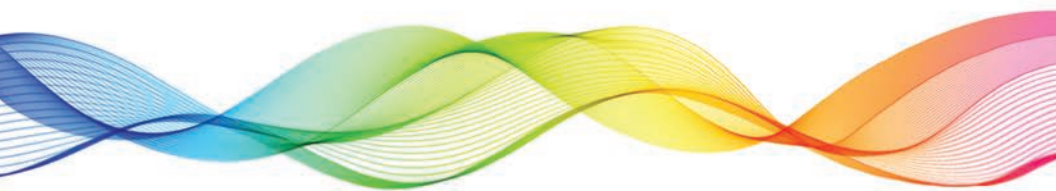




Many communities  
One mission



## We are proud.

For almost 40 years, our model of fundraising and grants has successfully supported a diverse and ever-evolving range of LGBTTIQQ2S community organizations, services and projects.

Every year the generous contributions of our devoted donors provide the means to support these initiatives. As generations pass, new board members and other volunteers have kept this process going, and new donors join in to support programs in health, social services, research, education, advocacy, arts and culture, enriching lives and experiences in the community and continually helping it move forward.

Our mandate holds inclusivity paramount, focusing on those most marginalized and underserved to help them develop and grow autonomous, sustainable services that will become part of the bedrock for their community.

There are many communities, but just one mission: to support a vibrant and diverse community by funding initiatives for the LGBTTIQQ2S communities of the Greater Toronto Area.

**Did you know?**

LGBTTIQQ2S is one of many initialisms used to represent the communities of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. This particular version represents lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, intersex, queer, questioning and two-spirit people.

**38 YEARS  
OF CONTINUOUS  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT**



**MORE THAN 1,100  
PROJECTS AND EVENTS  
FUNDED**

the lesbian and gay community /



**OVER \$3 MILLION  
IN GRANTS AND AWARDS  
FOR THE LGBTTIQQ2S COMMUNITY**



**THANK YOU**  
**FOR THE COUNTLESS DONATIONS  
AND VOLUNTEER HOURS  
CONTRIBUTED TO THE APPEAL, LGCA  
AND COMMUNITY ONE FOUNDATION  
FOR THE PAST 38 YEARS**



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## Our History



*The Gay Community Appeal of Toronto circa 1982.*

In 1980, a group of lesbian and gay activists founded the Gay Community Appeal, raising funds for community projects and organizations. Soon after, the name changed to the Lesbian and Gay Community Appeal, or LGCA.



*Fruit Cocktail, 1983 (Photo: Charles Groch)*

Every year the Appeal held face-to-face fundraisers like S.O.S. (Supporting Our Selves) and hosted events like Fruit Cocktail theatrical productions and the Fruitcup gala, raising money for organizations that became the backbone of Toronto's LGBTQ+ community - the 519, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, Black CAP, Toronto PFLAG, Asian Community AIDS Services, the Canadian Lesbian & Gay Archives, Toronto

People With AIDS Foundation, Sherbourne Health Centre and the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, amongst many others.

In 1987, the LGCA helped start the Bill 7 Award, a scholarship program for LGBT+ students, and in 2007 the LGBT Giving Network, connecting LGBT-serving groups with one another to inspire leadership, action and community philanthropy.

The LGCA encouraged other community groups obtain registered charitable status, to strengthen their own fundraising capacity. Community One continues this spirit, focusing on marginalized communities as we choose grant recipients, helping them to create an independent, autonomous support network.



*Doug Kerr (l) and Harvey Hamburg, grant day 2010*

In 2008, the LGCA became the Community One Foundation, a name better representative of the diverse community we serve, but we have stayed our commitment to funding important initiatives in the LGBTTIQQ2S community.



*Board members (l-r) Terry Greene, Kevin Ormsby, Andrew Mainprize, Tamara McKernan and Raul Luna Polo at the 2017 Rainbow Grants ceremony. (Photo: Kyle Burton)*



## OVER 35 YEARS OF SUPPORTING



**HELPING PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS  
COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE**

## THOSE WHO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN



**DO GREAT THINGS FOR LGBTTIQQ2S  
GREATER TORONTO AREA**



## Grants and Awards



The Rainbow Grants program began in 2011 with the newly-named Community One Foundation. Every year dozens of individuals and organizations working in the LGBTTIQQ2S community apply to fund their initiatives in the areas of health and social services, education, research, advocacy, arts and culture. The Board of Directors, with recommendations from a volunteer allocations committee working

in these fields, determine which applications have the greatest potential impact on the community.

For almost 40 years as the GCA, LGCA and Community One Foundation, we have given out more than \$3 million in grants and awards for more than 1,100 initiatives in the LGBTTIQQ2S communities of the GTA.

**General Grants** - up to \$1,500 for non-registered charities, usually individuals working in the arts

**Foundation Grants** - up to \$7,500 for registered charities and trustee groups

## Bill 7 Award

Started in 1987 by the LGCA and other LGBTQ+ organizations, the Bill 7 Award is an annual scholarship for LGBTQ+ students in financial need who are starting their post-secondary education.

Community One Foundation remains a partner organization, along with fellow founding organization Supporting Our Youth (Sherbourne Health Centre). The partners appoint trustees to manage this important honour.

To date, the Bill 7 Award has funded more than \$120,000 in scholarships to LGBTQ+ students in colleges and universities across Ontario.



The Steinert & Ferreiro Award – Canada's largest single cash award in recognition of leadership in the LGBTTIQQ2S community – was launched in 2005 through a bequest from the estates of Jonathan R. Steinert and Fernando Gumerindo Ferreiro.

Ferreiro, a successful Toronto psychologist, and his partner Steinert both passed away in the early 1990s, having made plans to leave a community legacy with the LGCA.

Per their wishes, the annual \$10,000 prize is awarded to a community leader who has contributed significantly to the understanding and acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community through the arts and sciences.

Anti-violence/anti-racism educator Bev Bain received the inaugural award, and other recipients have included lifelong activists Dennis Findlay and Doug Kerr, queer parenting educator Rachel Epstein, artists and educators Syrus Marcus Ware and Vivek Shraya and religious inclusion advocates El-Farouk Khaki and Rev. Brent Hawkes.



The James Stewart Award was created through the generous bequest from James Stewart, the Toronto-area mathematician, musician and owner of the iconic Integral House, who passed away in 2014.

As one of the LGBTQ+ charities to receive philanthropic support from Mr. Stewart's estate, Community One is honoured to offer this annual award to a charitable initiative offering significant value to the LGBTTIQQ2S communities.

The inaugural James Stewart Award was given to Springtide Resources for their Parenting Teens Exchange, a biweekly group for newcomer parents and caregivers whose teenagers might be LGBTQ+, where they can share experiences and learn to support healthy sexuality and gender development.



## Ways to Give

Our grants are 100% funded by people like you. Your donation helps support organizations which represent the LGBTTIQQ2S community to the broader society, helping work towards greater understanding and inclusiveness. All donations to the Foundation fund are tax receiptable.

Our General Fund (not tax-receipted) supports small projects, often arts related, that unite the community but are not run by a registered charity. This option is popular with donors who see great value in supporting these community building projects.

### **Online giving - [communityone.ca/donate](https://communityone.ca/donate)**

A simple, secure way to make one-time or monthly donations, and tax receipts are provided electronically.

### **Mail-in donations - [communityone.ca/donationform](https://communityone.ca/donationform)**

We also accept mail-in donations - just print out the form from the above link and mail it to:

Community One Foundation  
PO Box 760 – Station F  
Toronto, Canada M4Y 2N6

### **Workplace giving - charitable N° 126482785RR0001**

Workplace giving programs allow you to designate an amount to be deducted from your paycheque, with many employers offering a matching plan to maximize your contribution.

### **Planned Giving**

Planned giving encompasses your community support throughout your lifetime, with optimal annual tax planning, as well as leaving a bequest to Community One in your will. Our positioning and long-term capabilities make us ideal to leave your legacy within the community, knowing we will remain strong and responsive to the community's needs.

Our granting process assures you that your charitable donation will reach a diverse set of projects supporting a wide range of issues and needs each year.

For bequests, your advisors can assist you in designating Community One Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, RRSP, and/or insurance policy in a manner that best meets your estate and tax planning objectives.

## Did you know?

The original Gay Community Appeal fundraisers were called S.O.S. (Supporting Our Selves) - a supporter would host a get-together with friends, a member of the Appeal would present what initiatives needed funding, and guests would donate to those causes. Grassroots at its finest!



Community One was one of the LGBTQ+ charities to receive a bequest in 2016 from the late James Stewart, mathematician, musician and owner of the iconic Integral House. To honour his benevolence, Community One created the annual James Stewart Award in 2018.

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