






Grant Awards; 2013-14

We would like to thank our charitable partners for the time they spent on completing their applications, as well as, our Grants Council members, a group of community volunteers who joined with BCF senior staff to make collaborative decisions on our grants. Biographies of our 2013-2014 Grants Council members can be found [here](#).

Our 2013-14 community grants focused on BCF's Vital Signs® report, released on October 1, 2013. This report, which shared many of Burlington's successes in employment levels, living standards, and public safety, also highlights the sometimes unseen concerns, including residents living in poverty, and challenges facing both youth and seniors, especially regarding mental health. The complete report can be viewed [here](#).

We are pleased to award the following 25 grants to a wide array of charitable organizations serving our community.

Organization	Project Scope
Acclaim Health	Music Care Program for Seniors with Dementia
ArtHouse	Weekly after school programs for children in at-risk neighbourhoods, with a focus on arts 
Bay Area Restoration Council	Education and Restoration of Cootes Paradise Marsh
Bruce Trail Conservancy	Cedar Springs Woods Land Management Plan 
Burlington Central FIRST Robotics Program	Students work with teachers outside school hours to create a robot suitable for a competition taking place in April 2014.
Burlington Teen Tour Band Boosters	Angel Fund: A pool of funds that provides subsidy for lower income band members.
Central West Specialized Developmental Services - Halton Support Services	Halton Sibshops: Siblings of children with developmental issues receive support and education in a positive environment.
Easter Seals Ontario	Kids to Camp--Healthy Minds, Happy Kids 
Food for Life and BurlingtonGreen	Grow To Give: A collaborative project where volunteers learn and practice gardening life skills and share harvested food with those in need in Burlington.
Food4Kids Hamilton Halton Niagara	Backpacks are filled with healthy food for at-risk, low income children who would have little to no food over the weekend.
Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation	Expansion of the Mental Health Services - Childhood and Adolescent Program
King's Road Public School (Halton Learning Foundation)	Connecting Kids to Music: Provides a guitar for grade six students to play and perform
Nelson Youth Centres	Therapeutic Summer Program: 8 week program for children with moderate social and emotional issues
Plains Road Village Vision/Aldershot BIA	Public Art Project: The group intends to purchase a piece of public art for a busy Aldershot intersection
ROCK – Reach Out Centre for Kids	Our Community Cares Healthy Living Project: An ongoing after School and summer camp program for at-risk children and youth 
Rolling Meadows Public School (Halton Learning Foundation)	Skateboarding & Re-engagement: A re-engagement tool for grade eight students with severe behaviour issues
Royal Botanical Gardens	Green Angels Program: A pool of funds made available to schools participating in RBG environmental school programs
Sports4You (YMCA)	Free, weekly recreation program for 10-12 year olds in the lower income area of Warwick-Surrey. All children are welcome
St. Christopher's Church	Open Doors Outreach Program, Community Kitchen and Meal Network
STRIDE – Supported Training and Rehabilitation in Diverse Environments	Helping Youth Prepare for Employment: Addresses the needs of youth age 16 to 24 who have mental health and addiction issues

Support & Housing Halton	Growing your Life Skills Workshop: Workshop series promotes independence for people living with mental health challenges
TEAD - The Equestrian Association for the Disabled	Trot On! Equestrian activities enhancing mental health outcomes for children and youth with developmental and physical disabilities
Tottering Biped Theatre	<p>To create a theatre piece that explores themes of isolation and loss among youth in the digital age</p> 
United Way of Greater Hamilton Burlington and ADAPT Halton	Know the DEAL: Provides information and support regarding substance abuse
YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford	Beyond the Bell – Home Library Project: An academic after school program for lower income children