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The Geoffrey H. Wood Foundation, a private charitable foundation, was founded by the late Geoffrey H. and Edith A. Wood on August 7, 1987 with the proceeds from the sale of the G. H. Wood & Company Limited which was known coast-to-coast by its slogan 'Sanitation for the Nation'.

Geoffrey H. Wood

Mr. Wood was born in England in 1896, an only child. Infatuated at an early age with travel brochures of Canada, he decided to apply for employment in Western Canada as a farm hand. His application was accepted and, at the age of 15, he set sail for Canada.

A born salesman, he was often quoted as saying he'd rather sell than eat. In 1922 he started his sales career selling Lilly paper cups to insurance companies. Over a business career spanning 65 years, Mr. Wood was always a maverick Canadian entrepreneur, honoured by admission to both the Canadian Sales Hall of Fame and the very prestigious Canadian Business Hall of Fame.

Mr. Wood was also a Canadian movie pioneer. In 1946, he backed the production of a full length feature film titled "Bush Pilot". The film was shot in Muskoka, Ontario and can be found today in the National Archives in Ottawa.



MISSION

In the tradition of our founders, The Geoffrey H. Wood Foundation strives to enhance the quality of human life.

The Foundation seeks innovative, creative and collaborative projects, predominantly in the greater Toronto area, that provoke positive change and have a lasting effect on the lives of the people they touch.

FUNDING INTERESTS AND TYPES OF SUPPORT

The Foundation will accept applications for funding of community projects and non-hospital healthcare projects conducted in the Greater Toronto Area.

Grants will be considered for computers/technology, equipment, matching funds, operating and program funds, and seed money.

Applicants should be aware that non-hospital healthcare projects *exclude* those conducted by national organizations and that the Foundation's annual grant budget for non-hospital healthcare projects will not normally exceed \$50,000 and may, in any year, be less.

MAJOR GRANTS IN PROGRESS

Since January 1, 2004, the major funding focus for the Foundation has been the family and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future.

Gerontology

Concerned about gerontology and care for the elderly, the Foundation entered into a five-year agreement in 2004 with the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and the Baycrest Foundation to jointly fund the establishment of a mood and related disorders clinic. The clinic to which the Foundation committed \$1 million has become the model for innovation in care, research and education efforts in the understanding and treatment of mood disorders in the elderly.

At the same time, Etobicoke Services for Seniors was awarded a five-year, \$200,000 grant by the Foundation to enable it to expand and enhance the community transportation services provided to senior citizens in Etobicoke.

The Foundation's participation in these projects has now been completed. Work is currently underway to identify the next gerontology project(s) for investment.

Post-secondary School Scholarships

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, the Foundation established an innovative post-secondary school scholarship program in 2004 as a way of investing in Canada's future. Entitled the Geoffrey and Edith Wood Memorial Scholarship program, the Foundation committed to provide \$100,000 in scholarship funding each year to ten inner city/inner suburban Toronto high schools for a minimum of five years. The scholarships are awarded to graduates pursuing post-secondary education at a university, a community college or in an apprenticeship program. The recipients are selected by their teachers.

In 2009, the scholarship program was renewed for a further three years for students graduating from four of the original schools and six new schools.

Economic Self-Sufficiency for Single Mothers

In August, 2005, the Foundation joined with the Ontario Trillium Foundation to fund a five-year project called *Women Moving Forward*. The goal of the project is to provide an integrated and comprehensive program for low-income single and unemployed mothers between the ages of 20 and 29 that will lead to economic self-sufficiency. The project is being led by the Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre in collaboration with a number of community partners including Seneca College and York University. The Foundation and Trillium have committed \$936,000 and \$300,000 respectively to the project.

The Foundation and Trillium's funding has been completed. However, the Foundation continues to provide modest interim financing while the program seeks a new funder.

The Children and Youth of North Etobicoke

In 2006, the Foundation completed the development and implementation of a three-pronged initiative to benefit the children and youth of North Etobicoke.

In partnership with Arts Etobicoke, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Toronto Arts Council and other funders, the Foundation committed \$75,000 over three years to an arts project entitled "urbanNoise". The project is to develop and produce a three-year training and performance festival for youth at risk in the Jamestown area. The second element in the initiative is the establishment and commitment for five years to fund homework clubs for students in grades 5 to 8 at two junior middle schools in North Etobicoke - The Elms JMS and Greenholme JMS. In addition to homework support, each program will provide a nutritious snack, a recreation opportunity and practical life skills programming. The total program cost is \$800,000. Finally, the Foundation made a four-year \$200,000 commitment to a North Etobicoke pilot project with the United Way and an anonymous donor. The Bridge to Success program at North Albion Collegiate Institute is designed with community partners to create a culture of student success within the school by providing academic supports, mentorship and incentives for students to complete high school and make the transition to post-secondary education and/or employment training.

All of these initiatives will have matured by June 2011 by which time a new opportunity for investment will have been identified.

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

Ordinarily grants will ***not*** be made for or to the following:

- annual fund appeals
- athletics and sporting events
- arts, culture and environmental projects
- competitions, tours, special events
- deficit financing, emergency funds and endowment funds
- hospitals except where invited to apply by the Foundation
- individuals
- major capital projects
- private foundations or other granting agencies
- sabbatical or academic leaves
- seminars, workshops, conferences

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Applications must be submitted in writing and include:

- a brief summary of the applicant's history, objectives and activities
- the names of the applicant's officers and directors
- the amount of funding requested and the specific purpose for which the funds are required
- a budget breakdown of the project in question
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- copies of the applicant's most recent annual report and audited financial statements
- the applicant's CRA charitable registration number

Applications must be received in the Foundation's office by April 1st for May/June Board consideration and by October 1st for November/December consideration.

They should be mailed to:

**Executive Director
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Submissions by fax or email will not be accepted.

PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION

Applications and enquiries will be acknowledged promptly.

Project files will be established for those applications which meet the Foundation's current funding interests; after comprehensive staff review, each application will be tabled for consideration at the next meeting of the Board of Directors at which the applicant may be requested to make a formal presentation.

All applicants will be notified of the Board's decision following its review.

All Board decisions are final, and reasons will not normally be given when the application is not approved.

Approved applicants will be accountable to the Foundation for the disposition of the grant funds received.

