

Thank you so much  
to all who donated  
to the Small  
Business Fund!



"We donated to the fund at that start of this crazy time because although we do not live in Hamilton, we spend considerable time there and it feels like home. We worship, shop, and eat in Hamilton weekly. We want to do our part to help a business survive. Where would we be without Flour and Salt bagels? Coffee and awesome conversations from the owners at FoJos? Gift shopping at the bookstore? Breakfast after church at Rye Berry? Friday movies? Pizza from Oliveri's? Stopping in for hardware, advice, and so much more at Parrys? We are so lucky to have so much in our little village. If we all help perhaps together we can get through this."

--- Steve and Lorrie Paul



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In March of 2020, the Partnership for Community Development launched the Small Business Fund (SBF) with the intent of providing relief for businesses affected by the impacts of COVID-19 .

We were truly blown away by the community response and can proudly announce that we raised over \$115,000, which has been awarded to over 30 businesses in Hamilton.

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## Reflections from Hamilton Businesses

In our history at the Hamilton Eatery we are grateful to have benefited from multiple forms of guidance and assistance from our local support network. Part of that network recently has resulted in the formation of a "Small Business Fund"...We would like to thank those various contributors who made this fund happen. Being a recipient of this grant has allowed us to settle up with a local contractor after our water tank started to leak, and to help with utility and insurance payments while our business navigates changes resulting from COVID-19. We want to express our collective appreciation of being part of such a supportive community.

--- Clay and Nicki Skinner, Hamilton Eatery



Like all businesses we prepared to close our store for a "pause", expecting that to be 2-3 weeks. We were faced with loss of income as the bills for overhead never stop coming! We struggled to apply for assistance from the state and federal government as time went on and we all realized this could be long term. The PCD grant funding has helped tremendously! It's one thing to have loss of income and quite another to accumulate debt in this economy. Thanks very much for your support! It means a lot in a very practical way, and emotionally as well.

--- Lauri Shoemaker,  
Evergreen Gallery



When you hear the phrase "we are in this together" you sometimes wonder what that really means. Well in Hamilton, that means the Partnership for Community Development. During one of the most challenging times in this community they took the lead and stepped in to help small businesses not only survive, but thrive. They brought meaning to that phrase and have proven to the greater Hamilton community that together we are better. I feel very fortunate and will be forever grateful for their support.



--- Jen Jury,  
Maxwell's  
Chocolates