

20 Annual 25 Report:

Courage
of Caring



"The GNSC has played a pivotal role in shaping my sense of community since moving to Guelph. I have come to truly appreciate the diversity and connectedness fostered by the GNSC. I have especially enjoyed engaging with people from other neighbourhoods and seeing how each event brings new opportunities to build community across cultures."

Bodhana Sivagurunathan,
Westminster Woods Neighborhood Group

Courage of Caring

We live in a time of great changes and challenges. Amidst that, how do we move forward with meaning?

If 2025 showed us anything it was that the work of the coalition and the Neighbourhood Groups was rooted in deep courage, The courage to wake up and leave your place, to show up for your shift, to make someone's day, week, month, year better. To deeply listen and be there for someone else. To exhibit courage you have to stay hopeful and curious, to believe that things can change if we stick together and care for one another.

Courage showed up in the Coalition through:

- Coffee hours and drop in programs and everything in between (300 across the coalition, 34,450 hours of volunteer service);
- Summer camps (6 Neighbourhood Groups, 39 youth employed, 128 Leaders-in-Training, 842 attendees);
- The heavy lifting of food security work (over 360,000 lbs of food distributed).

Thank you all for trusting in this beautiful thing we are building together. I am honoured to be the ED of an organization that lives its values and believes that the courage to try is the most powerful thing we can do.

In Love and Kindness



Brendan Johnson, Executive Director

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Neighbourhood Groups

1. Brant Avenue
2. Clairfields
3. Exhibition Park
4. Grange Hill East
5. Hanlon Creek
6. The Junction
7. June Avenue
8. Kortright Hills
9. North Riverside
10. Onward Willow
11. Parkwood Gardens
12. Rickson Ridge
13. Saint George's Park
14. Sunny Acres
15. Two Rivers
16. Westminster Woods
17. Your Downtown Guelph Friends

300
PROGRAMS
and EVENTS

34,450
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

78,393
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS
SERVED

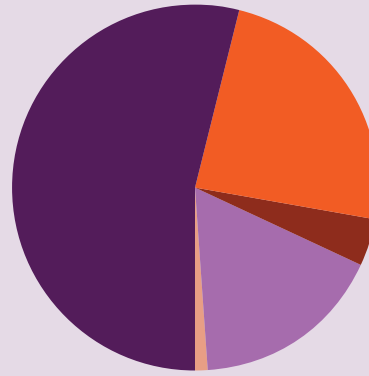
Programs of the GNSC:

1. North End Harvest Market
2. Food Equity With Dignity (FEWD)

Income: \$1,559,006

In 2025

- City of Guelph - 54%
- Other Grants - 24%
- United Way GW - 4%
- Donations - 17%
- Other Income - 1%



Expenses: \$1,553,915

- Neighbourhood Group Salaries, Admin & Summer Staff - 71%
- Programs: FEWD, NEHM, Parent Outreach Worker - 21%
- Office, Insurance, Overhead, Professional Fees - 8%



"Thank you to Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition team members and volunteers for your dedication, compassion, and commitment. Your efforts have strengthened connections, supported those in need, and helped build more caring, resilient neighbourhoods. Guelph is better for your continued partnerships and community spirit."

Dominique O'Rourke,
Member of Parliament for Guelph

2025 Board Members

Co-Chairs

Stewart McDonough - Sunny Acres Neighbourhood Group

Megan Harron - Children's Foundation GW

Treasurer

Naima Mohamood - Onward Willow NG

Secretary

Joy Sammy - The Junction NG

Members

Sony Brar - Wellington Catholic District School Board

Krista Sibbilin - Community Mental Health Association WW

Shea Dahuja - Family and Children's Services GW

Ishan Angra - Member-at-Large

Jen Britton - Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group

Bodhana Sivagurunathan - WestminsterWoods NG

Anna Vander Laan - WDG Public Health



Special thank you to **Daria Allan-Ebron**,
Family and Children's Services GW

Coalition Partners

1. City of Guelph
2. Family and Children's Services GW
3. Community Mental Health Association WW
4. County of Wellington Social Services
5. WDG Public Health
6. Upper Grand District School Board
7. Wellington Catholic District School Board
8. Guelph Community Health Centre
9. Family Health Team
10. Children's Foundation GW
11. Immigrant Services GW

"Healthy communities are built through connection, courage, and care for one another. The GNHC brings neighbourhoods, schools, and community partners together in meaningful ways to create spaces of belonging, support, and hope where children, youth, and families can truly flourish."

Sony Brar, MSW., RSW.,

Mental Health Lead, Senior Manager of Student Mental Health Services Wellington Catholic District School Board

Thank you to Our INCREDIBLE funders

Level 1 (\$500,000+)

City of Guelph



Level 2 (\$100,000+)

Canada Summer Jobs - Government of Canada

Level 3 (\$50-99,000)

United Way GWD

Level 4 (\$25,000-49,000)

Guelph Community Foundation

Ontario Trillium Foundation

Opening Opportunities (10C)

Youth Climate Action Fund

Level 5 (up to \$25,000)

Family and Children's Services GW

Canadian Mental Health Association WW

Greater Toronto YMCA

Second Chance Employment Counseling

Denso Manufacturing Canada, Inc.

Special Thank you to...



**For the courage to support the
community every single year!**

"Guelph is fortunate to have the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition and its amazing staff and volunteers! They help everyone feel welcome and connected by supporting the community programs and services people need. The Coalition evolves and adapts with courage as Guelph grows. Thank you GNSC!"

**Mike Schreiner,
Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph**

