

# OF FUNDS FOREVER DEDICATED TO THE GOOD OF BERMUDA

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

# WE'RE in it for GOOD



EFFICIENCIES FOR GRANT-MAKING \$1,444,250 GRANT COMMITMENTS

\$4.4 million TOTAL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

62

GRANTS SINCE INCEPTION

39

FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT

More local giving



Community
philanthropy
exists as a
practice in
Bermuda

FUND TYPES: ELEVEN WAYS TO ENGAGE



# **BCF** is here for GOOD

# **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN & CEO**

#### THE BERMUDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

is here — for good. Forgive the play on words, but it expresses the essence of the BCF, the organisation that exists for the good of the community, forever.

That's what our founding investors expected when they took a leap of faith and committed to supporting the BCF, enabling it to sprout from the seed of an idea to a scrappy, lean start-up.

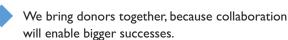
Having completed a full year since opening for business, the BCF has become an established, functioning organisation. Still lean — but with all the fundamentals and an effective infrastructure in place.

Today, we can confidently affirm that the BCF is delivering the services a community foundation should be delivering. Obviously there's much more to come — but you don't build a multi-storey edifice without a strong, enduring foundation.

Our first annual report provides a snapshot of the achievements so far. As you review the material we hope you come away with an understanding of three things:



We collect data — and that's key if we're going to understand community needs and the impact that can be made by planned philanthropy.





Thoughtful, strategic giving is our golden rule.

A few years ago — probably soon after the trauma of 2008 — philanthropy in Bermuda took a hit. With the disturbing signs of a reeling economy emerging, donors started narrowing their focus and the Government began to cut grants. It soon became glaringly obvious that the non-profit sector was not just a discretionary luxury to be cut at will, but a necessity that was in effect providing a social safety net for Bermuda. Faced with the serious reality, everyone — non-profits and their supporters — was compelled to start thinking more strategically. This is proving to be a positive outcome.

While much needed to change, one thing remains a constant: Bermuda depends on its non-profit sector for human and community services, for the conservation of our land and marine environment, for the proliferation of our arts, culture and heritage.

The Bermuda Community Foundation aims to be a permanent fixture on the philanthropic landscape. Because Bermuda needs the non-profit organisations we can support, for good.

PETER DURHAGER, CHAIRMAN

MYRA VIRGIL, CEO & MANAGING DIRECTOR

# **Getting started**



## THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

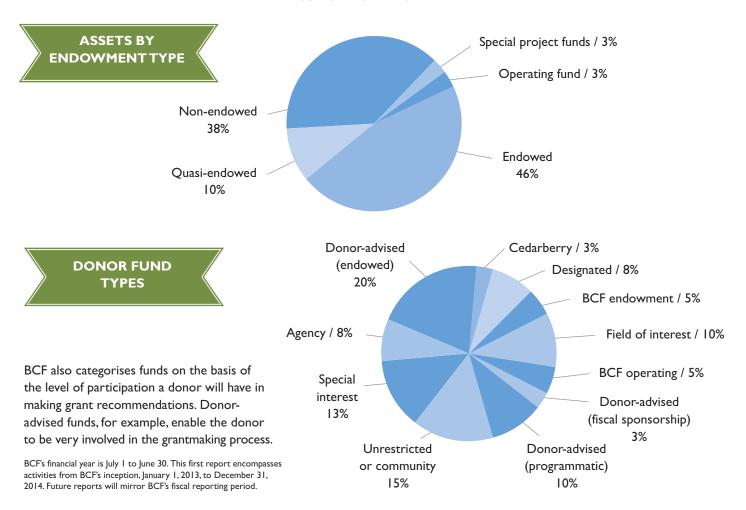
# Total giving: \$1,444,250 grant commitments through 62 grants since inception

The Bermuda Community Foundation (BCF) facilitates three types of grantmaking: I) donor-advised funds at BCF through applications submitted directly to the donor funds; 2) a Board-designated central operating fund for grants to effective programmes; and 3) provision of grants advisory services to donor individuals and entities. All of these grantmaking activities assist donors to direct their giving towards the areas that matter to them most and

drive funds towards nonprofit programmes that improve the quality of life in Bermuda.

Community foundations categorise the funds they hold in different ways, depending on how the funds are to be used and how they will be managed. BCF currently manages 39 funds. Some of these funds are invested for the long or medium term (endowed or quasi-endowed) and some are managed and disbursed in the short term (1–2 years, non-endowed, operating and special projects).

### 39 FUNDS AT BCF



# Giving by strategic area: inception to Dec. 2014

Youth Achievement and Community-Based Education

\$544,500

25 Grants

Strategy: Ensuring that community members, particularly youth living at or below the poverty line have access to enriching educational and extracurricular opportunities that encourage career interests, mentoring relationships and the development of leadership skills

Arts for All and Bermuda's Heritage

\$55,000

2 Grants

Strategy: Advancing arts and culture initiatives investment organisations that provide access, enlightenment and enjoyment for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to artistic, cultural and historical programming — in schools, community centres, museums, institutes and public spaces.

Caring
Community
\$398,500

18 Grants

Strategy: Support for programmes, services and research that improve the lives of families, seniors, the

seniors, the disabled and other vulnerable residents (including animals) facing immediate or longer-term threats of hunger, homelessness, isolation or unmet health and social needs.

Charitable
Infrastructure
and Community
Development

\$226,250

11 Grants

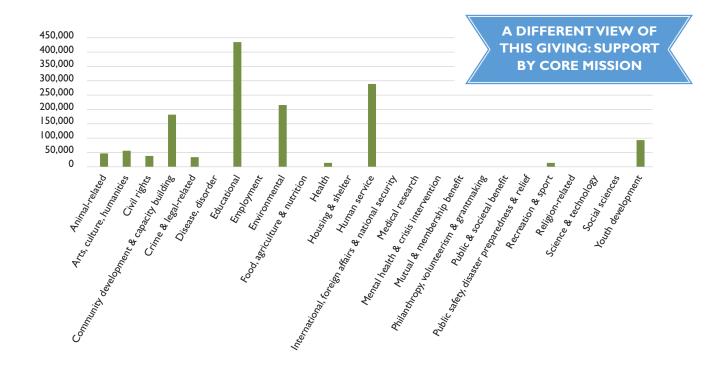
Strategy: Stabilising and strengthening Bermuda's non-profit organisations and neighbourhoods with personal and community development programmes, sports and recreation, community empowerment, and planned growth initiatives.

Green and Blue Community

\$220,000

6 Grants

Strategy: Protecting and enhancing the environment. both marine and terrestrial, for the health and enjoyment of the community. This includes preservation, education and advocacy programmes aimed at short and long term conservation of Bermuda's land, sea and their biodiversity.



# A deeper view of grantmaking at BCF



### **FUNDING FOR GREATER IMPACT**

Considered together, grants facilitated through BCF can achieve outcomes beyond the strategy or field of interest of a specific donor fund, programme or organisation. We believe that a comprehensive multi-pronged approach to grantmaking will ultimately help Bermuda tackle deeply entrenched social problems like poverty, unemployment,

or poor educational opportunities. We also believe that thinking about how grant funds are disbursed collectively helps us understand how we are doing on issues like creating access to opportunities, improving community health and well-being, or promoting the wide range of cultural, artistic and environmental activities that improve life in Bermuda. Here are the programme areas and issues that, collectively, donor funds at BCF have supported.





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Substance Abuse,
Dependency, Prevention
& Treatment

BCT Donor-Directed RenaissanceRe Charitable Fund XL Foundation Programme

# \$41,000

Youth Development Programmes (Mentoring)

BCT Donor-Directed RenaissanceRe Charitable Fund The Atlantic Philanthropies Donor-Directed Fund at BCF

## \$32,500

Organisational Development & Training

BCF Central Operating Fund BCT Donor-Directed RenaissanceRe Charitable Fund XL Foundation Programme

## \$40 000

Student Financial Aid (Scholarships)

RenaissanceRe Charitable Fund

## \$25,000

Volunteerism Promotion

RenaissanceRe Charitable Fund

## \$5,000

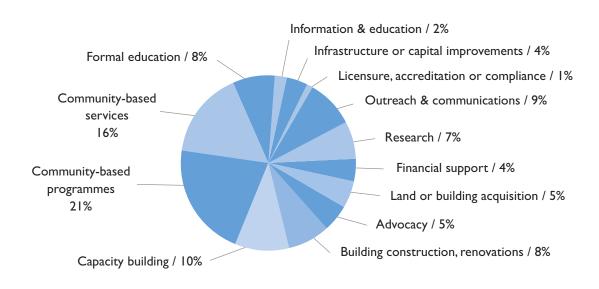
Transportation Assistance

Designated Gifts Programme Fund

# \$50,000 Wildlife Preservation & Protection

XL Foundation Programme

# DONORS SUPPORTED GRANTEES IN UNDERTAKING THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR MISSIONS





# **Programme highlights**

## FUNDS ESTABLISHED AT BCF...

DONOR FUNDS & GRANTMAKING: A SAMPLE OF THE FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT BCF

- The RenaissanceRe Charitable Fund has made significant contributions to nonprofits in the fields of youth development and human services; their giving has been enhanced by a keystone infrastructure grant to revamp parts of the Bermuda Railway Trail.
- The Streetwise MBA Programme was launched at Bermuda College, creating an opportunity for small business owners and nonprofit managers to deepen their knowledge of financial and business management techniques in order to improve their ability to manage their organisations successfully.
- Read•Write•Bermuda Campaign for Literacy:
  Established with a seed donation from the Buechner
  Society Fund of Bermuda, this campaign has
  contributed to efforts to improve literacy in
  Bermuda. Anyone who cares about reading, writing
  and numeracy can make a contribution to the fund!
- De Weg Fund for Education: Established by Rachel van de Weg, this fund exemplifies how creativity and matched-giving can grow a Cedarberry Fund into a Donor-Advised Fund in less than one year! Its founder will be ready to make grants from the fund in late 2015.

- RenaissanceRe Charity Challenge: Endowment contributions were pledged to the following agencies upon the launch of their own endowment funds at BCF: Greenrock, Western Stars Sports Club, The Family Centre, Coalition for the Protection of Children, Open Airways, Bermuda Debate Society, Bermuda High School for Girls PTA, Diversity Institute of Bermuda, National Dance Foundation, Bermuda Audubon Society, Bermuda National Association of Social Work, Ida James Memorial Fund for Social Work and Age Concern Bermuda.
- Ida James Memorial Fund for Social Work:
  When the Bermuda National Association of Social
  Workers decided to honour respected colleague
  the late Ida James, they believed an endowment
  fund would be a respectful tribute. Established in
  October 2014, investment returns will provide
  capacity building and professional development
  funding opportunities for practicing social workers,
  service providers and social work students or
  for community-based social work programmes.

# **Programme highlights**



# ... AND WHAT THEY ASPIRE TO ACHIEVE

SPECIAL INITIATIVES: SOME OF THE DONOR FUND AND BCF PROGRAMME INITIATIVES

- Early Childhood Development: Funding for research into 0–3-year-olds in Bermuda and why some are failing to thrive was made available through the Early Childhood Development Project and Research Fund, which was established by the Hemera Foundation with additional contributions from the Bank of Bermuda Foundation, the Gutteridge family and private donors. The first report is anticipated to be released for stakeholder consultation in April 2015.
- TalkWell Bermuda: In the works is a series of moderated blogs premised on the idea that respectful dialogue can help the community explore and resolve meaningful social issues. http://www.talkwell.org/
- Diversity Initiative Fund Tribute: The belief in the power of people to create change lives on in this fund established by the Diversity Institute of Bermuda. BCF will host DIB's former members in a celebration of the agency's work in 2015 through the public launch of the fund and the publication of a commemorative booklet.

- Give Bermuda Pilot: GiveBermuda.org, our online grantmaking platform, which we will make accessible to the whole philanthropic sector, has been re-launched. This will be a powerful resource for funders that do not currently have a grants management tool and who want access to a robust global platform without incurring the set-up and annual costs of managing one themselves.
- Friends of Bermuda Community Foundation:
  In December 2014, the Friends of BCF Foundation
  was established as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempted US
  company. Friends of BCF facilitates giving to
  Bermuda-based registered charities from American
  donors with a connection to Bermuda.
- SAC: On July 24, 2014, Conyers Dill & Pearman advised BCF on its conversion to and registration as a segregated accounts company under the Segregated Accounts Companies (SAC) Act. As a segregated accounts company, BCF now has the capability to establish segregated charitable funds (i.e., ring fencing Donor-Advised Funds and Agency Funds for significant donor groups from other community funds, protecting them from liabilities or obligations of other funds).

For more information and details on how to make contributions to Funds at BCF, go to www.bcf.bm



# Summary statement of financial activities

### for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	BCF Operating Funds	BCF Endowment Funds	Non- Endowment Funds	Endowment Funds	2014 2014	2013 2013	Notes
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Income Funding received Donations and other	466,299 891	_	534,537	_	1,000,836 891	7,242 3,420	I
income Total income	467,190	-	534,537	_	1,001,727	10,662	
Expenditure Grants and	_	_	534,537	_	534,537	_	2
contributions							
Operating expenses	467,190	_	_		467,190	10,662	
Total expenditure	467,190	_	534,537	_	1,001,727	10,662	
Net surplus (deficit)		_	_	_	_		
BALANCE SHEET AS A	T JUNE 30, 2	2014			2014	2013	
					\$	\$	
Investments Investment in property					454,000	-	6
Fixed assets Computer equipment					4,660	-	
Current assets Cash at bank and in hand Prepaid expenses					3,930,842 2,900	908,709	
					3,933,742	908,709	
Total assets					4,392,402	908,709	
Current liabilities Accounts payable					17,880	7,230	
Non-current liabilities Deferred contributions					1 154 745	(2/ 044	_
BCF Operating Funds Non-Endowment funds					1,154,745	636,044 265,435	5 5
					2,645,643	901,479	
<b>Equity</b> BCF Endowment Funds Endowment Funds					1,500,000 228,879		4
					1,728,879	_	
Total liabilities & equity					4,392,402	908,709	

# Notes to the financial statements



#### I Funding received

The Bermuda Community Foundation (the "Foundation") has elected the Deferral method of accounting for contributions. Endowment funds are held as capital funds and as such are not normally expendable.

The income from investing capital endowment funds is expendable.

No income was earned on endowment funds for the current and prior year, as the funds will only be invested in August 2014. Non-Endowment Funds are only in the form of restricted contributions.

All current period expenses for Non-endowment funds are recognised as revenue/funding received.

All future expenses under Non-endowment funds are deferred and recognised as revenue in the same period the expenses are recognised.

All funding received to finance the operations of the Foundation is classified as either BCF Endowment Funds (if the capital funds are not expendable) or BCF Operating Funds (if the capital funds are expendable).

### 2 Grants and contributions

This expenditure includes all grants and contributions made by the Foundation from both Endowment and Non-endowment funds.

In the current and prior year, no grants and contributions were made from Endowment funds.

A summary of the expenditure is provided below:

	Non-Endov	wment Funds 2013
Grant recipients	\$	\$
Financial Sustainability & Streetwise MBA @ Bermuda College	82,250	_
Friends of Bermuda Railway	120,000	_
The Family Centre	75,000	_
YouthNet	20,000	_
Bermuda Sloop	100,000	_
Knowledge Quest	10,000	_
The Reading Clinic	20,000	_
Windreach Bermuda	20,000	_
ABIC Scholarships / RenRe	5,000	_
Early Childhood Development Project & Research	42,287	_
Cedarbridge PTSA — Read, Write, Bermuda Campaign Partnership	40,000	
Total	534,537	_

### 3 Operating expenses

These costs represent the programme and development support costs of running the Foundation.

These operational expenses include the costs of administering grant programmes and can be broken down and summarised as follows:

	2014	2013	
	\$	\$	
Programme development	74,440	8,004	
Office administration	26,185	2,644	
Legal expenses	2,500	14	
Rent and utilities	14,400	_	
Software implementation and maintenance	239,219	_	
Salaries and wages	110,446		
Total	467,190	10,662	



# Notes to the financial statements

### 4 Equity

Endowment funds are recognized directly in equity. This relates to capital funds which are not expendable. A summary is provided as follows:

<i>'</i>	2014	2013
BCF Endowment Funds	\$	\$
The Atlantic Philanthropies	1,000,000	_
RenaissanceRe	500,000	
Total Endowment Funds	1,500,000	-
Donor-Directed (Includes Cedarberry)	185,615	_
Designated	4,950	_
Field of Interest	35,814	_
Agency	2,500	
Total	228,879	_
Total endowment funds	1,728,879	_

#### 5 Deferred contributions

All Non-Endowment Funds are in the form of restricted contributions. All future expenses under Non-endowment funds are deferred and recognised as revenue in the same period the expenses are recognised. Funding received in the form of expendable capital, to finance the operations of the Foundation, is classified under BCF Operating Funds.

The Foundation's Operating Fund balance as at year end is \$1,154,745 (2013: \$636,044). The donors to the BCF Operating Fund are listed below:

### **BCF Operating Fund donors**

The Atlantic Philanthropies

The Atlantic Philanthropies — Challenge Match

RenaissanceRe

Bloomberg Philanthropies

XL Foundation

CF Feasibility Assessment Contribution

Bridge Charitable Trust

Conyers Dill & Pearman (Gift-in-kind)

Core Operating Regrant c/o Fiscal Agent

The Foundation's Non-Endowment Fund donors and Deferred Contribution balances are summarised below:

	2014	2013
Non-Endowment Fund donors	\$	\$
The Atlantic Philanthropies Fund at BCF	150,000	_
RenaissanceRe Charitable Fund	1,030,000	_
RenaissanceRe Designated Funds	_	_
(Friends of Railway Trail, Bermuda Sloop Foundation)		
Buechner Society of Bermuda Fund for Family Literacy & Literature	85,000	_
Financial Sustainability & Streetwise MBA Regrant	55,500	137,750
BYDFC Capacity Building Regrant	41,860	41,860
Capacity Building Regrant	85,825	85,825
Early Childhood Development Project & Research Funders	7,713	_
Hemera	35,000	
	1,490,898	265,435

### 6 Investment in property

Investment in property represents assets owned by The Foundation for capital appreciation or rental income. During April 2014, as a part of the BCF Endowment received from The Atlantic Philanthropies, 1,343 shares in the Sterling House building were transferred to the Foundation. These shares were independently valued at \$338 per share representing a total market value of \$454,000.

# The strategy for change



### **INCREASED PHILANTHROPIC RESOURCES AND CAPACITIES**

ROBUST, MULTI-PURPOSE		FIT-FOR-PURPOSE,		PROVEN FUND	DEEP
PHILANTHROPIC		ADVANCED		INVESTMENT	SECTOR
INFRASTRUCTURE		TECHNOLOGY		STRATEGIES	KNOWLEDGE
I. Build and operate the community foundation	2. Fund development/build permanent endowments	5. Online donations and individual campaigns	6. Information management and technology	3. Manage and invest funds	4. Grantmaking, managed programmes, donor services
Platform for structured, sustained giving addresses ever-changing sector and social needs	Planned and legacy gifts become a sustaining nonprofit revenue stream	Simplified, more efficient, more accessible giving and fundraising systems enhance transactions	Donor decisions are influenced by data and metrics; better access to information on social programmes	Pooled invest- ment portfolio yields returns while segregated accounting ensures that funds go to intended purposes	Shared philanth- ropic services/ systems reduce fees; improve efficiencies, increase and diversify invest- ments in effective solutions to problems
Permanence	Endurance	Effectiveness  Easier giving	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Growth</b>	Efficiency
Local giving	Lasting giving		Smarter giving	More funding	Less waste

Community philanthropy exists as a practice in Bermuda: it positively impacts how giving is done (donor's philanthropic wishes are respected; giving is impactful); how the philanthropic environment is experienced (accessible, equitable) and how the sector is sustained.



# **OUR TEAM**

### **BCF** Board of Directors

Peter Durhager, Chair
Michael Brace
Brian O'Hara
Amanda Outerbridge
Michael Schrum, Treasurer
Nikkita Scott
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(February 2015—present)
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### and private donors

A community foundation is an independent grantmaking organisation comprised of permanent and component funds established by many donors to carry out their charitable interests for the broader interests of and benefit of local residents and to offer a solution to simply charitable giving.