



Community Foundation Day – Q & A

What is Community Foundation Day?

Community Foundation Day is recognized annually on April 26. It acknowledges the vital role that community foundations play in contributing to the well-being of Manitobans, and the generosity of our citizens. It also recognizes the committed volunteers who lead the community foundation movement. The Manitoba government first proclaimed Community Foundation Day on April 26, 2023.

Why is Community Foundation Day recognized in Manitoba?

Manitoba is currently home to 57 community foundations – the most community foundations per capita in North America. Our province’s thriving community foundation movement demonstrates the generosity of Manitobans, making our province consistently the most generous in Canada according to the [Fraser Institute’s Generosity Index](#).

In 2023, community foundations outside of Winnipeg:

- Granted more than \$8.9 million to their local communities
- Received more than 8,800 gifts
- Were supported by more than 650 volunteers and 47 staff

Why is Community Foundation Day April 26?

Manitoba is also home to Canada’s first community foundation, The Winnipeg Foundation established on April 26, 1921. Endow Manitoba, an initiative of The Winnipeg Foundation, supports our province’s community foundation network.

What are community foundations?

Community foundations are charitable organizations built through generous gifts of all sizes that are pooled and permanently invested. The interest earned is granted to local charities to support the well-being of your community. The investments are permanent, so they’re never spent and will continue to support your community forever.

Why support a community foundation?

When you give to a community foundation you are investing in your hometown. A gift today will support local programs and projects that contribute to well-being of everyone in your community now and forever.