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Inclusive. Forward-looking. Fair. Creative. Safe. Green. Fun. There's no end of words to describe what we want our communities and country to be. But there's one word that sums it all up. Vital. The vitality of our communities, or community vitality, is something we care a great deal about.

Community vitality has been our purpose, promise, and passion since 1921, when we started connecting donors to community needs and opportunities. Together, Canada's 164 community foundations help people invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play.

Vital Signs annual community check-ups are conducted by community foundations across Canada. Started by the Toronto Community Foundation's *Vital Signs* report first published in 2001, *Vital Signs* is being expanded nationally by Community Foundations of Canada. With the generous support of the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation and the Ford Foundation, *Vital Signs* reports are now available in 15 Canadian communities:

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