



CST. JOHN DAVIDSON “SHINE ON” LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

Abbotsford, BC, June 10, 2018 – “Shine On” Funds increased by Challenge Coin sales.

Lead: The Abbotsford Community Foundation receives an additional \$20,235 for “Shine On” Legacy Fund.

Earlier this month, Abbotsford Police Department (APD) Staff Sergeant Rick Stewart presented cheques totaling \$20,235 to the Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF) for the *Cst John Davidson “Shine On” Legacy Fund*. This fund was established earlier this year in honour of APD Constable John Davidson who was killed in the line of duty on November 6, 2017.

Recognizing Constable Davidson’s passion for youth, and his commitment to safety and community, it is not surprising to see the “*Shine On*” fund continue to grow. The Foundation appreciates the contributions toward this fund, ultimately supporting youth overcoming adversity. Lorna Hart, ACF Chair, noted that “Constable Davidson’s memory as a youth liaison officer is clearly honoured by this generous donation”.

The funds have been raised over the past few months through the sale of a John Davidson Memorial challenge coin which sell for \$15 each. Thousands of these coins have been purchased throughout Canada and the USA. Staff Sergeant Stewart is also the Abbotsford Police Union (APU) President and much of the funds raised came from the APU, the Victoria City Police Union and The Teacher’s Store after Heidi Macdonald added her business to those behind raising funds for the scholarship and supporting the APD. Staff Sergeant Stewart commented that, “in the 26 years that I have been policing in Abbotsford, I have never seen anything like the way the community came together and supported the APD through the tragedy of losing one of our own.”

The ACF is in the third month of a matching campaign initiative to our existing fund holders where for every \$2 donated, an additional \$1 is donated to their fund. This donation qualifies for the match and the value of the Challenge Coin contribution will increase by an additional \$10,118, bringing the total value of the donation to \$30,353. This amount will be added to the capital of the *Constable John Davidson “Shine On” Legacy Fund*. If you would like to purchase a coin, please contact Staff Sergeant Stewart at rstewart@abbypd.ca.



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Type of Award:	General
Focus:	Overcoming adversity
Criteria:	Courage to persevere and make positive choices
Available to students of:	1 specific to WJM & 1 to all participating high schools
2 Award (s)	\$ 1,000 each

John Davidson was a 53 year old active APD member when on November 6th, 2017 he was shot and killed protecting the citizens of Abbotsford. Part of his work as a police officer involved working as the school liaison for WJM and for this he earned honouree "Hawk" status of which he was extremely proud. He used humour where possible to connect with students and on one occasion "mock arrested" someone unwittingly setting off the alarm leaving the school library. A former principle wrote, "He never talked down to students. Rather he provided no-nonsense advice and always extended a sincere and genuine respect and understanding of the challenges youth face. Youth would seek him out and felt "heard" and valued in his presence. It was truly amazing to watch." John cared deeply about the youth of Abbotsford and was instrumental in creating the Operation X video about the reality of drug use and a drunk driving presentation which, with help from the community, reached out to high school students encouraging informed choices.

In John's memory his family, colleagues at APD and friends would love to reward a graduating student who has shown courage to persevere despite the challenging circumstances many youths face. The student must show evidence of commitment to post-secondary academic or vocational training.



Student Awards Overview Abbotsford Community Foundation 2018

The purpose of the Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF) Student Awards Program is to increase access to post-secondary education by granting scholarships, bursaries and other awards to students graduating from participating public and private secondary schools in the City of Abbotsford. ACF provides approximately 300 awards each year funded by the income from student award endowment funds and support from annual student award donors.

Please visit <https://abbotsfordcf.org/> for more information.

The publications on our site are used year-round by the foundation to build local knowledge, set strategic priorities, inform granting and engage in community leadership activities.

Abbotsford Community Foundation is one of 191 community foundations across Canada. For more information about *Community Foundations of Canada* visit www.communityfoundations.ca.

About Abbotsford Community Foundation

Vision

Together we build a stronger, more caring community.

Mission

Inspire philanthropy and develop partnerships by investing in people, projects, and programs to strengthen our community.

Definition of Success

Abbotsford Community Foundation is an outstanding community leader and capacity builder in the not-for-profit sector. Abbotsford Community Foundation has 20 million dollars in endowment funds by 2020.

Strategic Priorities

- Fund Development
- Promotion
- Impactful Granting

Values

Caring, engaged, responsible, trustworthy, accountable



Our History

The Abbotsford Community Foundation was conceived by a series of initiating events that started with a substantial donation by the Trethewey Family to the Matsqui Parks and Recreation Commission in 1978.

The Directors of the Commission at that time felt that the sizable donation could have a much longer effect on the community if it was invested in perpetuity and revenues from the investment spent annually.

Funds

12- Endowment Funds

18 - Agency Funds

13 - Donor Advised Funds

12 - Donor Designated Funds

80 - Student Award Funds

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