

Year in Review

A LETTER FROM THE BOARD

This summer brings us deep into the Jacob Ross Clemens Foundation's third year. As a registered charity, the foundation has stretched its legs, hit its stride, and continues to establish a strong base in southwestern Ontario. Since forming in 2016 in memory of our friend and inspiration Jacob Ross Clemens, the JRC Foundation has worked tirelessly to make a measurable, positive impact on mental and environmental health. In this Year in Review, we're elated to share the progress we've made and the evolution of the foundation's goals.

As a **100% volunteer led** charity, we take pride in the fact that every dollar donated is channeled directly into initiatives that address human and environmental well-being. The foundation is comprised of an experienced group of professionals whom volunteer their time and expertise, providing a diverse range of knowledge and skills. As a result, the foundation approaches each project and decision with a multi-faceted lens, ensuring project alignment with our mission and vision. You will find brief introductions included in this Year in Review and full bios [here](#).

Success also has us growing! As our third year comes to a close, we take pride not only in achieving the foundation's largest year of financial contribution to date, but we are also ecstatic to welcome a new volunteer to our team. The Jacob Ross Clemens Foundation recently recruited a new member, dedicated to projects coordination and communication - allowing us to manage, measure, and direct the foundation towards continued success. As we finish off our third year in action, we on the JRCF board welcome the opportunity to continue to reflect on our mission and vision, and how they've shaped our goals.

Our Mission is to promote human well-being and environmental rehabilitation, now and for the future.

Our Vision is a world where all Canadians thrive with healthy minds in healthy environments.

Thank you to our partners

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Outward Bound

Western University

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The Municipality of Lambton Shores

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Matthew Bell

Born to take hits and keep going, Matt is an undersized, "overbrained" ambivert that has two passions in life - chasing around his wife and four kids and advising folks on how to best protect and grow their hard earned capital.



Kim Clemens

Kim is a genuine outdoorswoman, having spent many a summer in the remote Canadian wilderness. Between her undergrad degree at Wilfrid Laurier, and her post graduate degree at Mohawk, Kim travelled to do what most people wouldn't dream of - sleep in a tent for months at a time, and plant trees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tree Plantings

The Jacob Ross Clemens Foundation is teaming up to help [ReForest London](#) with their fall tree planting events. Please join us and help progress the [Million Tree Challenge](#).

Saturday October 5 th , 2019	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Pincombe Pond 3150 Wonderland Road, London	Click here to join!
Sunday October 20 th , 2019	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Talbot Wetlands 3475 Settlement Trail	Click here to join!

DONATIONS TO PARTNERS OUR GREATEST IMPACT YEAR



The partnerships we've forged and maintained have proven invaluable to our cause. Promoting human and environmental well-being are serious tasks, but there is support everywhere. Our donors have enabled us to carry out our mission and to help us get closer to achieving our vision.

We have united with various partners over the years to achieve a common purpose – sending kids to camp to learn technical skills and to facilitate self-discovery, awarding the best and brightest in environmental science scholarship, providing supports to individuals and families in the last stages of life, and ensuring to honor one of Jake's biggest passions; tree planting and environmental rehabilitation.

2016 in our inaugural year - we began our journey by partnering with the Municipality of Lambton Shores and presenting Jake's Grove in Forest, Ontario. At that time, we also established awards for students in Western University's MES program, and Wilfred Laurier's Geography or Environmental Sciences Bachelor's programs.

2017, after the initial success of our student awards and the establishment of Jake's Grove, we partnered with Outward Bound

to promote their mission to promote leadership and resiliency through environmental excursion programs.

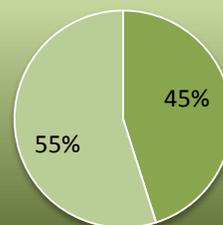
2018, marked the third year of our ongoing Western and Laurier student awards, and establishing a new partnership with St. Joseph's Hospice of London.

2019, isn't over yet, and has already been our most impactful year! Our portfolio of active partners includes Outward Bound, St. Joseph's Hospice, Western University, and Wilfred Laurier University.

As we look to the future, the foundation seeks to continue to increase its impact on initiatives that repair and rejuvenate human well-being and the natural environment. **Thank you for your continued support!**

DONATIONS BY PROJECT GOAL

- Environmental Health and Sustainability
- Mental Health and Wellness



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Jon Clemens

Having grown up in the wonderful town of Forest, Jon is now a citizen of the world, having spent the last few years traveling around the globe. Constantly learning about new people, culture and food, he manages to balance new experiences and connections with old friends, while somehow balancing a very remote job.



Josh Kleinstiver

Josh focuses his spare time on travelling, spending time with family and friends, being a dog owner, and enjoying the outdoors. He is extremely passionate about the environment and strives to leave the planet a better place for future generations.

WESTERN AWARD RECIPIENT: IMAN ATABANI

Iman, our 2019 Western University JRCF Award winner is graduating with a Master's in Environment and Sustainability.

Q: *Where do you think that major social changes need to take place in order for the JRCF to achieve our vision of "... a world where all Canadians thrive with healthy minds in healthy environments."*

A: "Pollution is an issue that 'knows no boundaries'. When comparing the Global North including several developed North American communities, the mitigation and adaptation strategies to reduce pollution are far more advanced than in Global South communities, including India and some areas of China. In my opinion, this is one of the largest issues that society



should aim to address with respect to how environmental rights play a role in the development and wellbeing of communities world-wide."

[\(For Iman's Full Interview, Click Here\)](#)

LAURIER AWARD RECIPIENT: ROBYN MOFFAT

Robyn, our 2019 Wilfred Laurier University JRCF Award winner is headed into her fourth year at Laurier, pursuing a BSc in Geography with Management Option.

Q: *Why have you chosen to pursue a career in environmental sustainability?*

A: "From a very young age, I've wanted to be an environmentalist. I think that the human population takes advantage of the fact that we can call such a beautiful and bountiful place our home. I want to personally live in closer unison with Earth and give back to it, as well as encourage others to do the same. Overconsumption has become a lifestyle for humans and because of this, our Earth is suffering. I appreciate that it will be difficult to change people's habits and views but it's something I am willing to spend the rest of my life trying to achieve."



[\(For Robyn's Full Interview, Click Here\)](#)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEAM MEMBER & CHANGES TO LOOK FOR



The Jacob Ross Clemens Foundations is happy to announce the successful recruitment of Connor Swick, for the role of Projects Coordinator. Connor is a graduate of the 2016/17 MES cohort and brings a range of skills in project management, data analytics, and environmental policy. Please join us in welcoming him in his new role!

As our most impactful year comes to a close, we're happy to announce we still have capacity to form new partnerships. We're especially focused on partnering with organizations focused on **mental health awareness/improvement**.

We have several website updates planned for the coming months, including:

- New Partnership Proposal Format.
- Updated "About Us" Section.
- Goals and Progress Measurement Reports.

Please follow our new LinkedIn page for monthly updates!



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Jamie Shea

Jamie has always been a bit of a rabble rouser - from her tenacious and perseverant attitude as a child, to her passion for ensuring things were just - and throughout her journey of school, work, and life experiences, she has managed to harness that enthusiasm, and focus on the things that count, like the JRCF.



Jenna Simpson

Jenna comes from a long line of resourceful and industrious women - As a third generation family business owner with a very broad education, Jenna is equal parts workhorse and inspirational Tedtalk.