

Annual Report

2021



**Peter Gilgan
Foundation**

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Welcome Message

2021 was another year of enormous global upheaval, and in many ways the challenges facing the world have never seemed so daunting.

The rapid resurgence of COVID-19 continues to disrupt hard fought gains against the pandemic, and our health care workers continue to be asked to find new reservoirs of strength and commitment.

The unequal effect of the pandemic across different communities continues to leave many lacking the opportunities to prosper.

After far too long, many in the country are bearing witness to the cruel history of Canada's treatment of Indigenous people, yet true reconciliation remains elusive.

And the devastation being wrought by climate change, combined with the weight of the knowledge that more is surely to follow, can cause despair and paralysis.

Yet, through it all, our charitable partners continue to innovate, iterate, and problem solve in ways that never cease to amaze. Their resilience and commitment to positive change is a beacon of hope in an exceptionally challenging time.

This year, Peter Gilgan Foundation donated nearly \$25 million in support of our partners' efforts, and we are pleased to share this report highlighting a selection of the work being done. It is our privilege to support them, and we hope you enjoy learning more.



2021 Financial Overview

In 2021, Peter Gilgan Foundation donated nearly **\$25 million**.



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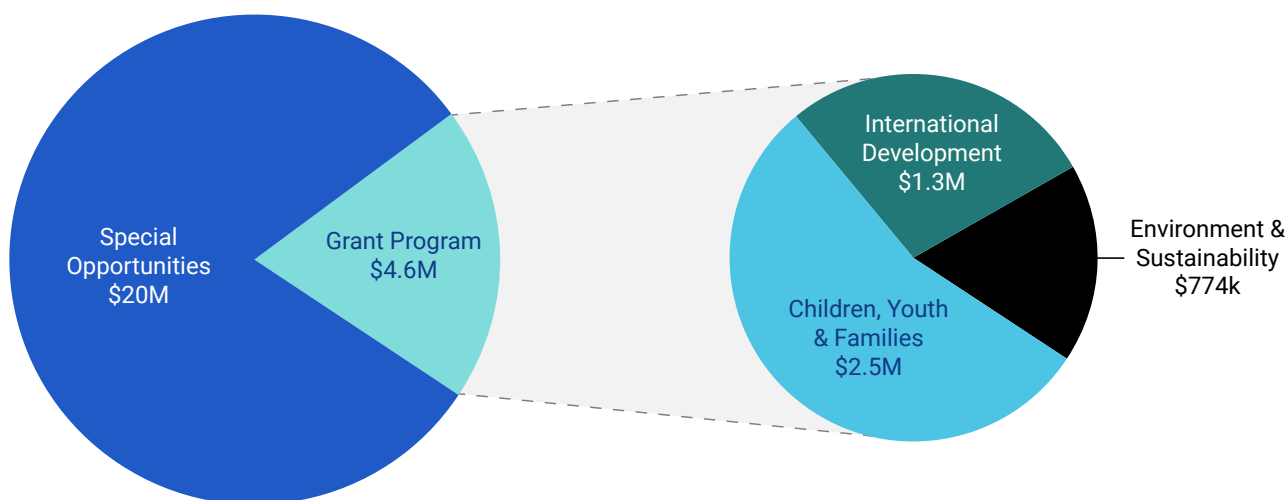
**\$20
million**

was distributed to long-term and strategic partners in our Special Opportunities Program.



**\$4.6
million**

was awarded via the Grant Program to 63 partners addressing our Children, Youth & Families, International Development, and Environment & Sustainability priorities.



- \$2.5 million to 38 Children, Youth & Families grants
- \$1.3 million to 14 International Development grants
- \$774K to 11 Environment & Sustainability grants



Tour de Bleu



Tour de Bleu 2021: Back in the Saddle!

After postponing the Tour in 2020, this year we raised nearly \$5 million for Trillium Health Partners' Seniors Care Program, to help older adults achieve their best health and quality of life. Funds raised will contribute towards a new service model including expanded virtual platforms to connect seniors, their families, and experts. This will result in reduced hospital visits and better outcomes for older adults.



50+

Number of philanthropists
who took part in 2021



\$4.7 million+

Dollars raised in 2021 –
another record-breaking year!



133%

Expected increase in the
region's senior population
over the next 20 years

Tour de Bleu 2019: Looking Back at the Impact

The past 20 months have brought intense isolation and uncertainty, severely compounding a pre-existing mental health crisis among Canada's youth. We're pleased to take this opportunity to report on the impact of the \$4.4 million raised by Tour de Bleu 2019. The funds were dedicated towards CAMH's excellent work supporting youth mental illness prevention and recovery, which has been vitally important during the pandemic.

\$4.4 million raised by Tour de Bleu 2019 contributed to:

- 4 new YWHOs (Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario), taking the total number up to 14; YWHOs provide a one-stop-shop model of community-based mental health care and other supports for young people ages 13 to 29.
- Testing and evaluation of a Depression Early Warning digital tool that detects relapse in youth with depression before symptoms become severe.

Special Opportunities

The Peter Gilgan Foundation occasionally makes large commitments to critical health care and community institutions embarking on time-limited, large-scale, transformational efforts. We call these partnerships 'Special Opportunities'.

SickKids Hospital's Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning

In the PGCRL, conversations can spark breakthroughs. That's what happened when scientists with different specialties housed together in the PGCRL's Cell Biology neighbourhood collaborated to study patients with an unknown inflammation disorder.

Daniel was the most affected patient. A positive kid, he took illness in stride. But life was restricted. He was unable to join in the rough and tumble of childhood play or team sports, like hockey, that forge bonds in his hometown. He took a slew of medications and spent time at SickKids when his symptoms flared up. For over a decade, the cause of Daniel's illness had his doctors stumped.

The SickKids research team was determined to unravel the mystery. Gene sequencing and basic science sleuthing led to a series of discoveries that found a rare new disease and its cause—a protein called ARPC1B that was missing in Daniel and underperforming in the other patients. Finally, Daniel and his fellow patients had a definitive diagnosis.

The discovery led to the possibility of a cure for Daniel: a bone marrow transplant. Daniel now has a new, fully functioning immune system, complete with the missing protein. "Life-altering" is how Daniel's mother, Christina, describes the discovery. "To think it took this long and so many minds is humbling," she says.



Daniel at the summit of an 8.5km hike, a feat that was out of reach before his transplant. Today, Daniel is a bright, funny, happy teenager who's into cars and wants to be a doctor.

“ Our discovery is a perfect example of how the PGCRL brings people together. ”

– Dr. Walter Kahr, Senior Scientist, Cell Biology

Special Opportunities cont.

2021 marks the final year of the Peter Gilgan Foundation's 10-year, \$40 million gift to SickKids Hospital for the Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning (PGCRL), a hub of excellence in paediatric research.



Special Opportunities 2021 Donation Summary

Ryerson University \$800,000 for Mattamy Athletic Centre as part of a 10-year \$8,000,000 commitment

SickKids Hospital \$1,513,879 for Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning as part of a 10-year \$40,000,000 commitment

SickKids Hospital \$10,000,000 for Gilgan Family Patient Care Centre as part of a 10-year \$100,000,000 commitment

St. Joseph's Hospital \$2,000,000 for Gilgan Family Wing as part of a 5-year \$10,000,000 commitment

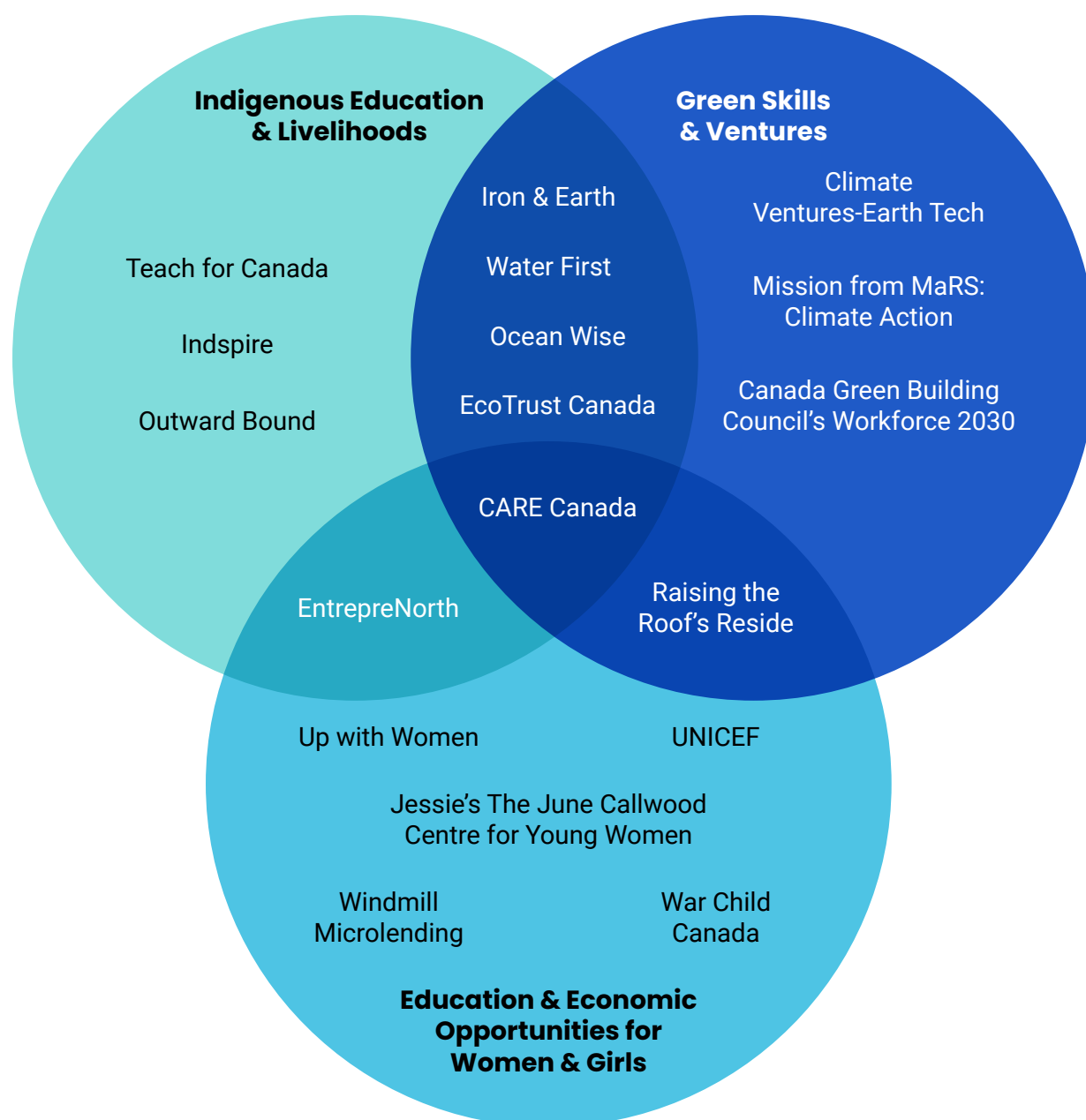
St. Michael's Hospital \$3,000,000 for Peter Gilgan Patient Care Tower as part of a 10-year \$30,000,000 commitment

Trillium Health Partners \$2,433,554 for the Seniors Care Program, as part of Tour de Bleu 2021

Board Discretionary \$183,300 to support a number of special partnerships initiated by Board members. Recipients include Children's Aid Foundation and YMCA Oakville

Grant Program

63 grants were made through our Grant Program in 2021. While the following pages categorize the grants by our funding themes (Children, Youth & Families; Environment & Sustainability; and International Development), many of our grants create impact across these themes. For example, at the intersections of economic opportunities, poverty alleviation, and environmental protection:



Grant Program cont.

Environment & Sustainability

In 2021, our Environment & Sustainability grants focused on green skills and ventures, sustainable and affordable food and energy, and youth climate leadership.

Projects like **Mission from MaRS: Climate Action** and **Climate Ventures' Earth Tech** are helping talented clean-tech entrepreneurs to develop and scale climate solutions.

Flash Forest is a great example: a reforestation start-up that modifies drones to fire rapidly germinating tree seeds into the earth, creating green jobs and building natural carbon capture and storage.

Workforce 2030 and **Iron & Earth** provide training, skills development, and routes to employment in green construction and renewable energy.

Meanwhile **EcoTrust Canada** is creating green jobs and providing clean, affordable energy for rural, remote, and Indigenous communities. Replacing diesel furnaces with central air-source heat pumps increases reliability of heating, saves money, and reduces GHG emissions.



Photo credit: Climate Ventures' Earth Tech



Photo credit: Iron & Earth

Environment & Sustainability 2021 Grant Summary

Green Skills and Ventures

Centre for Social Innovation Institute \$60,000 for Climate Ventures Earth Tech

MaRS Discovery District \$150,000 for Mission from Mars: Climate Action

Mohawk College \$100,000 for Workforce 2030 - Rapid Upskilling for Green Building

Small Change Fund \$40,000 for Iron & Earth

Sustainable and Affordable Food and Energy

EcoTrust Canada \$60,000 for Scaling Up Clean Home Energy Retrofits with Rural and Indigenous Communities in BC

Leftovers Foundation \$25,000 for Rescue Food Program

London Environmental Institute \$50,000 for Greener Homes London

MakeWay Charitable Society \$24,000 for Not Far From the Tree

Youth Climate Leadership

David Suzuki Foundation \$100,000 for ChargedUp

Earth Rangers \$100,000 for Project 2050: Community Climate Goals

EcoSchools Canada \$65,000 for Locally and Culturally Relevant Certification Program

Grant Program cont.

International Development

In 2021, our International Development grants focused on the UN Sustainable Development Goals of maternal and child health, and education and economic opportunities for women and girls.

This is Darling Melissa Vicente Amador, a participant in a **CARE Canada**-led consortium supporting small-scale farmers in Honduras. The project focuses on marginalized Indigenous women, providing training to affirm their social, political, and economic rights as well as practical skills in new technologies and climate change resilient farming.

University of Cape Town and **Partners In Health** are training the next generation of local paediatricians and building capacity in specialized pediatric care in Sub-Saharan Africa and Haiti, respectively.



International Development 2021 Grant Summary

Education and Economic Opportunities for Women and Girls

Canadian Feed the Children \$75,000 for The Ethiopia Livelihood & Gender Equality Initiative

Canadian Organization for Development through Education \$20,000 for Girls Accelerated Learning Initiative

CARE Canada \$150,000 for Support for Small-scale Farmers in the Lempa Region of Honduras

Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology \$101,618 for WASH in Schools Program in East Africa

Operation Eyesight Canada \$90,000 for Strengthening WASH and Improving Livelihoods in Rural Ethiopia

UNICEF \$100,000 for UNdaunted by STEM: Investing in Girls In Ghana

War Child Canada \$34,000 for Fortifying Equality and Economic Diversification for Resilience in South Sudan

World Bicycle Relief \$200,000 for Mobilized Communities in Hwange

Maternal and Child Health

HealthBridge Foundation of Canada \$70,000 for Improving Adolescent Reproductive Health and Gender Equality in Vietnam

Orbis Canada \$90,251 for Expanding Retinopathy of Prematurity Screening and Treatment in Bangladesh

Partners In Health \$144,867 for Transforming Pediatric Care at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais in Haiti

Plan International Canada \$100,000 for Healthy Women and Girls in Mozambique

University of Cape Town \$75,000 for African Pediatric Fellowship Program

World Vision Canada \$100,000 for Maternal & Child Health for Vulnerable Populations

Grant Program cont.

Children, Youth & Families

In 2021, our Children, Youth & Families grants focused on Indigenous education and livelihoods, promoting educational success and access to post-secondary education, routes to employment for young people, support for marginalized women and young mothers, and community wellbeing.

Most of our partners focus on holistic, integrated solutions that cater to participants' social, emotional, and wellness needs in addition to providing practical supports to achieve educational and employment success.

Access to fresh, nutritious, affordable food is a cross-cutting theme across many programs. New-to-us this year, **MABELLEarts** is a community-led organization in Central Etobicoke that is transitioning the MABELLEpantry from an emergency response to food insecurity, to a long-term sustainable market model.

Organizations like **Teach for Canada** and **Indspire** help to address the significant educational inequalities facing Indigenous youth in Canada.

Meanwhile, **EntrepreNorth**, **Water First**, and others are helping to develop opportunities for sustainable livelihoods in Indigenous communities in the North.



Children, Youth & Families 2021 Grant Summary

Indigenous Youth

Indspire \$25,000 for Building Brighter Futures

Level \$100,000 for Increase Equitable Access to Justice with a Special Focus on Indigenous Youth

MakeWay Charitable Society \$100,000 for EntrepreNorth

Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc. \$60,000 for Ndinawe Operations

Ocean Wise Conservation Association \$25,900 for Securing Sustainable Northern Fisheries

Outward Bound Canada \$115,000 for Programs for Indigenous Participants

Teach for Canada \$150,000 for National Expansion

Water First \$50,000 for Water First Internship Program and Alumni Network

Educational Success and Access to Post-Secondary

Pathways to Education \$150,000 for Pathways - Graduate Resilient Youth

Seneca College \$92,000 for Youth 2 Post-Secondary program

Shad Canada \$50,000 for Shad Accessibility Initiative

Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation \$35,000 for Take a Hike Program

Trails Youth Initiatives \$20,000 for Four Seasons, Four Years, For Life

United Way Halton & Hamilton \$50,000 for Putting Down Roots: Supporting Racialized, Newcomer Youth Achieve Educational Success

United Way Windsor Essex \$100,000 for On Track to Success

Youth Without Shelter \$50,000 for Stay in School Program

Routes to Employment for Young People

Business in the Streets \$36,000 for BITS 2021 Entrepreneurship Programs

CivicAction Leadership Foundation \$100,000 for Inclusive Leadership Development Opportunities

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation \$50,000 for Leading the Way to Employment for Youth with Disabilities

NPower Canada \$100,000 for Launching Underserved Canadian Youth into Sustainable Tech Careers

Raising the Roof \$99,500 for Reside: Overcoming Barriers to Success through Trades Career Training and Affordable Housing

Toronto District School Board \$100,000 for STEP to Construction

Weston Frontlines Centre \$50,000 for B-You and Find your Fit

YMCA of Greater Toronto \$60,000 for Black Achievers

Youth Employment Services \$50,000 for YES General Operating Expenses

Empowering Marginalized Women and Young Mothers

Access Community Capital Fund \$40,000 for Women's Business Accelerator

Aunt Leah's Independent Lifeskills Society \$15,000 for Thresholds Residential Program Expansion: Interrupting the Cycle of Foster Care for Mothers from Care and their Children

Jessie's - The June Callwood Centre for Young Women \$50,000 for Giving At-Risk Teens the Tools to Succeed Through Education and Economic Development

Massey Centre \$50,000 for Educational Programs for Adolescent Mothers and Babies

Newcomer Women's Services, Toronto \$25,000 for Sisters Prosper: Supporting Immigrant Women Into Employment

Up With Women \$100,000 for Helping Families Exit Poverty Through Employment and Entrepreneurship Coaching and Training

Windmill Microlending \$50,000 for Supporting Proven Solutions for Skilled Immigrants and Refugees

Youth and Community Wellbeing

Covenant House \$75,000 for Health & Wellness at Covenant House

Dixon Hall \$40,000 for Dixon Hall Children & Youth in Regent Park

MABELLEarts \$22,000 for MABELLEpantry - Emergency Response Transitions to Recovery Model

MakeWay Charitable Society \$50,000 for East Scarborough Storefront

Regent Park School of Music \$75,000 for Helping Kids Aged 9-18 Thrive Through Music

Second Harvest \$100,000 for Food Rescue and Delivery for Children and Youth



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Impact Investing

The Peter Gilgan Foundation does not have an endowment. However, we do recognize impact investing as an important lever for change as we all work towards a more healthy, prosperous, and sustainable future.

To date, we have committed \$2 million to impact investments and are on our way to building a robust portfolio.

Our current portfolio is focused on the themes of Health & Wellness, and Environment, with a significant concentration of investment in sustainable food systems.

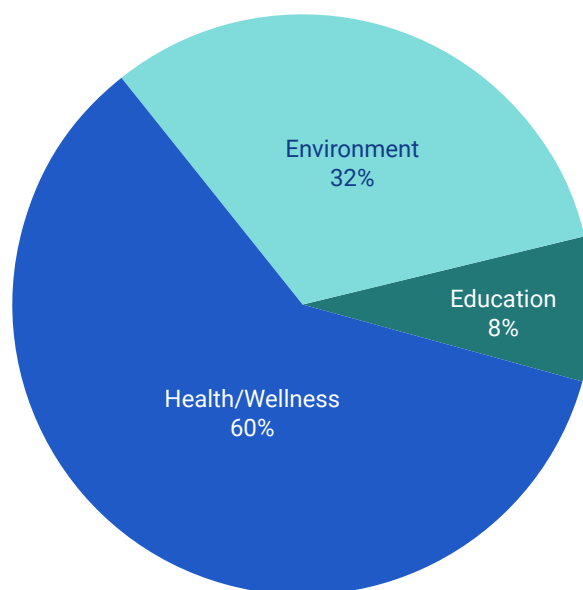


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Peter Gilgan Foundation is proud to include the InvestEco Sustainable Food Fund as part of our current portfolio. This Toronto-based, environmentally focused venture capital firm has invested in over 30 individual companies since its inception in 1999. Their mission is to “build companies that matter” by investing in firms that will provide strong financial returns in the sustainable food and agriculture sectors, as well as promote health and mitigate environmental impact. InvestEco is a forerunner in the Impact Investing space, and has been involved in the launch of many leading international sustainable food brands.



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