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The Blue Mountain Village Foundation (BMVF) is dedicated to awarding grants to charitable organizations in the South Georgian Bay Region whose activities address social gaps in our community. BMVF is committed to enhancing quality of life including the areas of health, education, the arts, the environment, recreation and more.

Support is given in the form of cash grants to provide funding for specific projects that meet the Foundation's mandate and criteria. Local organizations were asked to send grant requests that included the following issues:

- Physical and emotional isolation due to COVID-19
- Gaps in services and supports for seniors
- Limited access to attainable housing;
- Food insecurity;
- Rise in mental health challenges, particularly anxiety;
- Reduction in access to all forms of health care services;
- Labour shortages across all sectors as well as job losses in employment contexts; and impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic (e.g., performance artists, restaurant workers, etc.)
- Increase in family problems such as domestic abuse.

We are proud to announce the granting of \$15,000 split evenly among the following 10 successful agencies:

- Breaking Down Barriers
- Elephant Thoughts
- Events For Life
- Home Horizon – Barbara Weider House
- Ledge Leadership
- Living Wish Foundation
- Meaford Food Bank
- Rainbows Georgian Triangle
- Theatre Collingwood
- United Way Simcoe Muskoka

Blue Mountain Village Foundation disbursed funds to successful grant recipients on April 20, 2022.

On behalf of our fundraising team and partners, our Board of Directors and staff and all members of the Blue Mountain Village Community, we extend a sincere THANK YOU to all local social service agencies who continue to go above and beyond to support our community. *“Social agencies play a critical role in our South Georgian Bay community and economy; bringing innovation and grassroots spirit to the table to address some of our most critical challenges. We are proud to support their efforts and share their stories.”* Andrew Siegwart, President, Blue Mountain Village Foundation.



The Blue Mountain Village Foundation exists to close social gaps in our community, supporting local charitable organizations located in South Georgian Bay (including Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Stayner, Town of the Blue Mountains, Meaford, Duntroon, Singhampton, Kimberley & Creemore). We raise funds via an annual golf tournament as well as other events and activations. Since our inception over 15 years ago, we have raised more than 1.57 million dollars that has been invested back into our community through meaningful and necessary programs and support services. We achieve our objectives through advocacy, fundraising, program delivery and effective marketing and communication.

Funding and bursaries information can be obtained via BMVF's website at:

[www.bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation](http://www.bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation)

Direct donations can be made to support the Blue Mountain Village Foundation at:

<https://bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation/donate> Reg. Charity #84842 0949

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