

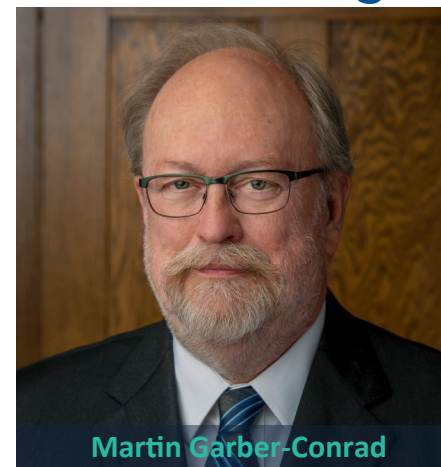
Edmonton's Black Community Fund

Edmonton's Black Community Fund was set up to enhance the quality of life for the Black Community in the Greater Edmonton Area, with the hopes of building a future in which our community can thrive, grow and succeed.

There is \$100,000 in matching funds available for all donations made to the EBCF in 2021. If you would like to contribute to the fund and have your donation matched, go to: ecfoundation.org or contact donorservices@ecfoundation.org or call 780.426.0015.



CEO Message



Martin Garber-Conrad

Last year, the COVID-19 pandemic brought significant change to our society and exposed inequities built into our current systems. Addressing these inequities is an ongoing challenge to which the Foundation is committed. In March 2020, ECF created the COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund. Through the RRF, we granted \$1.9 million—more than half of this to organizations working with marginalized communities.

In the fall of 2020, the light shone on anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism presented an opportunity to take additional action supporting anti-racism initiatives. The Anti-Racism Fund was created specifically to support the works of Black- and Indigenous-led and serving organizations. To date, more than \$800,000 has been granted through the fund. This work also helps ECF engage, empower, and build awareness about these organizations' positive impact in the community. The pandemic has, therefore, seen us engage our equity strategy in our efforts to “build back better.”

ECF will continue to respond to Edmonton and area's changing needs and the many people and socio-cultural communities that are part of it. We will strive to support inclusive and equitable organizations. We will increase our work with diverse groups towards shared goals. We will engage diverse voices so that all communities within the Edmonton area see

themselves reflected in the Foundation's work.

If you would like to join us in these efforts, please consider a contribution to either the Rapid Response Fund or the Anti-Racism Fund. More details on these opportunities can be found on our website.

If you do decide to contribute, please remember that to receive a charitable tax receipt for the 2021 year, gifts of cash (or via credit card) need to reach ECF *before* December 31 or, if mailed, bear a postmark of December 31 or earlier.

ECF can also accept gifts of securities or mutual funds, but there are additional processes involved. If you plan a gift of securities as part of your year-end giving, please contact our Donor Services team *before* arranging the transfer. Call **780.426.0015** or donorservices@ecfoundation.org. Arrangements for these gifts need to be made *now* and can take longer than one would think. So please don't wait!

Land Acknowledgement

Edmonton Community Foundation acknowledges that we gather, sometimes virtually, on land that has been home for quite some time for many Indigenous peoples and, for many more, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place and travelling route for centuries. We know some of these people as the Cree, Salteaux, Blackfoot, Metis, Dene and Nakota Sioux, although they have their own names which we will learn in time. This place where we live and gather today is acknowledged to be the Territory covered by Treaty 6 and in Region 4 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We are all treaty people—beneficiaries of the peace and prosperity the Treaty brought—and committed also to working toward the equity and justice the Treaty promised.

This Fall edition of *InTouch* is the perfect time to say “Thank You” for all you have already done. Because of you, we have been able to help our charity partners serve many people made more vulnerable by the pandemic and do much good in a variety of fields despite the pandemic. Thank you!

As the holiday season approaches, staff and board at ECF wish you the very best!

Wills Week Videos are now available

Every year ECF presents Wills Week—a series of seminars on the importance of having a valid, up-to-date will. This year the team of volunteer lawyers and accountants presented on a variety of topics that may be of interest to you. All of the presentations were recorded, so if you missed a session or just want a refresher, feel free to watch them as often as you like.

Topics available:

- Estate Planning for a Beneficiary with Disabilities
- What's the Worst That Can Happen?!
- Brady Bunch Basics – Estate Planning for Blended Families

- Make Good Choices – Picking the Right Executor Is Not As Easy as You Might Think
- Why Getting Professional Help Is Important
- Fighting the Terms of a Will – How Claims Arise and How to Avoid Them!
- The Right Tax Planning Could Lead to a Bigger Estate
- The Will Isn't the Only Document You Need
- Question & Answer Period
- Estate Planning 101 – A General Overview

How to watch the seminars: Go to ecfoundation.org/initiatives/wills-week

We thank the lawyers and accountants who donated their time and expertise to present these seminars.

The information in these recordings is based on Alberta law and is for general information only. We encourage you to get professional assistance to get a good and valid will, personal directive, and enduring power of attorney in place to protect your family, your assets and your business. The information in these recordings does not replace legal or tax advice.

Year-end giving - It's never too early to start

Gifts to your fund

December 31 is the final day you on which you can make a charitable gift to claim on your 2021 personal tax return.

Online gifts or gifts mailed with a Canada Post date stamp of 2021 on the envelope can ensure you receive a 2021 donation receipt.

Gifts of securities

If you are considering making a gift-in-kind, like publicly traded securities (shares or mutual funds) to your fund at ECF, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible. We will provide you with the most up-to-date transfer forms, along with the information you and

your advisor will need to ensure the transfer is done smoothly.

Gifts of securities will take at least a few days to complete. Gifts of mutual funds generally take longer than gifts of shares. ECF suggests these deadlines to ensure your gift will be processed on time:

- For gifts of mutual funds, no later than December 1.
- For gifts of securities, no later than December 15.

ECF cannot guarantee that transfers initiated beyond these dates will be completed before the end of the year. Many employees are working remotely

but are accessible, so if we can be of any assistance or if you would like to discuss a potential gift before the end of the year, please contact donorservices@ecfoundation.org.

Year-End Giving Deadlines


- ECF closes at noon on **Dec. 24**.
 - Gifts by credit card: Phone 780.426.0015 by noon, **Dec. 24**.
 - Mailed gifts: Postmarked by **Dec. 31**.
 - On-line Donations: **CanadaHelps.org** until **11:59 p.m. on Dec. 31**.
 - Gifts of mutual funds: Start by **Dec. 1**.
 - Gifts of securities: Start by **Dec. 15**.
- For more information: **780.426.0015**

New to ECF

ECF is pleased to welcome Joanne Currie as Director of Grants and Community Engagement.

New to the Board

ECF is also pleased to welcome Jai Parihar to the Board of Directors. Welcome to ECF!



Holiday Closure

Our offices will be closed from noon on **Dec. 24, 2021** until **Jan. 4, 2022**.
We wish you a happy and healthy 2022



Well played.

Eleven-year-old flutist Grace is a proud member of the Youth Orchestra of Northern Alberta. With funding from Edmonton Community Foundation, YONA-Sistema is helping young people living in priority neighborhoods learn social skills, receive support, succeed academically, and gain confidence through music.

Donations to ECF inspire hope, create opportunity and enhance the Edmonton lifestyle. We work with our donors to give, grow and transform. ecfoundation.org hits all the right notes.