Warren, Richard
Welles, Gerry
Wulsin, Victoria & Lawson

MALLARD

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Algoma Power
Algoma Trad
Allen, Nancy & Jerry
Anderson, Bev & Bruce
Arthurs, Jeanne & Ed
Astell, Alex
Aubertin, Violet
Barber, Gwen
Beach, Andrea & Jeff
Bedley, Oliver
Bell, Alex & Wetteroth, Ron
Bell, Cici & Buxton, Jim
Bell, Robert
Bell, Kimlan
Bloomer, Kimmy
Bohms, Jeralyn & Mike
Bondar, Aldona & Arthur
Bouffard, Diane & Michel
Boyer, Davis
Brennen, Judy & Jim
Breton, Suzan
Broks, Erin
Bruce Station Horticultural Society
Buchler, Kathy & Jeff
Burnett, Linda
Burtch, Peter
Caldwell, Helene & Errol
Campbell, Brooke & Ryan
Campbell, Michael
Campbell, Sheila
Carlson, Carolyn
Carper, Barbara & Nick
Cave, Bruce
Celio, Bess & Candelario
Chamberlin, Ann
Charbonneau, Angela & Colin
Cherry, Kim & Steve
Ciotti, Bonnie & Richard
Clark, Jennifer
Cliffe Printing Inc.
Cohen, Joyce & Robert
Cohen, Sally & Moule, Dave
Compass Imaging Group & Sign Solutions
Cook, Beth & Graham
Corcoran, Meri & Neil
Cosbey, Ginny & Jim
Coulter, Ken

Coutu, Jeffrey
Cove, Angela
Cragg, George
Cranston, Anne
Cross, Lucia & David
Cunningham, Betty
Dalton, Martha & Tom
Dann, William R. (Mike) Jr.
Davie, Samantha & Barrett
Dearing, Inge
Derickx, Lisa & Jones, Adam
Dionisi, Hannele
Dixon, Canda
Donohue, Patrick
Doyle, Suzanne
Dunn, Calvine & Doug
Dunning, Paula
Dutkiewicz, David
Elliott, Tanna & Lynn
Ellis, Connie & Corson
Ellis, Libby & Ruckman, Stuart
Ellis Bruckmann, Laurie & Bruckmann, Bruce
Elting, Jody & Edelstein, Alan
Elting, Maria & Victor
Euler, David
Evoy, Kathy
Ewanow, Lynn & Clement, Laurence
Faganely, Lori & Robert
Fantham, Elizabeth
Feder, Judson
Forsyth-Vail, Gail & Vail, Stephen
Franchuk, Sara
Frech, Patricia
Freeman, Marion & Ellis, Corson
Gallagher, Ron
Gardiner, Julie & Sandy
Gartshore, Carol
Gawas Bay Cottagers Association
Gillingham, Jennifer & Paul
Gjos, Marie
Good, Barbara
Good, Samuel
Grannis, Jane
Grannis Blackmer, Marjory
Hall, Janet
Hall, Vivian & Don
Hallett, Merrill & John
Hamilton-Wright, Sarah
Hanson, Kelly & Douglas
Harrison, Alan
Hayes, Michael
Henry, Sharon
Herbert, Mark

Hergott, Lynne & Paul
Hershey, Harriett & John
Hines, Eleanor
Hodgkins, Debbie & Tom
Hoff, Mindy & Tom
Hoffman, Shane
Hoogendoorn, Hugh
Hope, Emily
Hope, Patricia
Horsford, Rebecca & Gregory
Hunt, Carole
Hussey, Cathy & Stephen
Iles, Carol
Ingabrand, Lily & Ken
Ingram, Erin
Irawan, Andri
Irwin, Margaret & Ronald
Jackson, Molly & Stuart
Jenkins, Mark
Jernagan, Hopie & Luke
Johnson, Kurt
Johnson, Tom
Johnstone, Glenis
Jones, Gail
Jones, Matt
Jordan, Virginia
Junor, Jackie & Jim
Kaylor, Phoebe & Tom
Kellum, Marilyn & Bob
Kincaid, Mary Lynn & Mike
King, Elma & Joseph
King, Jesse
Kingery, Betsy & Bill
King-Smith, Hailey
Kite, Emily & Matthew
Kommusaar, Kaley
Konzuk, Nancy & Blaine
Kroetsch, Jerome
Ladell, Mary Therese & Thomas
Lambert, Donna
Lang-Weir, Andrew
Lee, Emilie
Levesque, Anna Marie
Lewis, Kenneth
Lumpkin, Chiara & Ben
MacDonald, Kim & Hugh
MacDonald, Linda & Kirby, Eric
MacDonald-Wilson, Jeannie
MacDougall, Charlotte & Murray, Hugh
MacKay, Cheryl
Marble, Anne
Marquardt, Martica
Marsh, Leslie
Martin, Linda
Massey, Trent
Matheson, Philippa
Matthews, Diane
Mayer, Amy & Jack, David

McCormack, Larry
McGorman, Don
McKay, Diena & Laurence
Meyer, Connie & Alden
Mikoliew, Karen & Miller, Chuck
Minardi, Sheri
Morettin, Debbie
Mossing, Marty & Butch
Murray, Rima
Niessen-Nelson, Carmen
Nurnberg, Marie
Oatis, Paul
Oatis-Virtue, Judy
Oatis-Warzon, Ginny & Warzon, Jim
O'Connell, Charlie
O'Connell Robertson, Lucy & Robertson, Mik
Oien, Lindsay & Dorscht, Carter
Olmstead, Dixie & Jim
Paul, Chris & Jodi
Paul, Jean
Pauli, Kathryn & Eldred, John
Peabody, Carey & Isaaks, Edward
Pelletier-Doble, Anna
Pen, Hooley & Ron
Peterson, Adria & Kirk
Petzold, Sheila & Foster, Peter
Poeschl, Cornelia & Erwin
Prickett, Ron
Proudfoot, Lindsay
Radford, Sheila & Michael
Reinhart, Krista & Clark, Kit
Rich, Leslie
Rigters, Erik
Robertson, Linda & John
Royal LePage Northern Advantage
Stewart Team
Ryckman-Rooney, Donna
Sanders, Gary
Saunders, Rita
Sauve, Carey
Scallan, Pamela & Andrew
Schendel, Sally & Logan
Schneider, Mary & Steve
Schrack, Nancy & Doug
Schuab, Bruna
Sedbrook, John
Simmons, Erica & Balz, John
Sirois, Glenn
Sleeper, Jenny & Mark
Smith, Jane & Lennox
Smith, Maria
Smith, Shannon
Soo Mill & Lumber Co.
St. John, Jane & Ray
St. Joseph Island Coffee Roasters
Stevens, Faye Phyllis
Stevenson, Virginia & Dick
Stewart, Peggy & Terry
Stewart, Rodney

Stinnissen, Kris & Pete
Stinnissen, Peter
Strothman, Dana & John
Strothman, Leah & Carter
Sutherland, Carole
Swift, Martin & Keith
Swift, Willis
Switzer, Sian & Watson, Scott
Sylvester, Katherine & Edmund Q.
Taylor, Fred
Taylor, Tina
Tebbetts, Chartis & Edwin
The Benevity Community Impact Fund
Therault, Jack
The Township of St. Joseph
The Township of Tarbutt
Thomson, Christine
Tisdall, Gayle & Robert
Tremblay, Maria
Uhlig, Peter
Vadino, Chris & Palmer, Charles
Vail, Anne & David
VanHouten, Carol & Donald
Wadley, David
Walker, Valerie
Warren, Anita
Warren, Erik
Warren, Siri
Warren, Ted
Waters, Laura
Waters, Tim
Watson, Annie & Charles
Welles, Damaris
Welles, Georgia
Welles, Jeff & Maud
Welles, Peter
Welles, Tara
Wendt, Carol & Dave
Wendt, Stephen
Wheeler, Joan & Wells
Wick, Susan & Tom
Willis, Margaret
Wilner, Mike
Woods, Sally
Wulsin, Jane & John Jr.
Wulsin, Rosamond & Szuhay, Dennis
Zahn, Nora & Gregory



“ And I dream of the vast deserts, the forests, and all of the wilderness of our continent, wild places that we should protect as a precious heritage for our children and for our children’s children. We must never forget that it is our duty to protect this environment. ”

~ NELSON MANDELA



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