

# Meaford Culture Foundation Volunteer Information



## What is The Meaford Culture Foundation?

The Meaford Hall & Culture Foundation was created in 2006 as a vehicle to raise the outstanding funds required for the completion of the Meaford Hall renovation. It was successful in achieving this goal and continued on to raise funds for major Hall improvements such as: the baby grand piano; the sprung stage; state of the art film projector; the elegant bar in the North Gallery, \$145,000 towards the 2017 balcony renovation. A new initiative is supporting live summer theatre at the Hall.

In 2018, the Foundation rebranded to **Meaford Culture Foundation** to reduce public confusion between our Foundation and Meaford Hall Arts and Cultural Centre.

Meaford Culture Foundation is a fully independent, not-for profit, registered, charitable organization whose mission is to raise funds for arts and culture initiatives in the community and capital projects at Meaford Hall. It operates independently from both the Municipality and the Meaford Hall. All decisions are approved by a fully independent, volunteer Board of up to nine Directors.

## Community Outreach Program

In 2008, the Foundation turned its attention to more involvement in the community with our Community Outreach initiative. Since then, it has annually allocated increasing amounts to community art, music, literacy, theatre, film and cultural awareness through funding and bursaries. We estimate that more than 1000 local children and teenagers benefit, either directly or indirectly, from this program each year. In 2018, we donated over \$76,000 towards community arts and culture, including \$10,000 to the Library for literacy stations and \$30,000 to Meaford Hall for Live Theatre.

## Event and Fundraising Volunteer Requirements

**MIFF (Meaford International Film Festival)** our flagship cultural event which takes place at Meaford Hall Labour Day weekend and **On-line Auction** our major fundraiser the first two weeks in October.

MIFF is a really fun event not only for patrons but also for the volunteers. It involves four days/evenings of films, dinners and 'After Parties' over Labour Day weekend. It requires 100+ volunteers to make this a successful event. There is a need for people to help with any of the following: brochure and poster distribution; decorating the party tent; preparing for the catered buffet meals; clearing tables; serving Party hors d'oeuvres and taking down decorations etc. the day after MIFF.

Online Auction volunteer requirements are mainly for: canvassing prospective donors, distributing posters and brochures and when the auction is over, helping to give out the auction items to the successful bidders.

## Meaford Hall Live Theatre

In 2019, we are offering Coach Tour packages to help Meaford Hall increase sales of theatre tickets. The package includes an Historical Tour of Meaford, a 3-course, high-tea luncheon and a theatre ticket to one of 3 live performances during July and August. Volunteers will be required to help with the set up, serving and clean-up for the lunches.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please contact Gail MacAlpine at [gailmacalpine@bmts.com](mailto:gailmacalpine@bmts.com).