



Parish Community Update October 2022

Our Mission...

The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region is committed to supporting social justice initiatives consistent with Catholic values, with a focus on the Region's Catholic schools, parishes, Catholic organizations and community partnerships.

Strong Community... Better Together

The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region (CCFOWR) has received numerous positive responses to its 2021 and 2022 community support initiatives... the just-in-time food card program, the consolidated annual grants, the Speaker series, and of course the annual scholarship, bursary and awards programs. The Foundation is fortunate to benefit from a continuing commitment from the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) to support and collaborate with the CCFOWR in the best interest of students and families in your school communities.

In the coming months, some traditional processes will change... the WCDSB Research & Development Office will no longer be involved in the administration and communications functions of the CCFOWR. However, coordinated service to our schools will continue in cooperation with WCDSB Business & Finance and the Director's Office.

Please take a few minutes to review this document to ensure that you are aware of the opportunities for your parish community offered by this organization. Any questions or concerns, contact the CCFOWR President, Vic Degutis. Email: VicDegutis@outlook.com.

“How can you help?”... Thanks for asking!

- 1. Be the CCFOWR champion in your parish community**
- 2. Share the CCFOWR story and opportunities with your community leaders**
- 3. Support the CCFOWR social media campaign launching in October 2022**



Our 2022 Grant Commitments...

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In 2022, the Catholic Community Foundation Of Waterloo Region (CCFOWR) will continue to redirect traditional funding allocations for the Catholic community in an effort to be responsive to the needs created post-pandemic:

1. Since March and through October of this year, \$60,000 in **food/gift cards** will be distributed through school administrators and parish priests to give a hand up to their families in need. **This initiative has been well received and will continue until the end of October 2022 or until the fund is depleted.**
2. **School administrators, parish priests and the Catholic community-at-large partners will have the opportunity to apply for funding support from a \$70,000 grant program which will be introduced in October 2022.** This program will have criteria similar to the grants offered previously by the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation and the original Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region. The details of the program will be forwarded directly to school administrators and parishes and will be available on our website: www.ccfowr.ca in mid-October.

Our 2022-2023 Scholarship, Bursaries & Awards Program...

Both the original organizations -The Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation Inc. and The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region - have offered comprehensive services for many years to the Catholic community, often in cooperation with other partner organizations. These services have included scholarships, bursaries and awards offered annually to students in the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools. The funds were created through 3rd party agreements with donors or through the fundraising efforts of the boards of directors. All aspects of the management of these historic funds will continue to be coordinated through the new Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region Inc. **Although these funds have traditionally been distributed through schools, we are prepared to consider applications forwarded by the parishes for funding support for extra-curricular activities .**

To view a comprehensive listing of scholarships & bursaries, visit: <https://www.ccfowr.ca/scholarships-&-bursaries>.

All established 3rd party scholarships, bursaries and awards agreements will continue in the 2022-2023 school year. During the 2022-23 school year, the CCFOWR board of directors, in consultation with school administrators, will be reviewing the scholarship/bursary/awards traditionally funded by the two original foundations to ensure relevance and efficiency.

Funds can be accessed in 2022-2023, as in the past, by making a written request. As the CCFOWR is in the process of establishing a new administration model, your cooperation and patience are required and appreciated. This Fall all requests or inquiries should be forwarded to CCFOWR President, Vic Degutis, VicDegutis@outlook.com. By January 2023, a new contact person and process will be communicated to all schools and parishes.

Our 2022-2023 Speaker Series...

The virtual speaker series presented in 2021 for Catholic community families received many positive responses. The format, venues and topics are currently being considered and the series will continue in early 2023 in cooperation with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. The program will be announced by the end of 2022.



Community Not-For-Profit Grant Opportunities

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The CCFOWR will continue to be actively involved in supporting schools and parishes in applying for grants from community organizations, e.g. Lyle S. Hallman Foundation, Waterloo Region Community Foundation (formerly the Cambridge & North Dumfries Community Foundation and the Kitchener-Waterloo Community Foundation), TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. Millions of dollars have been generated through these donor organizations over the years.

- The CCFOWR President will assist school administrators or priests or their designate to understand the processes and complete the application
- The CCFOWR President will submit the application through the CCFOWR. Donor organizations recognize and appreciate the service and accountability of this 3rd party conduit.
- The CCFOWR will manage the funds on behalf of the donor and the school or parish and support the reporting process when required.
- The CCFOWR will support the donor acknowledgement program when required.

Community Not-For-Profit Partnerships

Two of the Foundation's goals, and our Promise, refer to our role and our intent to be a catalyst within the Catholic community in Waterloo Region:

- Initiate partnership opportunities related to specific initiatives to benefit the Catholic community and the community-at-large
- Continue to function as a central influencer to bring together the various entities (and sectors) within the Waterloo Region Catholic community and the Diocese.

If you have idea on collaborative ideas or opportunities... talk to us.

The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region Inc.

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Supporting the Possibilities...

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A holistic community is made up of many sectors including business, government, church, school, not-for-profits and philanthropists, all critical and appreciated, but none more necessary than our supporting corporate sector. We are very appreciative of the ongoing support of our corporate partners, through sponsorships of projects and through their donations of funds and services. We are especially appreciative of the annual support of Johnson Insurance who has donated tens of thousands to support the efforts of the CCFOWR. **We hope that you and your school community will support the organizations who support our Catholic community through the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region.**

Visit: <https://www.ccfowr.ca/sponsors-&-partners>

The Catholic Community Foundation has a commitment to cooperating and collaborating with community partners in all sectors to support and evolve common goals. We all recognize that collective efforts will best serve our community. In 2022, the CCFOWR is a significant supporter of the St. Mary's Church Tiny Homes – Take Out program.

2022-2023 Upcoming Activities

- The annual **WCDSB Payroll Contribution Program** will again be introduced to Waterloo Catholic District School Board staff in October 2022. We thank the staff for their ongoing support. **We are all in this together!**
- The virtual **CCFOWR Speaker Series** was a great success and received many positive comments. This project supports the WCDSB and parish communities. The format included a moderator, a keynote presentation, panelist discussions and real-time interaction with the audience. The series will continue in 2023 and in the following months, with topics including: post-pandemic strategies to support student success, financial management for the family during challenging economic realities, maximizing community support services, and education pathways to a promising future. We will be sending to you information in advance of each session which we ask you to promote and include in your parish-level communications with your families.
- The annual **Bishop's Banquet** is currently under review. This event has been one of the few Catholic community events which brings together people from areas of the Region and various sectors including education, parishes, government, and business. Over its 20 year history, the Bishops Banquet has generated over \$300,000 dollars in proceeds that have been returned via grants to our Catholic Schools for Faith Formation, Arts, Athletics, and Technology. More information will follow in the coming months.
- The 20th annual **Links fore Learning Golf Classic** presented in August 2022 was another success, raising \$20,000 to support our programs. The tournament will be held again in August 2023. **See you on the links!**

...Making a Difference



Our Goals & Promise...

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- Generate, invest and distribute funds through the direction and support of a community-based board of directors
- Continue to cooperate with other not-for-profit community organizations, governments and the business community. Act as a conduit for 3rd party grants distributed within the Catholic community
- Manage funds for the Catholic education community stakeholders including investment, distribution and charitable receipting
- Initiate partnerships
- Bring like-minded entities together for mutual benefit.



Final Thought...

The board of directors and staff of the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region are committed to supporting our community. If you need help, let us know and we will make every effort to assist. If you, your staff, your parent community, your friends and family, have the ability to support our efforts either financially or through volunteering your time, **we welcome your engagement.**

For more information or to get involved, contact: VicDegutis@outlook.com or cell: 519.588.2426.

Visit our website: www.ccfowr.ca

