



United Nations Culture of Peace Hamilton Fund

An inspirational idea, a vision of the possible.

A Culture of Peace is far more than the absence of war. A less adversarial culture benefits the whole community. It fosters cooperation, reduces social friction and personal conflict that can occasionally lead to violence.

For the past fourteen years Culture of Peace Hamilton (a affiliate of United Nations in Canada – Hamilton Branch) has focused its efforts on inviting people locally to follow six paths of action proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly under the name Manifesto 2000. These pathways point to actions that can help diverse communities function better with simple everyday actions and greater cooperation.

The six pathways were researched by UNESCO and drafted by Nobel Peace Laureates. They are: Respect all life, Reject violence, Share with others, Listen to understand, Preserve the planet, and Rediscover solidarity. Worldwide seventy-five million people have pledged to follow this advice in their own communities and cities.

Culture of Peace Hamilton is following the pathways by reinforcing spiritual values, working with like-minded groups and individuals on environmental issues, planting fields of peace including labyrinths and peace walks, creating artworks, and cooperating with city departments, the Centre for Peace Studies at McMaster University and many other organizations to form an inclusive, compassionate society that will be a safe and engaging place to raise a child.

Your support of the *United Nations Culture of Peace Hamilton Fund* will provide ongoing support to these important peace initiatives.

Donations can be made online at hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca or by mailing a cheque payable to Hamilton Community Foundation to:

Hamilton Community Foundation
120 King Street West, Suite 700
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Please indicate 'Culture of Peace Fund' on the memo line of your cheque. Donations are tax receiptable.

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HCF Facts

Year ended March 31, 2014

- Total assets: \$155.8 million
- HCF operating expenses: 1.5% of average total assets
- Donations received: \$6.6 million
- Grants: \$6.4 million last year \$81 million since founding
- Impact investing portfolio: \$42 million
- HCF is one of more than 190 Canadian community foundations who together serve some 90 percent of Canadians

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About Hamilton Community Foundation

Our Vision

A vibrant, inclusive Hamilton.

Our Mission

To drive positive change by connecting people, ideas and resources.

We Do This By

- *Helping people give in a way that has meaning to them and impact in the community.*

Like other community foundations, HCF is unique from other charities because donors may support any area of charitable interest including arts and culture, education, health and human services, environment and recreation.

- *Supporting all aspects of community life through grants and financing to a wide range of charitable organizations and initiatives.*

Beyond our traditional granting, HCF is unique in Hamilton because we also offer loans to charitable organizations. This strategy puts more of our capital to work for Hamiltonians. We have also increased the amount of funds flowing to Hamilton programs by leveraging partnerships and matching gifts from a range of private and public partners.

- *Engaging in community leadership by bringing people together to address priority issues that affect Hamiltonians.*

Leadership is an HCF hallmark. We mobilize our knowledge, assets and relationships to address emerging community issues and opportunities, taking action to foster a vibrant, inclusive city.