



Peter Gilgan  
Foundation

# Our Year in Review

Fiscal 2024



# **Our Mission**

To improve the lives of children and families by empowering initiatives that help the world transition to a more healthy, prosperous, and sustainable future.

# **Our Vision**

A fully sustainable world with no poverty, and ever-improving health care for all.

# Our Values in Practice

Our work is guided by six values.

1

## Mutual Respect

We approach our work with humility and a desire to view all our relationships as true partnerships.

2

## Sustainability

We strive to balance economic, environmental, and social needs in what we do and in how we do it.

3

## Responsibility

We believe it is our responsibility to use our resources for the benefit of others.

4

## Effectiveness

We hold ourselves and our grantees and partners to the highest standards of excellence in achieving tangible, meaningful results.

5

## Leadership

We aspire to motivate and engage others toward achieving a shared vision.

6

## Opportunity

We believe everyone, regardless of birth or circumstance, should have the best opportunities for success in life.

This year, three of our values emerged as key themes.

Throughout this report we share examples of these values in practice.

stronger  
relationships

**Mutual Respect** is reflected in our efforts to build **stronger relationships** with our grantee partners and other collaborators.

We are striving to move towards a relationship-based approach to impact measurement, as our Board and staff devote more time to know our partners.

more  
partners

**Responsibility** shows up in the growth of our grantmaking this year, as we celebrate both **more partners** and **bigger commitments** to some of our long-term grantees.

bigger  
commitments

impact  
focus

**Effectiveness** is evident as we continue to embrace an **impact focus**. Our relationship-based approach to impact measurement is complemented by data-driven decisions where appropriate, continued alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, and an investment portfolio that is laser-focused on achieving impact on our priorities.



# Our Priorities

The Peter Gilgan Foundation is a private family foundation established in 2006 by Peter Gilgan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mattamy Asset Management Inc. In its early years the Foundation's primary focus was health care. Today, the Foundation also makes grants across four funding priorities: **Children, Youth & Families; Climate Change; Indigenous Youth; and International Development.**

We support charitable initiatives and make impact investments that build a more healthy, prosperous, and sustainable future.



We empower  
**children,  
youth &  
families**  
to reach their full  
potential

We enable projects  
that combat  
**climate  
change**



We support  
**international  
development**  
that uplifts women  
and girls

We provide  
flexible funding for  
work supporting  
**Indigenous  
youth**



We sometimes make  
transformational  
gifts to  
**health care**  
institutions



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*Photo courtesy of Opportunity International Canada.*





# Our Year in Review



Mary Federau, Chair (left) and Stephanie Trussler, Executive Director (right),  
Peter Gilgan Foundation

We're continually learning and adjusting as we evolve as a Foundation. Whether it be impact measurement, investing strategies, or funding priorities; each year we learn through our experience and conversation with partners and peers, as we seek to respond to social and environmental needs.

While structure, guidelines and criteria are essential, so are flexibility, openness, and humanity. Each priority area has different nuances that require a modified approach, and we try to respond to each priority area and organization in a way that works not only for us, but for our partners as well.

Recognizing the opportunity to further our impact, we moved to mission-aligned investing this year. In addition to our impact investing, we wanted to leverage all our funds to support our mandate and moved the remainder of our portfolio to 100% impact.

As our team, knowledge, and experience expand, so do our partner relationships. We continue to work with many new partners across all priority areas and have also started taking bigger bets on organizations that we've come to know well. This has led to several exciting, and hopefully, catalytic partnerships.

With the Foundation funded by Mattamy Homes, we're continuing to increase connectivity between the two entities, so they may uplift each other's work and magnify impact. Everyone on the Mattamy team contributes to the possibility of the Foundation's work and for that we are very grateful.

With a mandate spanning Children, Youth & Families, Indigenous Youth, Climate Change, International Development, and special opportunities in Health Care, we hope you will enjoy reading a bit about each of our priority areas and some of the amazing organizations we've had the privilege of working with.

Here's to another amazing year!

*Mary Federau*     *Stephanie Trussler*



# Measuring our Impact

Sustainable Development Goals





# Children, Youth & Families



*How our Children, Youth & Families funding aligned with the sustainable development goals in the 2024 fiscal year.*

We believe that all children, regardless of the circumstances of their birth, deserve opportunities to thrive.

We support efforts to equip children, youth, and families with skills, resources, and opportunities to reach their full potential.



*Photo courtesy of The Martin Family Initiative.*





## bigger commitments

### **\$1,000,000 for Pathways to Education Class of 2027**

We've supported **Pathways to Education** since 2016, making it one of our first Children, Youth & Families partners. We continue to be impressed and humbled by their success supporting young people to overcome barriers and thrive at school, so we were pleased to award Pathways one of our largest-ever Children, Youth & Families grants this year. This four-year commitment will help support an entire cohort of Pathways students, the Class of 2027, from their first day of high school until they graduate, and beyond.

[Visit Pathways to Education](#)

*Photo courtesy of Pathways to Education.*

## more partners

This year we made 71 grant payments under our Children, Youth & Families funding priority. These include:

- **15 Children & Youth Mental Health partners** – reducing wait times faced by young people seeking clinical mental health support
- **27 Education & Economic Opportunities partners** – supporting educational attainment and routes to employment for young people across Canada
- **11 Food Security & Systems partners** – providing access to nutritious food for children and families via school food programs, public markets, and community gardening
- **18 Greater Toronto Area Community Grants Program partners** – empowering local solutions led by the community
- **39 grants to new partners**

# Children, Youth & Families Highlights

## Enhancing School Food Programs

Research has shown that free school food programming is one of the best ways to ensure young people have consistent access to nutritious meals, fostering better concentration and learning outcomes. This year we joined forces with leading food security funders, including the Schad Foundation and Arrell Family Foundation, to advocate for sustainable funding for school food programs.

The Peter Gilgan Foundation contributed \$250,000 to a public match campaign, successfully pushing for Government support for this important area, and contributing directly to the work of school food agencies, **Breakfast Club of Canada** and **Toronto Foundation for Student Success**.



*Photo courtesy of Growing Chefs! Ontario.*



## Reducing Wait Times for Youth Seeking Therapy

We support organizations increasing access to free or low-cost therapy services for marginalized youth, aiming to bolster the capacity of mental health care systems, provide timely support for those in need, and help to address long wait times to see a therapist.

We're proud to support great partners delivering this work across Canada, including **Alexandra Community Health Centre** in Calgary, **Human Nature Counselling Society** in British Columbia, **Immigrant Women Services Ottawa**, and **Sunnybrook's Family Navigation Project** in Toronto.

## Supporting Communities Across Toronto

Mattamy Homes and the Gilgan family have strong roots in the Greater Toronto Area, and are committed to giving back to local communities.

Through the GTA Community Grants Program, we're privileged to learn from the innovative responses of community leaders addressing pressing social issues, like the **Ubuntu Community Collective** led by Black single mothers addressing food insecurity in North-West Toronto, and the **Jane Alliance Neighbourhood Services**, delivering access to tech skills and employment for youth in the York South Weston neighbourhood.

# Climate Change



*How our Climate Change funding aligned with the sustainable development goals in the 2024 fiscal year.*

This funding priority aims to help halt and reverse the effects of climate change, build a green economy, and strengthen community resilience. In 2023/24 we distributed 24 Climate Change grants, scaled up our support by making bigger commitments, and collected the year-one results of our GHG Measurement Strategy.

*Photo courtesy of Nature United.*



bigger  
commitments

## \$2,250,000 for the MaRS Better Buildings Mission

[Visit MaRS](#)

Our largest climate change grant yet – we are proud to partner with **MaRS** on the **Better Buildings Mission**, aiming to achieve decarbonization goals by scaling clean building technology solutions through a coalition of innovation-friendly adopters. The coalition will test and pilot promising technologies, with the goal of minimizing barriers to commercialization. This project hails as a result of collaborations between the Peter Gilgan Foundation and partner business **Mattamy Homes** to empower our parallel and complementary contributions to green building and living.

## \$800,000 for Nature United

[Visit Nature United](#)

Another large commitment for us, **Nature United**'s Natural Climate Solutions program supports people and planet by building diverse partnerships to protect lands and waters. This grant will support the use of science, relationships, and policy expertise to advance the widespread adoption of Natural Climate Solutions. Results will include new corporate climate commitments; a pipeline of carbon offset projects; and provision of science, data, and tools to farmers, ranchers, foresters, Indigenous governments, and other land managers.



*Photo courtesy of the MaRS.*

impact  
focus

The projects funded this year will...

**...reduce GHG emissions:**



Reduce 23k tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e/y  
Prevent 8m tons CO<sub>2</sub>e from  
deforestation

**...protect priority ecosystems:**



Conserve 4,475  
acres of land

**...promote green buildings and living:**



Enable 1,894  
green building  
retrofits



Install 44 kW  
of renewable  
power



Provide 957  
individuals with  
green skills

**...develop new technologies, build  
coalitions, and mobilize knowledge:**



Establish 9 new  
organizations /  
coalitions



Support 450  
cleantech  
ventures



Publish 33  
climate reports



# Climate Change Highlights

## Nature Based Climate Solutions for Community Resilience



Photo courtesy of FoodBridge.

**FoodBridge** aims to build bold collaboratives of farmers, agronomists, researchers, food companies, and governments, to promote regenerative agriculture and farming. Our grant will support food supply chain collaborations to drive adoption of regenerative practices such as reduced emissions from nitrogen fertilizers, crop diversification, and cover cropping. The outcomes will include reduced GHG emissions as well as increased food systems resiliency.

The Foundation's grant to the **International Institute for Sustainable Development** will support the development, testing, and deployment of floating wetland systems to help rural municipalities and landowners 'naturalize' their aging infrastructure and provide additional ecosystem benefits to their communities. These floating wetlands are expected to improve biodiversity, enhance water quality, reduce algae, and address wildlife issues, while acting as resilient systems to partially replace the functionality of aging stormwater management infrastructure ill equipped for future climate scenarios.

## Building Decarbonization Collaborations

The Foundation supports work that drives down the climate impacts of the built environment and improves the sustainability of the construction sector.

We're pleased to support initiatives that foster the cross-sector collaborations necessary to achieve impact in this complex area. In addition to the **MaRS Better Buildings Mission**, we're also supporting: the Transition Accelerator's **Building Decarbonization Alliance** which is accelerating market transformation and increasing awareness of the benefits of and pathways to all-electric buildings; and **Alberta Ecotrust's Emission Neutral Buildings Information Exchange (ENBIX)**, which aims to be the go-to place to learn and exchange information on building practices and retrofits to accelerate the transition to an emissions-neutral built environment across Alberta.

## Green Economy Workforce Development

The transition to a green economy requires skilled workers with the knowledge and abilities for the jobs of the future. Many of our Climate Change partners this year are delivering work that achieves economic development co-benefits.

For example, **Building Up** provides individuals facing barriers to employment with holistic training in the green construction industry. At the heart is a paid pre-apprenticeship program to develop skills in insulation and green housing retrofits. In addition, we're supporting the **Centre for Active Transportation**'s efforts to build a pipeline of talent for Toronto's micromobility sector. Our funding is being used to standardize bike mechanic training, bring diversity into the micromobility industry, and ensure the industry can meet the anticipated growth in cycling called for in Toronto's **TransformTO** net zero strategy.



# Indigenous Youth



*How our Indigenous Youth funding aligned with the sustainable development goals in the 2024 fiscal year.*

While Indigenous-led organizations are welcome to apply through any of our granting streams, the Indigenous Youth Grant Program is dedicated solely to providing flexible funding that centers Indigenous experiences. In 2023/24 the program supported 21 different initiatives, maintained a focus on building strong relationships with partners, and commissioned an external program evaluation.

*Photo courtesy of  
Victoria Native Friendship Centre.*

## impact focus

Early in 2024, we engaged independent consultant, Lindsey Kirby-McGregor (Whitefish River First Nation), to lead a comprehensive evaluation of the Indigenous Youth Grant Program (IYGP).

Lindsey worked with us to identify three major evaluation questions:

- 1: What do relationships with IYGP partners look like?
- 2: Are the IYGP objectives supporting Indigenous youth?
- 3: Are IYGP processes effectively supporting the program objectives?

We are grateful for the generous response of IYGP partners and our sector peers who engaged with Lindsey in gathering key findings and wise practices such as:

- Sustaining our commitment to building meaningful, real relationships as a top program priority and source for understanding how we can grow in respectful partnership
- Maintaining our broad objectives to ensure applicants have the flexibility to speak to their purpose and work freely, without adapting towards funder centered restrictions
- Continuing to verify that all aspects of our process, while thorough, remain relevant for applicants themselves, and are supported by opportunities for connection and dialogue throughout

We look forward to implementing report recommendations and evolving our program to better serve the self-determination of Indigenous leaders and communities.

## stronger relationships

It's our honour to partner with and learn from an excellent and inspiring group of leaders. As evidenced by the program evaluation, strong relationships between funders and grantee partners are essential for the accomplishment of Indigenous-led impact and achievement.

We are aware that an Indigenous focused grant program must operate with Indigenous worldviews, realities, and relationships at the forefront. Our commitment to the reciprocal respect this type of partnership deserves remains steadfast as we continue along our reconciliation journey.



# Indigenous Youth Highlights

## Revitalizing Culture and Traditional Knowledge

**Strong Earth Alliance** made meaningful use of Peter Gilgan Foundation program funding by hosting a 4-day gathering of cultural teachings and knowledge sharing. Participants, including youth from across Ontario, Manitoba, and Quebec, were able to bring learnings and a sense of spiritual sovereignty back to their home communities.

A Fall Harvest in Anishinaabe culture is a space to learn more about the practices of Indigenous ancestors. Every year at their Youth and Family Wellness Camp, the **Ogimaawabiitong (Kenora Chiefs Advisory)** hosts a multi-day Fall Harvest where Treaty 3 communities and families can celebrate and prepare for the long winter ahead. With the help of Peter Gilgan Foundation program funding, 25 Elders and Knowledge Keepers were able to attend and share traditional skills including techniques for harvesting wild game.



*Photo courtesy of Kenora Chiefs Advisory.*



Photo courtesy of 4Rs Youth Movement.

## Youth Leadership

After a careful design process that prioritized the needs and experiences of participants, **4Rs Youth Movement** hosted their 2024 National Learning Community opening retreat in February. This diverse cohort of young leaders are now fully launched into their year of learning and practicing relationship-based project management in a way that centers Indigenous worldviews. The Peter Gilgan Foundation proudly supports this work through a core operating grant that helped close a critical salary gap and aid in 4Rs' transition towards increased sovereignty over their funding structures.

## Community and Land Based Experiences

With Peter Gilgan Foundation funding to cover the cost of gymnasium rental, the **Kitselas Youth Wellness Centre** offered a full season of basketball programming and opportunity to play, engaging parents and community members along the way. In March, four teams represented Kitselas in competition at the Junior All Native Basketball Tournament.

Now in its fourth year, the IndigeMind Program continues to empower youth towards climate action and personal well-being by reconnecting to the land and to culture. This year we were pleased to extend program funding to the **Victoria Native Friendship Centre** for this initiative.



# International Development



*How our International Development funding aligned with the sustainable development goals in the 2024 fiscal year.*

Our international development work aims to improve maternal and child health outcomes and provide education and empowerment for women and girls.

This year, we adopted a particular focus on efforts to address Sustainable Development Goal #2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture; and Sustainable Development Goal #6: Ensure access to water and sanitation for all.



*Photo courtesy of Opportunity International Canada.*





Photo by Nadia Todres, Partners In Health

The Foundation recognizes that cultivating, maintaining, and deepening relationships is critical to achieving our mandate. As a result, we partner with organizations that have shown longstanding commitment to the communities they serve.

We have proudly worked with **Partners In Health (PIH)** since 2018 to improve health outcomes in Haiti. We've continued to support and deepen our relationship with PIH because of their deep-rooted partnerships within Haiti's health care sector. In 2023, we approved a multi-year grant to PIH to support the education of family medicine and pediatric residents to ensure health care providers with deep connections in the community can deliver lifesaving care to women and children. To date, these residents have presided over 3,800 live births and provide health care to about 15,000 children.

**PLAN International Canada** has been a long-term, consistent partner, receiving grants for five of the eight years of International Development granting. The Foundation has continued to work collaboratively with PLAN because of its deep technical background, understanding of complex social issues, and ability to develop innovative project interventions. Most recently, we partnered with PLAN to provide over 12,000 Ghanaian women with the training and resources to become sustainable, climate-conscious entrepreneurs.

more  
partners

This year we made 25 grant payments under our International Development funding priority. These include:

- **7 grants** for innovative approaches to addressing Water, Sanitation & Health
- **13 grants** to improve livelihoods of women and girls
- **4 grants** to strengthen pediatric health care systems
- **9 grants** for projects incorporating a climate resiliency lens
- **12 grants** to new partners



# International Development Highlights



Photo courtesy of  
Africa Community Technical Service Society.

## Innovations in WASH Technologies

The Peter Gilgan Foundation is proud to support **Africa Community Technical Service Society**'s deployment of Gravity Flow Systems to provide clean, easily accessible water to rural communities in Uganda. Through this partnership, target communities will access 6,480 litres of clean water daily, reducing the incidence of waterborne diseases within the community. Additionally, 14 target communities and five schools will receive improved sanitation and hygiene facilities, resulting in open defecation-free communities and improvement in school enrollment for girls.

We're also proud to partner with **Action Against Hunger** to provide sanitation and hygiene facilities (ECOSAN latrines) to 250 households in Mali, benefiting over 3,500 individuals. The multipronged approach of this intervention not only results in better health outcomes for the community and improved safety for women and children, but the training provided to the community also allows them to transform the decontaminated waste matter into fertilizers, increasing agricultural yield and, ultimately, food security and household prosperity.

"Our recently built ECOSAN latrines provide our community with ecological and safe hygiene facilities. This helps ensure the safety of women and girls from the dangers of outdoor defecation, while also improving community hygiene and overall health outcomes. I personally appreciate that these latrines provide a sustainable way to enrich our fields. For several months, I have been using the compost produced on my banana, guava, and lemon plants, and I can see a remarkable difference in their health compared to plants that haven't received recycled compost."

**Bakary Gassama,**  
**Village Chief of**  
**Saliabougou, Kouloun**  
**Commune, Kayes Region**



## Women's Empowerment

In partnership with Peter Gilgan Foundation, **CARE** is working to empower young women in Rwanda. The grant will create dignified and fulfilling employment opportunities for 5,000 young women agri-preneurs by providing them with the resources, financing, and marketing training to help develop and streamline their businesses. In addition, CARE works with these agri-preneurs to connect them with value addition opportunities and markets to sell their produce, ensuring the viability and success of their business ventures.

We're also pleased to support **Opportunity International Canada**'s (OIC) work to empower women in Ghana. Our grant partner will work in a community where extreme poverty rates are almost three times higher than the national average. To reduce the burden of poverty in the community, OIC will provide beneficiaries with the required training and tools to improve efficiency and business yield. These interventions will improve livelihoods and resiliency to climate, societal, and financial shocks for over 7,000 people.

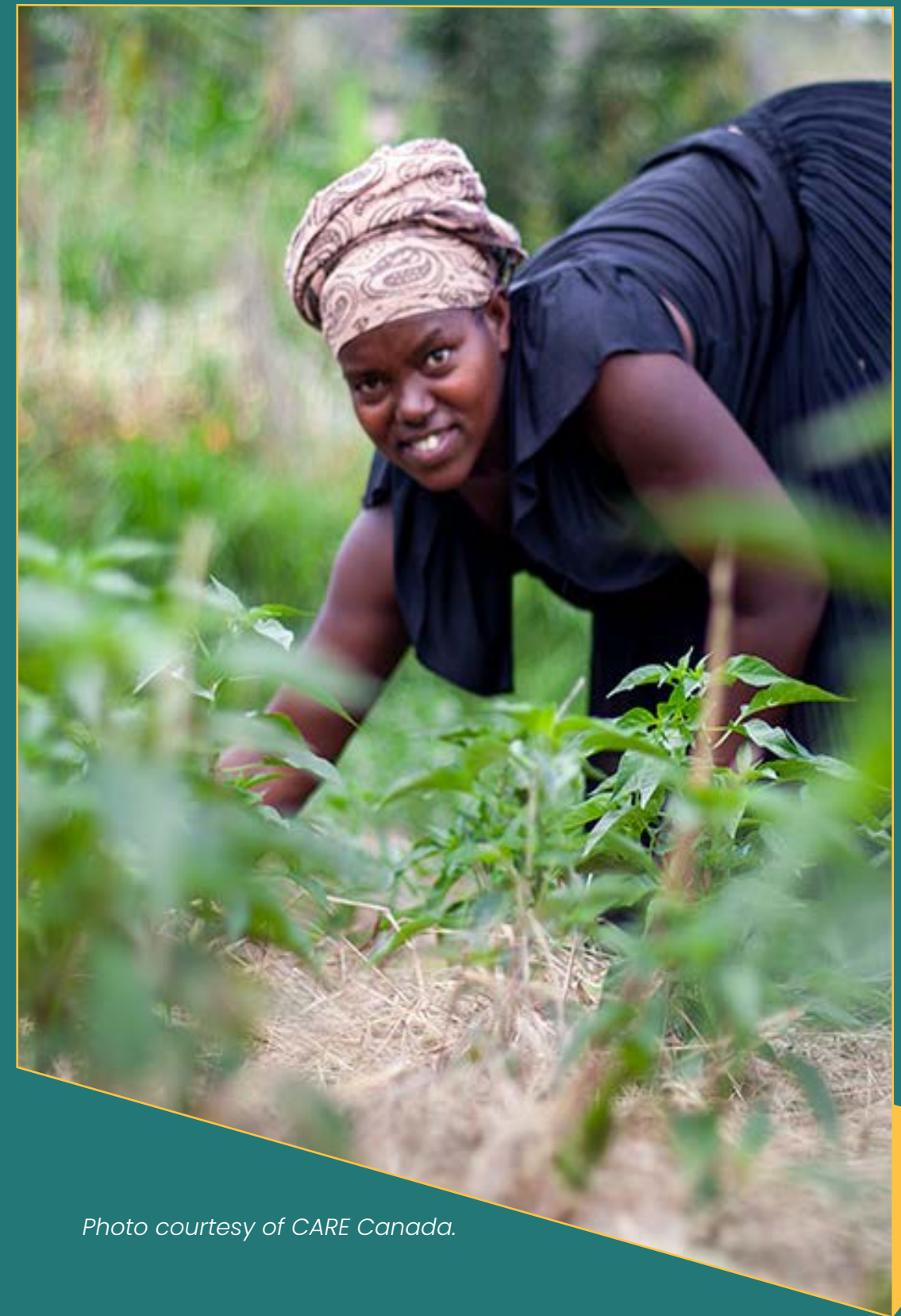


Photo courtesy of CARE Canada.



# Health Care

Our Founder established the Peter Gilgan Foundation in 2006 with a focus on health care. In the years since, as the next generation of Gilgan family members became more involved, the Foundation's priorities expanded to address a wider range of interests and passions. However, our commitment to a vision of 'ever-improving health care for all' remains an enduring pillar of our work.

## stronger relationships

While we are privileged to have strong relationships with many leading hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area, one gift made this year profoundly resonates with the concept of relationships. This year we committed \$5 million to **The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation** to establish the Peter Gilgan Chair in Bladder Cancer Research, in tribute to the late Paul Gilgan.

This Chair will be Canada's largest endowed Chair focused exclusively on research into bladder cancer, which has a 60–70% recurrent rate and is the only cancer where mortality rates have been steadily increasing in Canada. Considered the highest academic honour at a medical institution, the inaugural holder of this Chair will be respected surgical oncologist, Dr. Girish Kulkarni.

[Visit Princess Margaret Hospital](#)

"I am honoured to be appointed as the inaugural Chairholder of the Peter Gilgan Chair in Bladder Cancer Research. We will explore uncharted territories of bladder cancer research, bring new therapeutics to patients, and improve both survival rates and quality of life for people dealing with this disease."

**Dr. Girish Kulkarni,  
Surgical Oncologist,  
The Princess Margaret Hospital**



## impact focus

Every year, Gilgan family members, Mattamy Homes leaders, and friends and fellow philanthropists participate in Tour de Bleu, a private cycling fundraiser to raise money for important causes. The Peter Gilgan Foundation matches every dollar raised.

The 2023 and 2024 events are raising funds for **William Osler Health System**'s work to launch Peel Region's first Adolescent Intensive Day (AID) Program for youth struggling with self-harm and suicidal thoughts. Suicide is the number one leading cause of death for youth in the region, and it's critical that timely, specialized care is easily accessible.

Within three months of the 2023 Tour de Bleu ride, which raised **\$5.65 million**, Osler launched the AID Program and began providing mental health care to youth in the community. Temporarily housed at Brampton Civic Hospital, the AID Program is already making a positive impact on adolescents and their families in Brampton, Etobicoke, Caledon and beyond.

[Visit William Osler Health System](#)

### Impacts include:



#### Reduced wait times

Greater capacity means shorter wait times for those in need of care.



#### Reduced length of stay

Preventative care will reduce treatment length and risk of intensified illness.



#### Fewer repeat visits

Providing the right care at the right time will help reduce repeat visits.



#### A brighter future

Creating change through life-changing and life-saving.

# Investments

The Foundation does not have an endowment. We receive annual flow-through funding from partner business Mattamy Homes. However, we do have two small and growing investment portfolios which have the dual objectives of providing funds for contingency as well as achieving impact on our mission.



## Contingency Portfolio

This year, we were pleased to announce new partnerships with two impact-oriented asset managers. With differing but complementary approaches, they now oversee our Contingency Portfolio, which will grow over time to cover one year of our operating expenses and grant commitments.

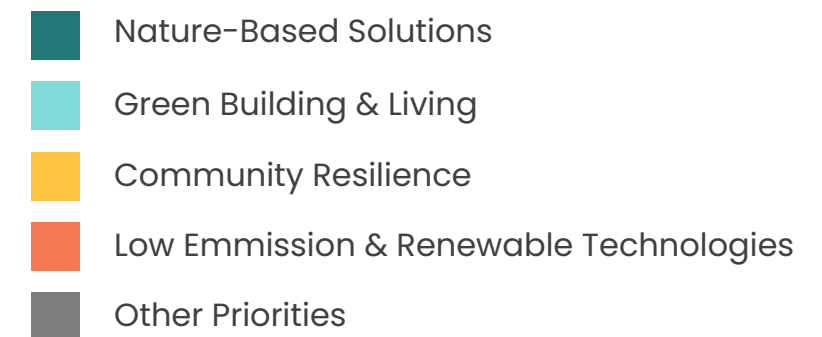
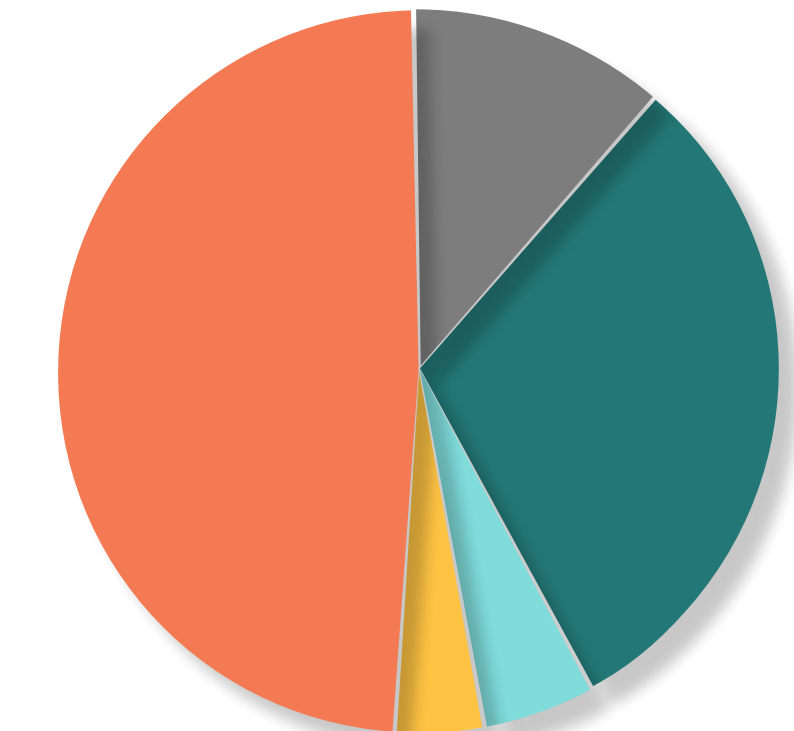
**Addenda Capital** – With a focus on the climate transition and building sustainable financial markets, Addenda works to influence investee companies that share the vision of a resilient, net-zero emissions society by 2050.

**Genus Capital** – With a fossil-fuel-free approach, Genus applies a negative screen on any company with direct connections to the fossil fuel industry, including extraction, processing, transportation, or lending.

## Impact Portfolio

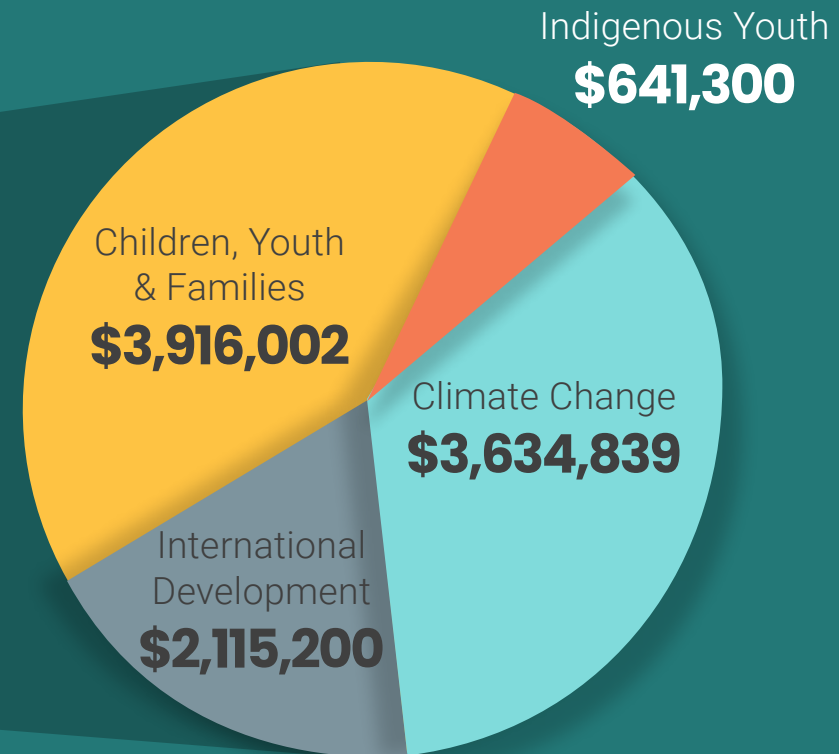
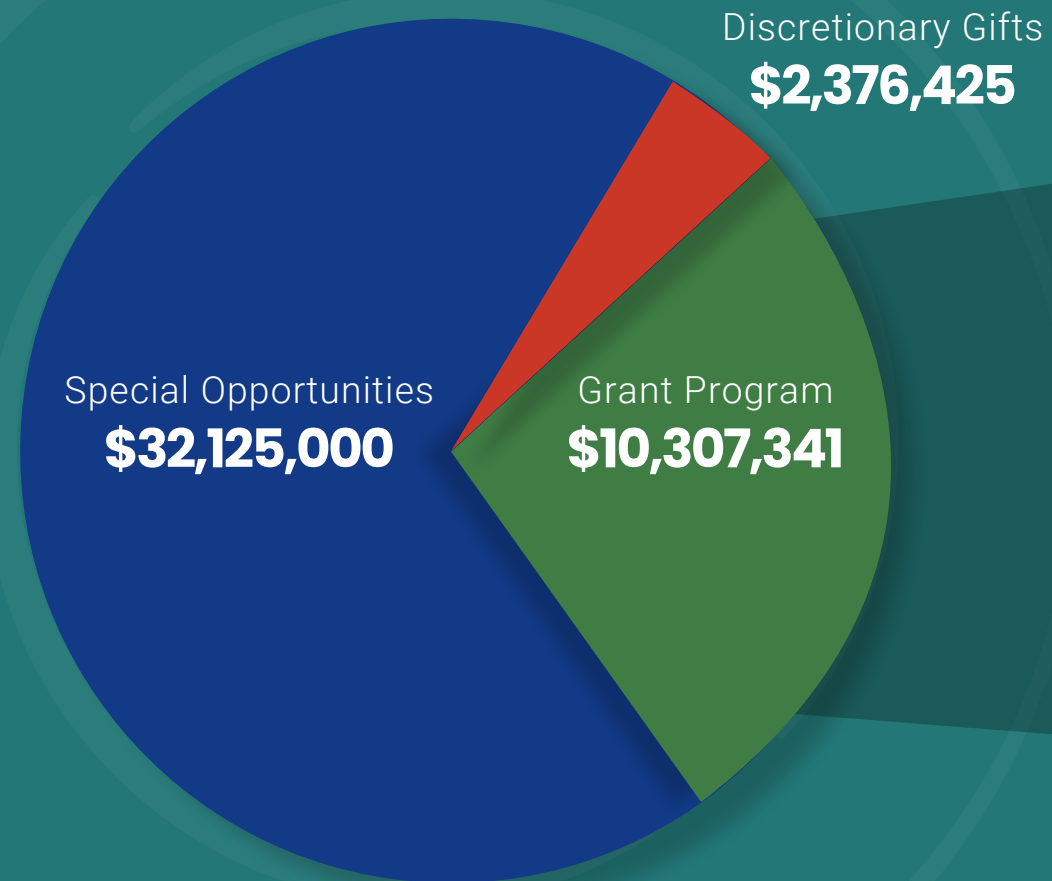
In addition, we continue to work with **Rally Assets** to manage our Impact Portfolio, which aims to achieve positive impact on our funding priorities in ways that are not possible through charitable donations. The Impact Portfolio is currently investing in funds that address our Climate Change priorities. This year we committed \$1.3 million in investments for a net-zero future, growing the total value of Impact Portfolio commitments to \$3.2 million.

How do our climate-focused investments address our Priorities?



**This graph shows how capital called by our climate-focused investments are addressing our Climate priorities.**

# Financials



**\$32M**

was distributed to long-term and strategic partners supporting **Special Opportunities**

**\$10M**

was awarded to partners addressing our **Children, Youth & Families, Climate Change, Indigenous Youth, and International Development** priorities

**\$2.4M**

was awarded to discretionary gifts





# Grants Awarded

Mission in Action:

We look for partners that share our mission, align to our values, and deliver work that builds towards our vision. On the next few pages you will learn more about our grant recipients.

# Children, Youth & Families

**The Alex Community Health Centre**  
\$100,000 to support connecting at-risk youth in Calgary, Alberta to mental health supports through the Youth Health Bus and Community Health Bus programs  
SDGs: 3

**Breakfast Club of Canada**  
\$125,000 to support the First Nations School Nutrition Program  
SDGs: 2

**Children's Aid Foundation of Canada**  
\$75,000 to support the Connections Mental Health program  
SDGs: 3

**Community Food Centres Canada**  
\$100,000 to build health and belonging in low-income communities across Canada  
SDGs: 2

**Community Music Schools of Toronto**  
\$75,000 to help students from Regent Park succeed in education  
SDGs: 4, 10

**Covenant House Toronto**  
\$85,000 to support the provision of mental health services for youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness and trafficking  
SDGs: 3

**Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society**  
\$20,000 to support counselling services for children and youth affected by domestic violence in Calgary, Alberta  
SDGs: 3

**EveryMind Mental Health Services**  
\$20,000 to support counselling and therapy services for youth in the Region of Peel  
SDGs: 3

**Fora: Network for Change**  
\$50,000 to support the Rise on Boards program  
SDGs: 5, 8

**The Fort Whyte Foundation**  
\$10,000 to support the FortWhyte Farms-Growing Forward project  
SDGs: 2, 8, 11

**Gakinaamaage – Teach For Canada**  
\$250,000 to build strong and sustainable educational communities in remote First Nations  
SDGs: 4, 8, 10

**The Gatehouse Child Abuse Investigation & Support Site**  
\$15,000 to support counselling services for young adults in Toronto who are affected by childhood abuse  
SDGs: 3

**Growing Chefs! Ontario**  
\$50,000 to support the Learn to Grow, Grow to Give project  
SDGs: 2, 11

**Guelph Community Health Centre**  
\$50,000 to support The SEED project to increase household food security for youth and families in Guelph  
SDGs: 2

**Hackergal**  
\$20,000 to support girls in grades 9-12 gain access to STEM skills while leading their own coding clubs  
SDGs: 4

**Halton Food for Thought**  
\$52,525 to support universal school food programming for 16 high priority elementary schools across Halton  
SDGs: 2

**Hope Blooms Youth Social Entrepreneurial Ventures Inc.**  
\$20,000 to support food-based social enterprise programs for marginalized youth living in low-income communities in Halifax  
SDGs: 8, 10

**Human Nature Counselling Society**  
\$25,000 to support the Guam Guam Specums (Strong Flowers) nature-based group therapy program in Victoria, BC  
SDGs: 3

**Immigrant Women's Services Ottawa**  
\$20,000 to support counselling and wraparound supports for newcomer children and mothers who have experienced violence (domestic or war)  
SDGs: 3

**Indspire**  
\$50,000 to provide access to postsecondary education for Indigenous students  
SDGs: 4, 10

**Islamic Family & Social Services Association**  
\$25,000 to support culturally appropriate counselling services and to increase capacity for Islamic Family's Helpline  
SDGs: 3

**Jessie's – The June Callwood Centre for Young Women**  
\$75,000 to support high school education programing with wraparound supports for pregnant teens and young parents  
SDGs: 4

**MABELLEarts**  
\$75,000 for the Fueling Community Change project  
SDGs: 1, 2

**MakeWay Charitable Society – Not Far from the Tree**  
\$50,000 to support capacity-building for fruit picking programs and services to meet growing demand across the Greater Toronto Area  
SDGs: 2, 11

**Malvern Family Resource Centre**  
\$50,000 to support Malvern Urban Farm's equity-focused food subscription box program  
SDGs: 2

**Martin Family Initiative**  
\$50,000 to support The Early Years program, co-creating culturally-specific early childhood programming with Indigenous-led organizations across Canada  
SDGs: 4

**Mood Disorders Association of Ontario**  
\$35,000 to support the delivery of Dialectical Behavior Therapy services to youth ages 14-17 and their families  
SDGs: 3

**NPower Canada**  
\$150,000 to support the NPower Canada Youth Upskilling Initiative  
SDGs: 4, 8

**PATH Employment Services**  
\$10,000 to support the L.I.F.T. Youth Mentorship & Career Launch Program  
SDGs: 8

**Pathways to Education**  
\$250,000 to support the 'Class of 2027', providing 250 low-income students with wraparound education programming to succeed in high school  
SDGs: 4

**Right to Play International**  
\$100,000 to bring play-based programming to Indigenous youth in three Saskatchewan communities  
SDGs: 3

**Sarnia-Lambton "Rebound"**  
\$35,000 to support the Hub Integrative Youth Drop-In Service  
SDGs: 3

**Second Harvest**  
\$150,000 to support food rescue and delivery operations to provide food access for children and youth in the Greater Toronto Area  
SDGs: 2, 12

**Seneca College**  
\$50,000 to support young people to overcome barriers to postsecondary education  
SDGs: 2, 4, 8



**Shad Canada**  
\$100,000 to provide transformational entrepreneurship and innovation programs for youth facing systemic barriers  
SDGs: 8

**Social Planning Council of Ottawa**  
\$50,000 to support the delivery of mental health services to immigrant and newcomer children and youth, while building community supports  
SDGs: 3

**Spirit North**  
\$25,000 to support positive youth development and employment for Indigenous youth in remote communities throughout Alberta and Ontario  
SDGs: 3, 8

**Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Foundation**  
\$50,000 to support the Greater Toronto Area Equity-Deserving Communities project, an extension of the Family Navigation Project providing access to youth mental health services  
SDGs: 3

**Thrive Youth Development Canada**  
\$50,000 to support accessible leadership-based education for youth 12-15 years old in the Greater Toronto Area  
SDGs: 4

**Toronto District School Board – STEP to Construction**  
\$100,000 to support equity-deserving youth in the Greater Toronto Area as they prepare for a meaningful career in the construction trades  
SDGs: 1, 8

**Toronto Foundation for Student Success**  
\$125,000 to support the Ontario Student Nutrition Program  
SDGs: 2

**Trails Youth Initiatives**  
\$20,000 to support Four Seasons, Four Years, For Life  
SDGs: 3, 4, 10

**United Way of the Alberta Capital Region**  
\$42,248 to support the All in for Youth Inner-City Youth Health Initiative  
SDGs: 2, 3

**Up With Women**  
\$100,000 to help families exit poverty through employment and entrepreneurship coaching  
SDGs: 5, 8, 10

**Venture for Canada**  
\$50,000 to support the VFC Fellowship Program  
SDGs: 8

**Visions of Science**  
\$50,000 to support the STEM Launch program  
SDGs: 4

**Water First**  
\$50,000 to support the Environmental Water Internship for Indigenous Youth program  
SDGs: 3, 8, 6

**Windmill Microlending**  
\$100,000 to provide wraparound supports for newcomer mothers accessing Windmill’s Loan Fund  
SDGs: 5, 8

**YMCA of Greater Toronto**  
\$75,000 for the Black Achievers Mentorship Program  
SDGs: 8, 10

**YMCA of Oakville**  
\$100,000 to support the Y Mind mental wellness program  
SDGs: 3

**The Yonge Street Mission**  
\$ 67,229 to provide education supports for children in care or at-risk of entering care  
SDGs: 1, 4

**Youth Employment Services**  
\$75,000 to support programs and services targeting youth facing barriers to meaningful employment in the Greater Toronto Area  
SDGs: 8

**Youth Empowerment and Support Services**  
\$50,000 to support the mental health clinic servicing youth ages 15-24 in Edmonton, Alberta  
SDGs: 3

## GTA Community Grants Program

**Asase Institute – Uprooted Black Earth Stewards**  
\$10,000 to support the Brampton Youth Farming Collective’s Grow Together Community Project  
SDGs: 2, 11

**Believe to Achieve Organization**  
\$5,300 to support the BTA: Rising Up program  
SDGs: 8

**Black Creek Youth Initiative**  
\$9,200 to support the Empowering Futures: Integrated Family Support program  
SDGs: 3

**CaterToronto**  
\$15,000 to support the cTo Food Systems Train the Trainer program  
SDGs: 2, 8

**Creating Together EarlyON Child and Family Centre**  
\$15,000 to support the Early Years Literacy Program  
SDGs: 4

**Green Thumbs Growing Kids**  
\$15,000 to support the Urban Roots Youth program  
SDGs: 2, 3

**Jane Alliance Neighbourhood Services**  
\$15,000 to support the FutureTech Skills Accelerator program  
SDGs: 4, 8

**Mama’s Healing Garden**  
\$15,000 to support the Grow, Heal, and Thrive project  
SDGs: 2, 11

**The Neighbourhood Group – The Bike Brigade**  
\$14,500 to support building food security for community members through mutual aid  
SDGs: 2

**PACT Urban Peace Program**  
\$10,000 to support the Grow to Learn Fresh Food Box program  
SDGs: 2

**Parkdale Project Read**  
\$15,000 to support the Food Box Programme  
SDGs: 2

**Play Forever**  
\$15,000 to support the Skills for Tomorrow program  
SDGs: 4, 8

**St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
\$15,000 to support the Community Markets and Meals project  
SDGs: 2, 3

**Toronto Black Farmers and Growers Collective – Afro-Caribbean Farmers Market**  
\$15,000 to support the Afro-Caribbean Farmers Market’s Callaloo Cash program  
SDGs: 2, 10, 11

**Toronto Futbol Athletic Advancement**  
\$15,000 to support the Downtown East Youth Council project  
SDGs: 3

**Ubuntu Community Collective**  
\$15,000 to support Access to Food and Farming II  
SDGs: 2, 10

**York Region Educational Services**  
\$15,000 to support the Educational Enhancement Initiative  
SDGs: 4

**Youth Now on Track Services**  
\$15,000 to support the Youth Employment and Skills Project  
SDGs: 4

# Climate Change

**Alberta EcoTrust**  
\$150,000 to support the Emissions-Neutral Building Information Exchange (ENBIX) in Alberta  
SDGs: 11, 13, 17

**Bruce Trail Conservancy**  
\$200,000 to create two new nature reserves, preserving ecologically valuable land along the Niagara Escarpment  
SDGs: 13, 15

**Building Up**  
\$50,000 to pilot a green construction training program for individuals facing employment barriers in Toronto  
SDGs: 8, 9, 10, 11, 13

**Canadian Biosphere Reserves Association**  
\$100,000 to develop municipal climate action plans through quantification of greenhouse gas emissions  
SDGs: 11, 13, 17

**Carbon Removal Canada**  
\$115,000 to accelerate the Canadian carbon removal sector  
SDGs: 9, 13, 17

**Clean Air Partnership**  
\$137,349 to improve bike mechanic career pathways and train new mechanics in Toronto  
SDGs: 8, 9, 13

**Create Climate Equity**  
\$50,000 to expand education programs to Toronto, teaching newcomers to Canada effective energy efficiency practices in their homes  
SDGs: 10, 11, 13

**Dalhousie University**  
\$50,000 to develop flax-crete, a sustainable building biomaterial  
SDGs: 9, 11, 12

**David Suzuki Foundation**  
\$150,000 to support the development and implementation of climate action in cities across Canada  
SDGs: 10, 11, 13, 17

**EcoTrust Canada**  
\$150,000 to support rural and Indigenous communities to transition from fossil fuels to heat pumps powered by clean energy  
SDGs: 7, 8, 10, 13

**Green Communities Canada**  
\$287,458 to build local capacity and enable proper heat pump sizing in retrofits across Canada  
SDGs: 7, 8, 11, 13

**Haudenosaunee Confederacy Sour Springs Longhouse**  
\$50,000 to install renewable energy, enhance food sovereignty, and electrify a longhouse, reducing reliance on fossil fuels  
SDGs: 11, 13

**Indwell Community Homes**  
\$297,617 to implement deep energy retrofits in social housing units in Southern Ontario  
SDGs: 7, 11, 13

**International Institute for Sustainable Development**  
\$100,000 to develop and implement floating wetland technology for enhanced biodiversity and water quality in rural Manitoba  
SDGs: 6, 8, 9, 14, 15

**London Environmental Network**  
\$200,000 to implement energy retrofits and install renewable energy in social housing units in Southern Ontario  
SDGs: 10, 11, 13

**MakeWay Charitable Society – FoodBridge**  
\$100,000 to support industry-farmer coalitions advancing regenerative agriculture practices in Quebec  
SDGs: 2, 12, 13, 15

**MaRS Discovery District**  
\$450,000 to launch the Better Buildings Mission, a program to scale commercial-ready green building technologies  
SDGs: 9, 11, 12, 13

**Nature United**  
\$260,000 to protect, restore, and improve management of forests, agricultural lands, and other lands so they can absorb and store more carbon  
SDGs: 10, 13, 15, 17

**Pembina Institute**  
\$100,000 to support the launch of the Carbon Dioxide Removal Market Acceleration initiative  
SDGs: 12, 13

**Relay Education**  
\$70,000 to fund solar installation and maintenance training for Indigenous peoples and other equity-deserving groups in Ontario  
SDGs: 8, 11, 13

**SeedChange – Rural Routes to Climate Solutions**  
\$100,000 to support Siksikaitsitapi agricultural producers and traditional harvesters to implement culturally-appropriate agricultural climate solutions  
SDGs: 2, 15

**Social Innovation Canada**  
\$117,415 to support climate entrepreneurs in the Accelerate from Anywhere and Earth Tech programs  
SDGs: 9, 13, 17

**Transition Accelerator – Building Decarbonization Alliance**  
\$150,000 to support the ongoing growth of the Building Decarbonization Alliance, a coalition to advance green building practices in Canada  
SDGs: 11, 13, 17

**World Wildlife Fund**  
\$200,000 to support complex and climate-adaptive ecosystem restoration of fire-impacted forests in British Columbia  
SDGs: 10, 13, 15



# Indigenous Youth

**Akala Society**  
\$10,000 to support a gathering for alumni of their Youth Leadership Paddling Program  
SDGs: 3

**Awo Taan Healing Lodge**  
\$35,000 to expand programing for youth residents of their emergency shelter program  
SDGs: 3, 10

**ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency**  
\$50,000 to provide a newer, larger space for their drop-in programming  
SDGs: 3, 10

**Gathering Our Medicine (Camp Fircom)**  
\$22,000 to support a multi-day cultural-relational experience for youth and their families  
SDGs: 3

**The Healing of the Seven Generations**  
\$25,000 to promote positive connections between youth and members of the criminal justice system  
SDGs: 10, 16

**Hulitan Family & Community Services Society**  
\$50,000 to extend their Healing Generations Counselling Program  
SDGs: 3

**Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program (Ever Active Schools)**  
\$50,000 to build capacity and leadership for sustained community-based programming  
SDGs: 3, 4

**Indspire**  
\$25,000 to reduce barriers for remote students to attend their Soaring gathering  
SDGs: 4, 10

**Kenora Chiefs Advisory (Ma’mo’weh Wii’soo’ka’tiwin Foundation)**  
\$25,000 to bring Elders and Knowledge Keepers to their Fall Harvest event  
SDGs: 3, 13

**Kitselas First Nation**  
\$9,300 to provide gym space for their community basketball program  
SDGs: 3

**Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family & Community Services Society**  
\$25,000 to re-engage and connect Elders with youth living in supportive housing  
SDGs: 3, 10, 16

**Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre**  
\$25,000 for organizational capacity building with an IT focus  
SDGs: 3, 10, 16

**Moose Hide Campaign**  
\$20,000 to create workshops featuring Northern Elders and Knowledge Keepers  
SDGs: 4, 5

**The Nihewan Foundation**  
\$50,000 to promote reciprocal learning between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students  
SDGs: 4

**Orillia Native Women’s Group**  
\$20,000 to engage youth towards program development and leadership  
SDGs: 3

**Outside Looking In**  
\$50,000 to support their dance programming  
SDGs: 3, 4, 10

**Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut**  
\$25,000 to host a leadership and capacity building summit  
SDGs: 3, 10

**Red Deer Native Friendship Society**  
\$25,000 to provide opportunities for personal growth and cultural connection  
SDGs: 3

**Strong Earth Alliance**  
\$15,000 to promote cultural and spiritual revitalization  
SDGs: 3

**Victoria Native Friendship Centre**  
\$35,000 to develop leadership and wellness through climate action  
SDGs: 3, 13

**We Matter**  
\$50,000 to create a virtual safe space for learning and sharing  
SDGs: 3

# International Development

**Action Against Hunger Canada**

\$85,000 to support the establishment of hygiene facilities in Mali  
SDGs: 2, 3, 6, 8, 10

**African Community Technical Service Society**

\$25,000 to support the establishment of clean water sources in rural Uganda  
SDGs: 2, 3, 6, 10

**African Wildlife Foundation**

\$75,000 to support climate smart agricultural training for women small-holder farmers in Rwanda  
SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13

**Canadian Feed the Children**

\$102,200 to support the Ethiopia Livelihood and Gender Equality Initiative  
SDGs: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10

**Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief**

\$50,000 to improve WASH facilities in schools in Malawi  
SDGs: 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

**CARE Canada**

\$150,000 to support young female agri-preneurs to grow and improve their businesses and value chain in Rwanda  
SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10

**Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology**

\$100,000 to support WASH training programs in East Africa  
SDGs: 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

**Compact Resource Foundation**

\$20,000 to support the establishment of clean water sources in rural Malawi  
SDGs: 3, 5, 6, 10

**The Cooperative Development Foundation of Canada**

\$100,000 to support maternal and child health by providing nutrition training in Ethiopia  
SDGs: 2, 3, 5, 10

**FINCA Canada**

\$100,000 to support training and provide finances to develop and grow business ventures in DRC  
SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10

**La Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie**

\$50,000 to support climate smart agricultural training for women small-holder farmers in DRC  
SDGs: 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13

**Habitat for Humanity Canada**

\$50,000 to support the establishment and rehabilitation safe WASH facilities in schools in Côte d’Ivoire  
SDGs: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

**HealthBridge Foundation of Canada**

\$50,000 to support maternal and child health by providing nutrition training in Vietnam  
SDGs: 2, 3, 5, 10

**Horizons of Friendship**

\$50,000 for the Safe Haven Project in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala  
SDGs: 3, 5, 10, 16, 17

**Operation Eyesight Canada Inc.**

\$100,000 to support the establishment and rehabilitate safe WASH facilities in schools in Ethiopia  
SDGs: 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

**Opportunity International Canada**

\$100,000 to support climate smart agricultural training to grow and improve businesses and value chains in Ghana  
SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10

**Partners In Health Canada**

\$200,000 for the Transforming Pediatric and Family Medicine in Haiti project  
SDGs: 3, 4, 10, 17

**PLAN International Canada**

\$200,000 to support the preservation and restoration of mangroves and the training and establishment of seaweed-based businesses in Kenya  
SDGs: 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13

**SOS Children's Villages Canada**

\$50,000 to support the establishment of hydroponic farms and climate smart farming cooperatives in Somalia  
SDGs: 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13

**SUCO**

\$75,000 to support best agricultural practice training and provide finances to smallholder female farmers to develop and grow their businesses in Senegal  
SDGs: 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13

**UNICEF Canada**

\$100,000 for the Transforming Zimbabwean Adolescent Girls’ Opportunities Through STEM and Skills Development project  
SDGs: 4, 5, 10

**University of Cape Town**

\$100,000 for The African Paediatric Fellowship Programme  
SDGs: 3, 4, 10, 17

**War Child Canada**

\$33,000 for the Fortifying Equality and Economic Diversification for Resilience program  
SDGs: 2, 4, 5, 8

**War Child Canada**

\$50,000 to support remedial education for primary school students in DRC  
SDGs: 4, 5, 8, 10

**WaterAid Canada**

\$100,000 to support maternal and child health by improving the capacity of health care workers in Malawi, Ghana, and Pakistan  
SDGs: 2, 3, 5,10



# SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Peter Gilgan Foundation supports critical health care and community institutions embarking on time-limited, large-scale, transformational efforts in the Greater Toronto Area.

- The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation** \$3,000,000 for the Peter Gilgan Chair in Bladder Cancer Research as part of a 6-year \$5,000,000 commitment
- Saint Michael's Hospital** \$3,000,000 for the Peter Gilgan Patient Care Tower as part of a 10-year \$30,000,000 commitment
- SickKids Hospital** \$10,000,000 for the Gilgan Family Patient Care Centre as part of a 10-year \$100,000,000 commitment
- Toronto Metropolitan University** \$800,000 for the Mattamy Athletic Centre as part of a 10-year \$8,000,000 commitment
- Trillium Health Partners** \$10,000,000 for the Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital and the Gilgan Family Queensway Health Centre as part of a 10-year \$105,000,000 commitment
- University Health Network's Krembil Brain Institute** \$2,500,000 for the Peter Gilgan Chair in Neuroregeneration Research and Peter Gilgan Fund for Innovation in Stem Cell and Regenerative Research as part of a 4-year \$8,500,000 commitment
- William Osler Health Partners** \$2,825,000 to support specialized mental health care benefitting youth as part of Tour de Bleu 2023



# DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Peter Gilgan Foundation Board members occasionally direct giving which may fall outside of our stated funding priorities and grant application process.

\$50,000	<b>Adopt4Life</b>
\$100,000	<b>Baycrest Hospital</b>
\$5,000	<b>BC Cancer Foundation</b>
\$30,000	<b>Chai Lifeline Canada</b>
\$12,500	<b>Children's Aid Foundation of Canada</b>
\$1,000,000	<b>Community Food Centres Canada</b>
\$5,000	<b>MS Society of Canada</b>
\$80,000	<b>New Hope Community Bikes</b>
\$100,000	<b>Peele Island Bird Observatory</b>
\$105,000	<b>Princess Margaret Hospital</b>
\$1,500	<b>Right to Play</b>
\$10,000	<b>St. Vincent De Paul at St. James Parish</b>
\$22,250	<b>Stratford Festival</b>
\$10,000	<b>University of Toronto - Ògo Tàwa</b>
\$150,000	<b>War Child Canada</b>
\$411,175	<b>World Bicycle Relief</b>
\$25,000	<b>YMCA of Oakville</b>

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