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COMMUNITIES



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## **\$87,980 Grants Provided to Local Charities.**

**Abbotsford, BC, May 1, 2018** – ACF provides Smart and Caring Community Grants to local groups.

Lead: The Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF) is pleased to confirm the recipients of Smart and Caring Community Grants. A total of \$87,980 will be granted to sixteen local charities, increasing care and support across a broad spectrum of organizations supporting children and families at risk in our community.

“We are pleased to have distributed \$87,980 in grants to our community partners,” said, Lorna Hart, ACF Board Chair. “ACF is honoured to support our community. Without this funding many of these crucial programs would have to be cut or cancelled,” added Hart.

ACF Community Grants Committee Chair, Andrea Senft, noted “the focus of children and families at risk is a result of sound research from Abbotsford’s Vital Signs 2013 report. We know that of 5000 people using the local food bank every month, 40% are children.” She went on to further state that “...each of the grant recipients have specific programs targeted to children and families at risk.” The ACF committee is comprised of local individuals with a passion for serving the Abbotsford community.

Wendy Neufeld, Executive Director, remarked that many organizations presented worthy applications. “Abbotsford has a population in need of additional supports and care. This does not go unnoticed.” The Smart and Caring Community Fund has provided numerous local charities over \$404,000 in grants since 2014. The annual Smart and Caring Golf Classic held each year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of September at Ledgeview Golf Course raises funds that are permanently added to the capital of this ACF community fund.

For more information on how to support Abbotsford Community Foundation’s Smart and Caring Community Initiative please visit our website at [www.abbotsfordcf.org](http://www.abbotsfordcf.org) or phone 604-850-3755.

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**2018 Abbotsford Community Foundation Smart and Caring Community Grant recipients**

Abbotsford Community Services	Starfish Backpack Program (food bank)
Abbotsford Hospice	Child & Youth Bereavement Support
Abbotsford Restorative Justice & Advocacy Association	Counselling for at-risk children
Abbotsford Youth Commission	Youth nutrition & cooking classes
Foundry Abbotsford	Walk-in Counselling
Fraser Valley Healthcare Fdn	Early Psychosis Intervention
Central Abbotsford Comm School	Book Buddies program
	Middle Years Information Forum
Cyrus Centre	Youth Emergency Housing Program
Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association	Summer camp
Fraser Valley Child Development Centre	Family enrichment program
Eugene Reimer Super Science Club	Science club (financial assistance)
Heritage Abbotsford	Aboriginal Arts & Culture Day
Kidsport Abbotsford	Amateur Sports
West Abbotsford Community School	SCAMPER literacy program
Youth Unlimited	Mobile Drop in Centre
Literacy Matters Abbotsford	Fostering Literacy

**Smart and Caring Community Grant Presentation**

Thursday , May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. School Board Office, 2790 Tims Street, Abbotsford, BC

Photo opportunity available.

*Vital Signs* reports are available at [www.abbotsfordcf.org](http://www.abbotsfordcf.org). 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](http://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**

- Grow our Endowment Funds
- Deepen our impact through granting
- Raise our Foundation profile

### **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**

18 – Non-Profit Agency Funds

25 - Donor Advised or Donor Designated Funds

81 - Student Award Funds

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