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\$100,000 raised for children and families at risk in Abbotsford.

Abbotsford, BC, Sept 28, 2018 – 3rd Annual Smart and Caring Golf Classic raises \$100,000 for Community Fund.

Lead: The Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF) is pleased to announce the results from their annual golf tournament held September 20th at Ledgeview Golf Course, where a total of \$100,000 was raised for the ACF's Smart and Caring Community Fund.

Income from the Smart and Caring Community Fund provides grants annually to a broad spectrum of local charities that support children and families at risk in our community.

"We are proud to have raised over \$160,000 in the last three years with our Smart and Caring Golf Classic." said, Lorna Hart, ACF Board Chair. "We are so pleased with the success of this year's event which was sold out almost three months in advance. I want to thank Fund Development Chair, Judy Redekop and her hard- working committee, along with Executive Director, Wendy Neufeld, " added Hart.

ACF Executive Director, Wendy Neufeld advised that in 2018 alone the ACF granted out \$88,000 to 17 local charities for their programs that help children and families at risk. One of those charities was the Abbotsford Food Bank for their Starfish backpack program. After a day of golfing, the participants gathered for dinner and following an inspiring story from committee member, Kal Sidhu, a request was made for each table to fund a back pack for \$525. Generous, caring golfers responded with donations totaling \$12,075! These funds will feed 23 hungry children every weekend for an entire school year. "The willingness and generosity of our community to help those in need is humbling" remarked Neufeld. "as the charity for charities, we are honored to assist our charity partners in this way."

The annual Smart and Caring Golf Classic is held each year on the 3rd Thursday of September at Ledgeview Golf Course, raising funds that are permanently added to the capital of the Smart and Caring community fund. Save the date for next year's event: Thursday, September 19, 2019.

We will be celebrating 40 years of giving in 2019!

For more information on how to support Abbotsford Community Foundation's Smart and Caring Community Fund please visit our website at 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

Vital Signs reports are available at 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.



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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