



May 30, 2022

Message from the Chair

On behalf of my dedicated fellow trustees, I am very pleased to bring this brief annual report to the community of Upper Stoney Creek.

Since its inception in 1997, the Heritage Green Community Trust has provided 128 grants to various organizations throughout our community. The grants given represent projects that assist and benefit local citizens of all ages. At this time, the Trustees would like to thank GFL Environmental who is currently the sole funder, but its predecessors were the previous funders, to the Trust. It is through GFL's generosity and commitment to the Heritage Green Community Trust that we are able to give back to the community of Upper Stoney Creek.

Trustees of the Heritage Green Community Trust are committed to granting funds for projects and to organizations that serve the area of Upper Stoney Creek on a not-for-profit basis. Projects for those organizations not based within the mandated radius of the GFL Environmental Stoney Creek Regional Facility are required to provide demonstrable benefits to the residents living within the catchment area of the trust. The Heritage Green Community Trust on a regular basis is looking for local and engaged citizens to join the committee as vacancies become available. If you are interested in participating in the future, we invite you to send your resume expressing your interest to the committee's attention.

This year brings the early departure of one of our Trustees, Franco Valconi. Franco has been with the Trust for the last four years and has played a valuable role on the Committee. We would like to thank Franco for his dedication and enthusiasm over the past few years and wish him well in the future.

The Trust is committed to give up to twelve \$2,500 scholarships to students who can demonstrate a keen interest in the betterment of the community of Upper Stoney Creek.

This year the Trust received only six scholarship applications and are pleased to announce we have awarded scholarships to all six applicants.

Many of the scholarship applicants began their essays with a definition of community. At its basic, community can simply be a group of people coming together. The Trust has collaborated with other groups such as the City of Hamilton, Hamilton Conservation Authority, and the Hamilton Public Library – Valley Park Branch as well as all the local schools. These partnerships have proven successful in adding value to our community and we need to continue to seek out such partnerships. We need to reach out to a wide range of service and/or civic organizations. Come together with other such like-minded groups, pooling our resources, building strength in numbers, establishing sustainable projects that will stand the test of time & indeed all of this will build our sense of community.

At this time, we'd like to invite you, our community stakeholders, to join us in a review of our year's financial results, activities and achievements and we welcome any feedback you may have. By working together, we can foster the creation of new ideas and solutions which will ensure the Heritage Green Community Trust effectively addresses the community's needs and reaches its goals.

Sincerely,

**TRUSTEES OF THE HERITAGE GREEN COMMUNITY
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Per: Kathy Lacasse, Chair