



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



## People are Beautiful: A Year in the Life of Green Wood Coalition

This report is dedicated to the people who awake each day to seemingly insurmountable obstacles. We are inspired by their stories of courage and resilience and humbled by the trust they place in us. They are living proof that people are beautiful.

# Message from Green Wood Coalition



*Chair*  
Caleb Carisse

## Our community shone brightly

We entered 2021 with a hope and a prayer that our community would begin opening up, that COVID-19 restrictions would be lifted and friends and neighbours would come back together. As the year ended, we began to witness the side effects of the extended pandemic, casting long shadows upon community. In the dark, we require light, and the resiliency of Green Wood Coalition's staff, volunteers, donors and community members provided these sparks.

- Spark – February Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser raised over \$100,000, smashing expectations
- Torch – Staffing grew to support more people in our community to find their way
- Flash – Expanded training for first aid, WrapAround and Asset-Based Community Development
- Bonfire – Strengthened relationships with corporations that care, such as Cameco, Rona and Tim Hortons
- Flame – Occasional Community Dinners restarted at

the end of the year, reuniting friends

- Light Bulb – New ways of reaching others through art, gardening and community involvement
- Flashlight – Renewed purpose through a comprehensive operational plan

We enter 2022 with an abundance of hope, renewed strength in our mission and purpose, a sound financial position and new strategic imperatives that will support Green Wood Coalition's continued growth and sustainability.

We exist due to your kindness and generosity. I am so grateful and thankful for your continued support.

On behalf of the Green Wood Coalition Board I want to personally thank everyone for your likes, shares, volunteer hours, supports, donations. Together we will light this community back up.



*Executive Director*  
David Sheffield

## Moving forward with clarity

As 2021 wrapped up, Green Wood Coalition found itself on solid footing with even more clarity about our mission and a leadership team that is moving forward cohesively. While we have faced some disappointing setbacks – increased workload, politics, pandemic confusion, and even a break and enter – we are still standing.

It's difficult to measure progress or positive change in times like these, but signposts indicate that we're moving in the right direction and that our work is valued by those who are struggling most in our community. As I reflect on the strengths of Green Wood at the end of our second pandemic year, some things that come to mind are:

- The growth and meaningful accomplishments of our staff and key leaders working on the frontlines
- The trust and ongoing support of a growing family

of supporters and members who see Green Wood as a way to invest their time and talents in our community

- A healthy financial position as a result of consistent fundraising, communication and donor relationships
- A resilient community that has weathered some incredibly difficult things but continues to care for each other

While “problems” are often the reason that we show up for our community, Green Wood is committed to growing beyond problem solving to enable the possibility that lies within each one of us.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for your willingness to share your gifts in partnership with us as we pursue this vision together.

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## Our Board of Directors

**Caleb Carisse** – Chair  
**Jeff Caine** – Secretary  
**Peter Nairn** – Treasurer  
**Philip Redford**  
**Jay Sherwin**



## COMMUNITY is Beautiful

### CONNECTING THROUGH FOOD

#### Hope grows in unexpected places

Year 2 of the pandemic continued to keep us apart, but we managed to create community through food and gardens.

- Delivered weekly meals and food boxes to 100 of our neighbours and, finally, reunited around the table in December for a community dinner
- Facilitated neighbourhood food sharing through the Herb Box Project, partnering with Cultivate Festival
- Helped residents of a rooming house find beauty and connection by growing a vegetable garden amidst chaos and opposition

*“I dropped in on an old friend to deliver a meal, unaware he had been released from the hospital that day. I asked if he wanted to eat right away, and he*

*said, yes, he was hungry. But as we went to heat up dinner, he’d forgotten how to use his microwave. Being there for one another is what we’re all about.”*

DAVID SHEFFIELD

### INSPIRING ONE ANOTHER

#### We’re passionate about working for change

Our grassroots approach focuses on mobilizing the strengths of our community to find solutions to challenges.

- Adopted Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) as central to our work, guided by international leader Cormac Russell and exchanging ideas through our Summer Learning Series
- Took a moment through the Loveseat Project to reflect on lessons learned from the pandemic and our values as a compassionate community that cares for one another.



3,350 MEALS AND FOOD BOXES DELIVERED  
74 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS VISITED THE WARMING ROOMS  
40-PLUS PEOPLE CONTACTS PER WEEK BY OUR STAFF  
47 'COMMUNITY 101' PARTICIPANTS  
11,959 HARM REDUCTION TOOLS DISTRIBUTED  
104 NALOXONE KITS DISTRIBUTED – COULD ALSO BE COUNTED  
AS 104 LIVES SAVED FROM DRUG POISONING

# COMMUNITY is Beautiful

- Shining a light where change needs to happen, we collaborated with Trent University to create an ebook about homelessness in Canada and with Habitat for Humanity and Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre to spread awareness of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

*“Exploring ABCD helped me to see clearly how powerful community can be in addressing big issues. Harnessing our collective talents and united by a common desire, we can build a just and sustainable future here at home.”*

CLAIRE HOLLOWAY WADHWANI

## CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

### A street-level approach to ‘go-to healthcare’

Drawing on relationships built over time, our focus was keeping people safe.

- Travelled with the health unit to get vaccines into arms
- Delivered harm reduction supplies in partnership with PARN in the face of the worsening drug poisoning epidemic
- Attended to health needs overlooked during the pandemic using a street-nursing approach

*“People who use substances are faced with so much stigmatizing behaviour that it can prevent them from seeking the services they need. I don’t think a lot of this population would have ended up getting immunized if we hadn’t used this approach, and Green Wood was key in accomplishing what we did.”*

CATHERINE MACDONALD, HKPR DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

## HEALING TOGETHER

### Community flourishes through art and nature

Through the resourcefulness of our community we found our way back to making art together.

- Delivered art kits to people’s doors and shared our finished work by mail through the “Postcard Exchange”
- Hosted summertime tea parties and picnics in the garden, giving way to spontaneous art making

- Helped our friends at Greenwood Tower grow a community garden as they drew on their own community’s strength, hosting a meal and music jam

*“Over the pandemic I could see the difference in myself. Like the flow was gone. So when they brought in the postcards, it was a big boost for me. I was running to get the mail every day, ‘Am I getting my postcard?’ And the day you got it was just so exciting.”*

DARLENE DENIS, ART HIVE MEMBER

## WORKING TOGETHER

### Our community abounds in generosity

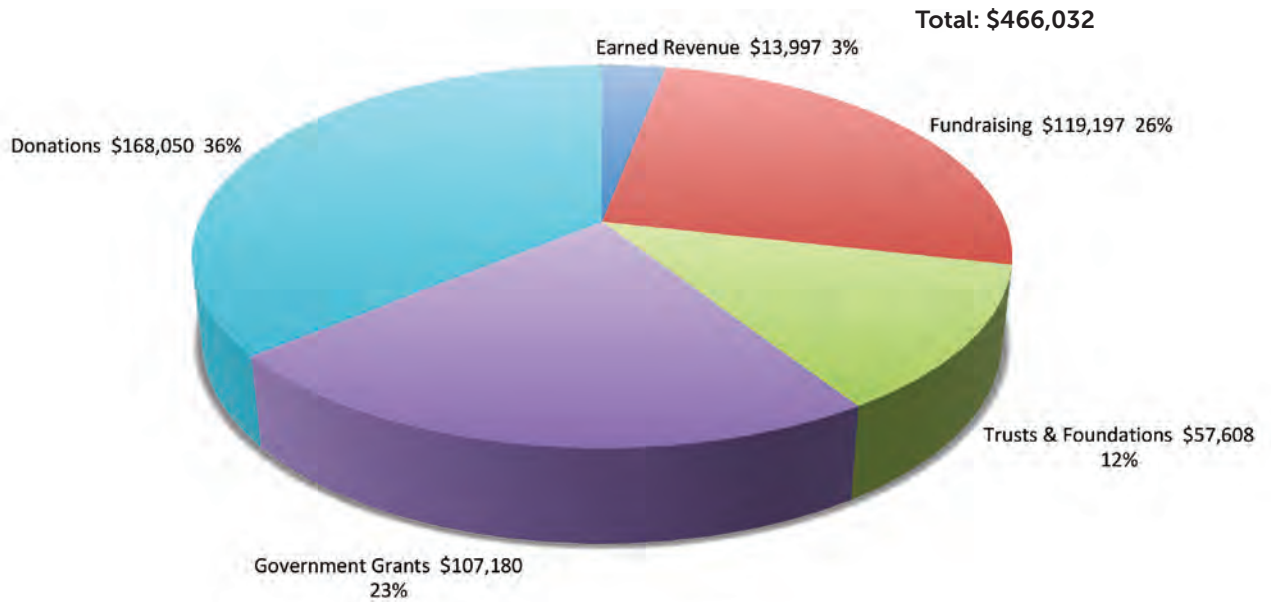
In 2021 community allies stepped up in countless ways.

- St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church and the County of Northumberland joined in operating day and night-time warming rooms so no one would be left out in the cold
- Hundreds of folks from across the county rallied behind our Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser to help our most vulnerable neighbours, reaching our goal and then some
- A \$50,000 donation from Cameco Corporation and the proceeds from the Port Hope Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign came at a time when the demands on our street outreach were never greater
- Finally, the gift of a greenhouse by Brookside School and a small “community build” to erect a memorial garden shed were meaningful contributions to the future of our garden as a place of healing

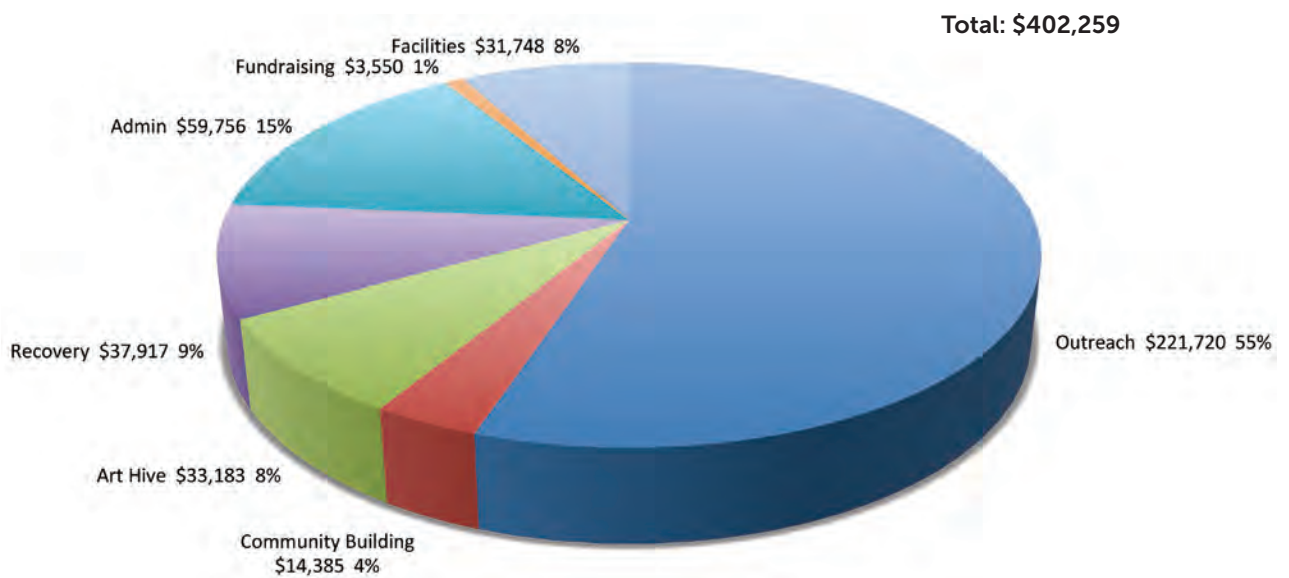
*“We wanted to leave something in Jeff’s memory, a legacy. He loved gardening, and the support that made the most difference in his life was Green Wood. The kindness, the acceptance, the respect, the being there when he needed somebody, that’s what Green Wood gave him.”*

KEN O’NEILL, FATHER OF JEFF O’NEILL

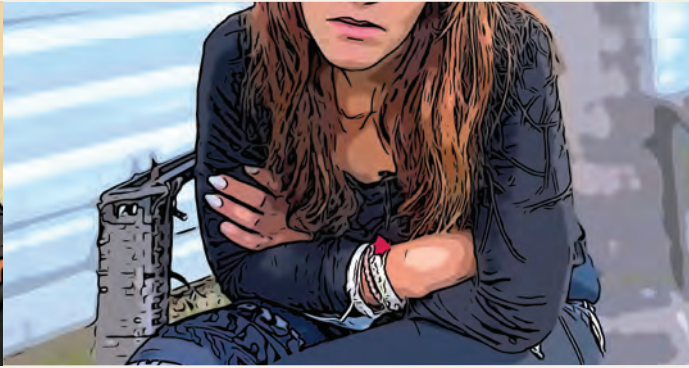
## Green Wood Coalition 2021 Income



## Green Wood Coalition 2021 Expenses



*The growth in donor support through 2021 allowed us to mature as an organization, continue to provide equitably for our staff and establish a reserve account to ensure stability in days to come.*



Green Wood Coalition Outreach Worker  
Joyce Lichtenberger

## A Week on the Frontline

Green Wood staff are known to be flexible and creative in the way that they care for our community. Joyce Lichtenberger, one of our Community Outreach Workers, offers this glimpse into her day-to-day.

- I gave a man a ride to work and I listened as he explained his situation, having worked all summer and being ripped off for his pay.
- I brought a prospective new member on a “ride along” to show her what my typical day looks like, and I found myself saying over and over, “I don’t really know how to explain what I do.” So I just kept doing it.
- I joined the art group that was trying to figure out COVID rules around gathering indoors. So we built a fire outside, broke bread, shared some ideas and stories and called it a day. No solid answers but a good sense of belonging happened there.
- I picked up fresh food boxes and delivered them, taking time to visit, sharing stories, listening to concerns and sharing some hugs. Brought a warm coat to

a man who needed one. It wasn’t new and it wasn’t really his colour, but he was grateful and warm.

Having spent my week feeling that I can’t really fix, solve or accomplish anything fully, I dropped in on a friend we support with a bag of bologna and bread. I sat and chatted with him for a while, and when I got up to leave, he took my hand and, with tears in his eyes, told me that our check-in visits are his favourite and best times. He said that he’s grateful to have someone who cares about him because that means everything.

Then I realized, in all of this unexplainable mish-mash of reaching out to take hands, filling plates, warming up cold bodies and solving small problems, much was accomplished. People were cared for, hands were held, thoughts were expressed – and heard – and there was Community in that kindness.

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*“As I look back on my week and what I’ve accomplished, I’m humbled and a little disheartened that I can’t really change things for the better for the people I support. There’s so much suffering.”*

Joyce Lichtenberger

# BECAUSE OF YOU....

In 2021 we put more outreach and peer support staff on the street, delivered more meals to those who were hungry, expanded our capacity for addiction recovery and harm reduction programs and operated day and night-time warming rooms so no one would be left out in the cold. **Because of you**, those who were hurting, unseen and alone, experienced kindness and human connection.

Thank you for making ours a community of hope.

## Community Builders \$1-\$249

Anonymous (10)

Anonymous in memory of Karleigh Horsley

Anonymous in memory of Carol & Kesha Brennan

Anonymous in memory of Sarah Taylor

Anonymous in memory of Ty Baldwin (3)

Anonymous in honour of Ted & Hilda Van Netten

Adrian Calestani-Winacot memory of Ty Baldwin

Adrienne Walker in honour of Jay Sherwin & Jane

Montgomery

Albert Schultz

Alexandra Kucharczyk

Alison Dodds

Alyson King

Amanda Goodall

Amelia & Jeff Bray

Andra Zondervan

Andrea Couch in memory of Sarah Emilyann Taylor

Angela Tomkins in memory of Sean Ireland

Anne Fenn in memory of Victor Fenn

Anne Flindall-Cross & Dr. William Cross

Anne Mulvaney

Anne O'Regan in honour of Kaye Torrie

Anne Rawson

Annette Power in memory of Michael Kitchen

April Larose-Liscombe in memory of Robert Taylor

Argiro Thompson in memory of Ty Baldwin

Arnie & Tracy Henkel

Barbara King

Bert & Janet Sedgwick

Beta Sigma Phi

Bonnie McCool

Bonnie Symons

Brian Buttery in memory of Michael Kitchen

Brooke West in memory of Ty Baldwin

Barbara Coleman

Bruce Coleman

Bruce Williamson

C. Marilyn Willis

Cameron Christie

Carole Elliot

Catherine Ann Peers in memory of Ty Baldwin

Cathy Cane in memory of Sarah Taylor

Charlie Foran

Christ the Servant Church

Christopher Bobzener

Chubb Insurance

Claire Blahnik

Claire Holloway Wadhvani

Colin Noel-Baldwin memory of Ty Baldwin

Colleen Oldman in memory of Ty Baldwin

Colleen Shaw in memory of her uncle Ty Baldwin

Cornerstone Family Violence and Prevention Centre

Crystal Cranch

Dafydd Williams-Jones

Dale Ross Patterson

Daniel Harrison

Daphne King

Darlene & E. Gabe Denis

Darlene Marshall in memory of Ty Baldwin

David Brister

David Stewart

Deb Thivierge

Deborah Chapman

Deborah Rutherford

Dennis Keiser in memory of Marie Ann Robson

Donald Kitchen

Donald Newington

Dorothy Gain

Douglas Norton

Dr. Shari Kirsh

Eleftherios Kryritsis in memory of Ty Baldwin

Elizabeth Henkel-Thomas

Elizabeth Sherwin

Ellen Farrar

ESCO (a division of Weir)

Frank Knott in memory of Ron Sudds

Gail Neibergall

Gina Bruno in memory of Ty Baldwin

Ginny Fraser in memory of Ty Baldwin

Glen Hopkinson in memory of Ty Baldwin

Grant Hessin

Greg & Suzanne Burns

Heather Boerrichter

Heather Coyle in memory of Sarah Taylor

Herb Terry in memory of Jeff O'Neill

Huguette Keeler

Jackie McVeigh in memory of Ty Baldwin

Jamie-Lyn Smith in memory of Ty Baldwin

Janet Klees in honour of Diane & Bill Huson

Jeffrey Priestman in memory of Ty Baldwin

Jennifer Azevedo in memory of Ty Baldwin

Jennifer Giles in memory of Ty Baldwin

Jennifer Pridham

Jennifer Short

Jenny Andrus

Jill Harrison in memory of Ty Baldwin

Jim Eliopoulos in memory of Ty Baldwin

Joan Gottschall in honour of Judy Herod

JoAnne Bellamy

Joanne Stewart

John Amato in memory of Ty Baldwin

John McLellan

Joni Overton-Jung

Joyce Lichtenberger

Justin McQuire in memory of Ty Baldwin

Justine Morrison memory of Ty Baldwin

Kaitlin Brown

Karen & Eric Roberts

Karen Chalovich

Karyn Kennedy

Kate Kostandoff in memory of Jeff O'Neill,  
in honour of Yvonne O'Neill

Katherine Kobelski in honour of Mrs. Katherine

McHarg & Dr. Malcolm Pike

Katie Shaw memory of Ty Baldwin

Kathy O'Neill in memory of Jeff O'Neill



Keith Taylor  
Kelly Ambrose  
Kevin Steckley  
Kevin Warner Home Improvements  
Kim Shurman  
Lana Missen  
Laraine Wambolt  
Laura Cuttall memory of Ty Baldwin  
Laura Steen  
Laurel Reynolds-Shaw in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Laurel Vanhaverbeke  
Lauren Stitt in memory of Jeff O'Neill  
Laurie Deviney  
Leola Pon in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Leslee Argue  
Lina Goldsmith in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Linda Alcock  
Linda Armstrong  
Linda Cullen in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Linda Mackenzie-Nicholas  
Linda Redner-Hunter  
Lindsey Edwards  
Lisa Beatty  
Lori Groves  
Luke Despatie  
Lydia Jackson  
Madeleine Thibault-Smith  
Marie Miller  
Marie Prins & Edward Hagedorn  
Marius Marsh  
Mark Finnan & Helene Thibert  
Marlene Amos  
Marshall Johnstone in memory of Jeff O'Neill  
Marta Cooper Burt  
Mary Ann Ross in memory of Margaret Lacey  
Mary DeBono in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Mary Johnsen  
Mary Sneepe  
Mary-Jo Bathe in memory of John Foley  
Matt Herod in honour of Judy Herod  
Maureen Cavan & Morris Caiger  
Maureen Holloway in memory of Jeff O'Neill  
Maureen Lecourt in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Megan North  
Michael O'Neill in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Miriam Mutton  
Murray & Antoinette McBride

Nancy Richardson memory of Ty Baldwin  
Nathalie Gifford  
Neil Horner  
New Hope United Church  
Nicole Beatty  
Nikki Tomasi-Gunter  
Nola McDonald  
Pam MacDougall  
Pat Johnston  
Patricia & Carson Russell  
Patricia Manson  
Patti Harvey in memory of Sean Ireland  
Paula Lane in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Pauline O'Dwyer  
Pearl Cann  
Peggy Brooks  
Rachel Barreca  
Raffaele Caparelli in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Randy Brown memory of Ty Baldwin

Rhoda Bellamy  
Richard Shapcott  
R.J. Hawkshaw in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Rosemarie Cartwell  
Ross Johnson  
Ruth & Bob Kerr  
Sara Lauria  
Sara Thompson  
Sarah Wills in memory of Jeff O'Neill  
Sarah Wilson  
Scott Laurie in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Shannon Wood  
Sebesthan Bonesteel in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Shari Beaver  
Sharron Wharram-Spry & Brian Spry  
Sherry Pike in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Shirley Duncan  
Sonia Nelson in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Sonja Ruby in memory of Ty Baldwin



*“As a society, everybody has learned from this. There’s no way this will not change us. Once we recover from any economic downfall, we can only get better.”*

Vicki Mink



*“Everyone keeps saying that beyond the pandemic we’ll go back to normal, and I don’t know if that’s exactly what I’m seeking. I hope for a world with a little bit more compassion and understanding. Things aren’t always right or wrong or black or white. There’s room for people just to be people.”*

Nikki Tomasi

# BECAUSE OF YOU....

Stan & Hanne Blecher  
Stephanie Campbell  
Stephen Flaherty memory of Ty Baldwin  
Sue Larose in Memory Robert Taylor  
Susan Watson  
Suzanne Hills in memory of Michael Kitchen  
Ted Staunton  
Teresa Laurie memory of Ty Baldwin  
Terry Garnham  
Tiffany Weeks-Langdon in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Tina Androustos memory of Ty Baldwin  
Thomas Box  
Tom Christou in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Tom Lawson  
Tracy Barill in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Trinity College School – Sarah Terrible's Class  
Veronica Colson  
Victoria Ritchie in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Wendy Anderson  
Wendy Beales  
Wilfred Day & Margaret Cavan Day in honour of Sue Stickley  
Yuma Leghari in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Yvonne Lush in honour of Grant & Jeanine Carson

## Advocates \$250-\$999

Anonymous (5)  
Anonymous in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Alastair McKeating  
Alicia Ough in honour of Nicole Ough  
Angela Turpin  
Arlene & Robb Howells  
Bewdley & District Lions Club  
Black Cat  
Brenda Clark  
Brenda Picard  
Brent Wilcox  
Brian Gates  
Caleb Carisse  
Carol Rolph  
Carole Payne  
Celia McBride  
Charles Wickett  
Cheryl Langdon in memory of Jeff O'Neill  
Christina Hubicki  
Christine Flindall

Copeland and Co. Realty in honour  
of Jenna Fitzgerald, George & Orange  
David & Wendy Abbot in memory of Ty Baldwin  
David Evelyn  
David Hopkinson in memory of Ty Baldwin  
David Walsh  
Deborah Kimmett in memory of Kevin Kimmett  
Diane Pickett  
Dr. J. Petroff Dentistry memory of Ty Baldwin  
Emily Taylor  
Fran Campbell  
Grace Church, Port Hope  
Grant & Jeanine Carson  
Haldimand Vintage  
Hudson Sheffield  
Janet Shutt  
Jennifer Darrell  
Jennifer Ito  
Jennifer Taggett  
John, Rob, Gord, Claire & Judy in memory  
of Sarah Emilyann Taylor  
Joyce Mitchell  
Karen Wakely  
Kate & Gus Burneau  
Kim & Jason Orchard  
Kim & Tom Rudd  
Liliana Simonetta in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Mark O'Neill in memory of Jeff O'Neill  
Mary Surman  
Maureen Pollard  
Maureen Tambeau  
Michelle Cunningham-Langevin  
Missy McLean  
Northumberland Family Health Team  
Olympus Burger  
Pamela Christie  
Patricia Sinnott  
Peter Madgett  
Peter Nairn  
Petra Polok-Leffler  
Preston & Margaret Merrill  
Rhonda Warner  
Ruth Redelmeier  
Shaun O'Reilly  
Shirley Robinson  
Sian Pritchard

Sophie Kneisel  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
St. Mark's Church  
Stephen Vair in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Sue & Ken West  
Suzanne Stickley in honour of Margaret, Wilf, Alexia,  
Emilia Day  
Ten Thousand Villages  
Valerie Mancktelow in memory of Michael Kitchen  
Victorian Operetta Society

## Innovators \$1000-\$2499

ACME Electric  
Barry Wood  
Beverley Jane Pinchin  
Carol Antione-Ronson  
Carol Stevens  
Carole Stirling  
Dan McKenzie  
David & Elizabeth Sheffield  
Erin Brown  
Ernest Rouse  
Farren Associates  
Gil Lantaigne  
Grace Christian Reformed Church  
Gwyer Moore & Diane Arsenaault  
Herbs Plumbing & Heating  
Jan Shaw  
Jasper Hoogendam  
Jay Sherwin  
Jeff Vanhaverbeke in honour of Blair Smith  
Joanne Allen  
Judita Pamfil & Michael Duck  
Judy Herod  
Kelly Welton  
Ken & Yvonne O'Neill in memory of Jeff O'Neill  
Lorna Doubt  
Maintenance & Construction Trades Council  
in memory of Ty Baldwin  
Marci & James Edwards  
Mark Vander Vennen  
Nora Camps  
Part-Time CFO Services  
Pecan Foundation  
Port Hope United Church  
Rebecca & Johnathan Crilly

Robert Mosurinjohn  
Rodger Copper & Margaret Kelderman  
Roger Kenyon  
Ron & Dorothy Sheffield  
Shane Watson  
Sue & Jeff Essig  
Taryn Bulsara  
Tony Pulla  
Wilma Van Barneveld



*"There's less room for fear when hope takes up some of fear's space."*

Blair Smith

**Activators \$2500-\$4999**

Andrew Weldon & Emma Smith  
Ann & John Ambler  
Brian Oliver  
Dr. Peter M. Blecher  
Fellowship Baptist Church  
Government of Canada (ESDC) –  
Canada Summer Jobs  
Ontario Realtors Care Foundation  
Ted & Hilda Van Netten  
Trade Tech Industries Inc.  
Vicky Bolduc



*"Green Wood is such a vital part of this community. It brings together people in a dignified way. People who may feel like they don't belong anywhere really feel like they're a person, a human being at Green Wood."*

Liz Henkel-Thomas

**Change Makers \$5,000-\$9,999**

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories  
KNOR Foundation- 100 Guys Who Care  
Mac & Sally Bradden Foundation  
Northumberland Community Counselling Centre  
Rick Holmes  
Rona Inc.



*"In a community like ours, it can be very tempting to think that the issues Green Wood Coalition tries to address don't exist. So many people seem to lead comfortable lives, but these issues are pervasive. It's imperative that we all try to do something about it."*

Ted Staunton

**Impact Leaders \$10,000 +**

Blue Sea Philanthropy  
Cameco  
County of Northumberland – Community  
& Social Services  
David & Kathy Richardson  
Municipality of Port Hope  
PARN – Your Community Aids Resource Network  
Tim Horton's Advertising & Promo Fund

## So Many Ways to Give

Our work would not be possible without you.  
Help us to make a difference in a life.

Join the Change X 12 monthly donor program

Make a one-time donation through our website, by e-transfer or by mail

Give a gift of stocks or securities or make Green Wood  
a part of your personal or family legacy in your will

*“Donors see that Green Wood is really boots on the ground. Their support is a response to the realization of how bad things are for some of our neighbours and that only grassroots action will change this.”*

Phil Redford, Coldest Night of the Year event chair

Visit [www.greenwoodcoalition.com](http://www.greenwoodcoalition.com)  
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