



ABBOTSFORD
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT
2018 YEAR AT A GLANCE



**ABBOTSFORD
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

We Give Where We Live.

We serve Abbotsford by connecting donors with causes that matter to them.

Together, we build, invest and manage the gifts we have been given, for the long-term vitality of our community. We offer leadership and build bridges between the diverse groups that give our community life.

Because donations are pooled and invested, with the annual earnings being reinvested into Abbotsford, your gifts to the Abbotsford Community Foundation continue to make an impact for years to come.

Our Vision

Together, we build a stronger, more caring community.

Our Mission

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

Our Definition of Success

To be an outstanding community leader and capacity builder in the not-for-profit sector, facilitated by a growing endowment, with a goal of \$20 million by 2020.

Our Strategic Priorities

- Grow our endowment funds.
- Deepen our impact through granting.
- Raise our Foundation profile.

Our Values

Caring, engaged, responsible, trustworthy, accountable



INSPIRE. IMPACT. INVEST.

Abbotsford is a community with deep roots, great diversity, and an open and welcoming spirit. As people, we are more generous than anywhere else in Canada. Philanthropy exists in many ways, but the history of our organization speaks to commitment of sustainable generosity.

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. In 2019, we are celebrating 40 years of giving in our community. We are an endowment based organization - what our donors generously give us, we pool, reinvest and the annual earnings are granted back to the community through our granting programs. Through the last four decades we have seen tremendous growth in our capital which has allowed us to support Abbotsford in many ways through grants and scholarships.

Since its inception, Abbotsford Community Foundation has granted almost \$11 million back into the community, which includes close to \$5 million in student awards. It is the Foundation's goal to have at least \$20 million in our endowment funds by the year 2020. With your help, we will continue to grow our endowments so that we can further invest in our community, creating a lasting impact that will inspire future generations.

The Community Foundation Difference...

- 1** When you are **inspired** to give, you work with others who are also passionate about making Abbotsford the best it can be!
- 2** The **impact** of your gift will be felt across our community, both now and for years to come. We are stronger when we work together and we have a greater impact too!
- 3** When you **invest** your gift with us we pool it with other gifts and the annual earnings are used to make grants to the community.





A Message from Executive Director, Wendy Neufeld

What a year 2018 has been in my first full year as Executive Director! It was a great year of establishing relationships with our donors, volunteers and community supporters. We initiated several new promotional campaigns to raise the awareness of the tremendous impact the ACF has in our community. As we continue to grow in both our endowments and our grants to our caring community, we remain focused on working diligently to meet the goals and strategic direction set by the Board of Directors. In 2019, we are celebrating 40 years of giving – almost \$11 million dollars to this community! We will continue to create an impact that will inspire future generations and set an even higher bar in our leadership role as the charity for charities.



A Message from Board Chair, Lorna Hart

This AGM marks the end of the first year of my two-year term as Board Chair and I am astounded by how quickly the year has passed. I am very grateful for the drive and support behind this organization; a culmination of effort by the high-caliber Board members, Committee Chairs and Committee members. With a Board of 14 and 9 working committees, we are extremely fortunate to have over 50 dedicated volunteers working all year long to advance the work of the Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF).

ACF has also been ably propelled forward this year by our spectacularly hard-working and productive Executive Director, Wendy Neufeld. Her list of accomplishments each month is always impressive. Thank you, Wendy, for everything you do for ACF. Sincere thanks too, to supporting role staff members Jean, Miriam, and Susan.

In the past year, ACF's endowment total has grown by \$588,441 thanks to the investment of our generous donors in making a difference in our community. Thank you all, friends, for creating a lasting impact that will inspire future generations. ACF is most grateful for your thoughtful investments.



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Lee Bass



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John Morrow
Chair - Student Awards



Kal Sidhu



Bryan Born

2018 Foundation Staff

Wendy Neufeld - Executive Director
Jean Vanderbyl - Financial Coordinator
Miriam Bozman - Admin & Awards Coordinator

40 years of
inspiration

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

2018 was a fantastic year, where we continued to build on the legacy the Foundation initially established in 1979. With new staff, new events and new community partners on board, we were able to increase awareness and inspire philanthropy to new heights in this amazing community.

Thanks to the support of our members and community partners, we were able to achieve the following milestones:



Hosted our annual **Donor Advisory Night** on April 5, 2018 for donors to select student award recipients



Held our second annual **What's Your Story Tea** on June 12, 2018 hosted by volunteer, Christine Wiebe



Held our **3rd Annual Smart & Caring Golf Classic** on September 20, 2018, resulting in \$100,000 gross proceeds raised, allowing for the funding of 23 Starfish Backpacks to the Food Bank and \$55,000 being added to the capital of our Smart & Caring Community Endowment Fund

Held our **8th annual National Philanthropy Day** event at the Quality Inn on November 15, 2018, with keynote speaker Ed Fast, MP. Presented three awards to the following recipients:



Youth Philanthropy Award: 2018 recipient was **Aidan Schweinbenz** for his leadership organizing Rockin' Abby Strong. Local singers from each of the high schools entertained over 400 people and successfully raised \$10,000 that was divided equally for a well in Ethiopia, the Western Institute of the Deaf and Cst. John Davidson's "Shine On Legacy" fund at the ACF.



Business Philanthropy Award: 2018 recipient was **MNP, LLP** for their generous community investment in Canuck Place, Abbotsford Food Bank, Big Brothers Big Sisters, United Way and many more.



Volunteer of the Year Award: 2018 recipient was **Nikolas Venema** for his volunteer contributions as a UFV alumnus. Nik spearheaded a campaign to raise funds for the UFV Alumni Changing Lives Bursary which raised over \$46,000 for students in financial need at UFV.

\$688,000

Total grants distributed directly into meaningful causes within Abbotsford in 2018

\$588,441

Total endowment gifts received in 2018

\$11,572,925

Total endowment capital, including four new endowment funds in 2018

\$369,000

Granted to programs and projects, bringing the total amount granted since 1980 to \$10,671,000

\$319,000

Total scholarships and bursaries allocated to 312 students, which brought the total amount awarded since inception of the program in 1995 to \$5,082,000

\$1,000,000

Legacy Giving Pledges received with five new stories being added to our "What's Your Story - Leave a Legacy" program

2018 GRANTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Foundation's impact was felt this year with a total of **\$688,000** provided through grants in the following areas:

\$88,000

SMART & CARING COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Community Grants committee decides annually on the criteria for grant funding and for the past several years the focus has been on programs and projects for children and families at risk in Abbotsford.

In 2018, the following 16 local charities received grants totaling **\$88,000**.

Abbotsford Community Services – Food Bank	Starfish Backpack program
Abbotsford Community Services - Foundry	Walk-in Counselling
Abbotsford Hospice	Child & Youth Bereavement
Abbotsford Restorative Justice	Mentoring Recruitment & Enhancement
Abbotsford Youth Commission	Youth Nutrition and Cooking Classes
Central Abbotsford Community School	Middle Years Information Forum
Cyrus Centre	Youth Emergency Housing
Central Abbotsford Community School	Book Buddies
Eugene Reimer Middle School	Super Science Club
Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association	Young at Arts
Fraser Valley Healthcare Foundation	Early Psychosis Intervention
Heritage Abbotsford Society	Aboriginal Arts & Culture Day
Kidsport Abbotsford	Subsidized amateur sport registration
Literacy Matters Abbotsford	Fostering Literacy
West Abbotsford Community School	Summer Camp for Education & Recreation
Youth Unlimited	Mobile Drop in Centre



\$105,000

AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

The Agricultural Enhancement Grants Program is a partnership between the City of Abbotsford and Abbotsford Community Foundation. In 2018, the Agricultural Grants committee established program criteria based on revitalization of unused or underutilized farmland in the Abbotsford ALR to increase capacity for food production.

The following five organizations received grants totaling **\$105,000**.

Dockum Farms Ltd.	McDermott Rd Land Reclaim
Field House Brewing Co	Field House Farms Project
Goat's Pride Dairy at McLennan Creek	Fodder crops for goats on marginal ALR land
Green Flora Greenhouses Ltd	Land reclaim for crop production
MEI Agriculture Program	Sustainable organic agriculture crop production





Reinvested back into
your neighbourhood

\$17,300

NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT GRANTS

These grants, in conjunction with the City of Abbotsford and the Vancouver Foundation, make it possible for small groups of volunteers to implement projects that bring people together for a common good, ranging from community safety programs, neighbourhood beautification, neighbourhood block BBQ's, community gardens, outdoor movie nights and Camp 5210 on nutrition for kids, to name a few. There were 32 applications and 20 approved projects, totaling **\$17,300**.

\$10,500

ANIMAL WELFARE GRANTS

Every fall, ACF is pleased to invite local animal welfare charities to submit proposals for the Mary Wakefield Animal Welfare Grant. The fund representatives review these applications and allocate the funds. In 2018, the following 8 organizations received funding for their various projects that benefit animals.

Abbotsford Police Foundation	Kevlar Vests for police dogs
Elizabeth's Wildlife Centre	Cage construction
Tiny Tales Pony Rescue	Quarantine pen and shelter
New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society	Saddles
Horse Protection Society	Certified instructors to train volunteers
Circle F Horse Rescue	Vet and food costs
Fraser Valley Humane Society	Vet and food costs
Cat Therapy & Rescue Society	Vet and food costs

\$158,000

DONOR DESIGNATED

DONOR ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds (DAF) allow you to make annual grant recommendations to the charity or charities of your choice. Each year, the donor chooses which cause the earnings on their endowment will go to. It is a tailored option for those looking to spread their gifts among many great options. The Abbotsford Community Foundation manages 16 Donor Advised Endowment Funds.

DONOR DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Donor Designated Endowment Funds are similar to the above DAF, but when the fund is initially set up, the recipient of the gift is chosen. While the DAF allow you to support a different charity each year, this type of Fund ensures that the causes you choose are funded well into the future as the money is consistently given to them on an annual basis. The Abbotsford Community Foundation manages 17 Donor Designated Endowment Funds.

AGENCY FUNDS

Agency Funds provide organizations with an annual source of income that helps them offer their programs and services that benefit our community. The Abbotsford Community Foundation manages 12 Agency Funds on behalf of other Abbotsford charities.

\$319,000

Student Awards Program

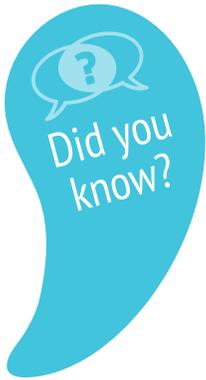
In 2018, the ACF Student Awards Program allocated **\$319,000** for 312 scholarships and bursaries for Abbotsford high school students attending post-secondary institutions.

STUDENT AWARD ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Abbotsford 2004 BC Summer Games	Darren Readhead Memorial	Let's Keep The Dream Alive
Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce	Derek Matty "Passion for Life" Memorial	Main Chance
Erin Burgess Memorial	Douglas Ward McGimpsey Memorial	Marion de Wit Memorial
Eugene Reimer Memorial	Dr.J. Muir Memorial	Meghan Williams Memorial
Mark Redekop Memorial	Eileen Hardbattle Memorial	Multicultural Diversity
Mary Selby Memorial	Eveline Grace Hardy Memorial	Natasha Buttar Memorial
Abbotsford Community Foundation	Fandrigh Cone Harvesters	National High School Theatre
Abbotsford Masonic Lodge #70	Frank Huston Memorial	Pat & Dennis Healey-Science
Abbotsford Rotary Club	Frieda T. Wiens Memorial	Percy Darling Memorial
Abby Senior Memorial Student	Friends of Abby/Reach for the Top	Rachel Thiessen Memorial
Access to All	Geoff Cowell Memorial	RHSS Social Innovation
Al Pauls Memorial	Geoff Horner Memorial	Robert & Birgit Bateman
Allstar Mechanical Ltd.	Gina Petrynko Memorial	Robert Bateman Secondary Fine Arts/ Technology
Ashley Lowey Memorial	Harry Sayers Memorial	Robert Bateman Secondary PAC
Beatrice Marchant Memorial	Hartley & Roslin Lovick Memorial	Sam Posthumous Memorial
Beehive Rebekah Lodge #69	James Fisher Memorial	Samuel & Isabella Gardner Memorial
Bertram A. Bickford Memorial	Jerry Alamwala Memorial Agriculture	Sean Phillips Memorial
Brent Wilson Memorial	Jill Nelson Memorial	Shane Travis Memorial
Calder-Giacchini Memorial	Jim Anderson Memorial	Spencer Lightburn Memorial
Carole Rempel Memorial	John A. & Muriel Murphy Memorial	Tom Lindsay Memorial
Chris Dahl Memorial	Joshua Jensen Memorial	Tony Anning
Christine Caldwell Memorial - Arts	Judith Ratzlaff Memorial	Trevor Dueck Memorial
Chalk Spots Award	Kari Bell Memorial	Vicky Bach Memorial
Citadel Club Ted Perry Memorial	Katie McKenzie Memorial	W.J. Mouat Grad
Cst. John Davidson "Shine On" Memorial	Kody Ramsay "Inspirational"	William J. Mouat Memorial
Dallas Saunders Memorial	Ledgeview Legacy	Yale Lions Excellence
Darlene Gottschalk Memorial	Leslie Forman Reg. Nurse Memorial	

Investing in the
leaders of tomorrow

"It is particularly important
to give to have it magnified
to positively affect so many
children." ~ **Dave Kandal**



ACF presently has 77 permanent student award endowment funds totaling \$4,302,453. These endowments have been established by community organizations, businesses, families and individuals to support student awards.

The minimum donation required to establish an endowment fund is \$10,000. However, a donor may start an emerging fund with a gift of \$3,000 with the understanding that if the fund does not reach \$10,000 within three years, the monies will go into the ACF Student Award Endowment Fund. The income generated on the capital of the endowment fund awards a scholarship in perpetuity to graduating students of the public and private secondary schools in Abbotsford that participate in the Program.

ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

Below is a list of community organizations, businesses, families and individuals who have established annual awards with ACF. To participate in our annual student awards program, donors must agree to annually fund an award for a minimum of three years.

Abbotsford Career Fire Fighters IAFF Local 2864
Abbotsford Dental Group
Abbotsford District Retired Teachers Association
Abbotsford Female Hockey Association
Abbotsford Lions Club
Abbotsford Masters Basketball Association
Abbotsford Minor Fastball Association
Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association
Abbotsford Music Educators
Abbotsford News
Abbotsford Police Board
Abbotsford Police City Basketball Tournament
Abbotsford Principals & Vice-Principals Association
Abbotsford Whalers Swim Club
Aldergrove Credit Union
Aldergrove Royal Canadian Legion #265
ARHCC Medical Society
ASIA North Poplar Alumni
ASIA Sumas Mountain
ASIA Sumas Mountain PAC
Berry Industry
Board of Education
Business & Professional Women's Club

Cal Mackintosh Memorial
Chalk Spots Award
Cheryl McCormack
CIBC Wood Gundy
City of Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service
Benevolent Society
Complete EyeCare Optometry
Douglas Gosling Memorial
Dr. Arthur Phillip-Stewart Memorial
Ebisu Sushi
Fraser Valley Auto Mall
Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association
Fraser Valley Stage
Fraserway RV LP
Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #2726
GirlKIND Foundation
Gregory Potocky Memorial
Groove Force Productions
Hank Pankratz Memorial
Harris & Co.
Harwindip Singh Baringh Memorial
International Baccalaureate Diploma
Jagtar Singh Sekhon Memorial

Kevin Lloyd Memorial
Letisha Reimer Legacy
Lion's Leadership
Liz Louwersheimer Memorial
Mamele'awt Aboriginal Education
Marcus Ortner - PREC
Medical Tower Drugs
Mierau Contractors Ltd.
Mt. Lehman Community Association
Peter Dobson Memorial Golf
RDM Lawyers LLP
RICOH Canada
Rotary Club of Abbotsford - Matsqui
Rotary Club of Abbotsford - Sumas
Roy Andersen Memorial
Roy Craven Memorial - APAC
Royal Canadian Legion Br. #15
Scott Gmur Memorial
Tri-Link Systems Inc.
upNext Media
Upper Sumas Women's Institute Valley
Women's Network
Vandell
Varing Marketing Group
Yale Secondary PAC

COMMUNITY EVENTS

What's Your Story Tea

Our Legacy Stories program allows Abbotsford residents to leave both a financial and historical legacy to their community. In 2018, we held our second annual What's Your Story Tea, which was hosted by Christine Wiebe. As a result of this and other outreach efforts, we added five new legacy stories to the program, including stories from Spud Murphy and Dave Kandal. These stories are on display in a leather-bound book at the Reach Gallery in Abbotsford, as well as on our website.



Smart & Caring Golf Classic

Our 3rd annual event was held at Ledgeview Golf Course on September 20th and was a resounding success! We were very pleased to host 132 golfers and guests, as well as having 55 community sponsors on board. This event raised a gross total of **\$100,000** for our Smart & Caring Community Endowment Fund.

National Philanthropy Day Lunch & Awards

ACF was honored to have **Ed Fast, MP** as the keynote speaker for the 2018 National Philanthropy Day Lunch & Awards Ceremony. He spoke about creating legacies for our community and how philanthropy impacts the wellness of a community. Abbotsford is the leading community for per capita giving in the country! This event was attended by 160 donors and guests from the business and non-profit sectors of Abbotsford. We were pleased to present three philanthropy awards this year: **The Alan and Vivian Trethewey Youth Philanthropy Award**, the **Business Philanthropy Award** and the **Volunteer of the Year Award**. We recognized Mrs. Vivian Trethewey, who along with her husband, Alan were the founding donors of the ACF 40 years ago. A video was shown of an interview with Mrs. Trethewey on the reasons that she continues to give to the ACF and the Abbotsford community.



NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS IN 2018



Chalk Spots Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Chalk Spots annual award was established in 2008 from an Abbotsford Senior Secondary graduation classes of 1960 and 1961 reunion event. The Chalk Spots annual award was set up to honor the core group of six teachers; John Wittenberg, Ed Laidley, Ron Sweeney, Henry Wiebe, Alan Dawe and Joe Poulten. The surplus from the ticket sales were set aside to fund an annual scholarship award to an Abbotsford Senior graduate however the committee realized the funds would eventually run out so they decided to establish this permanent fund in 2018. A substantial donation from Gore Mutual ensured that the Chalk Spots Award would be permanent and ongoing. When asked if he would permit the use of the Chalk Spots name for the award, John Wittenberg wrote "I am honored and deeply humbled (in a good way) by this special recognition given to the Chalk Spots.

Jim Latham Memorial Endowment Fund

Jim Latham was an educator/Principal/Superintendent in the Fraser Valley. As an educator in Humanities subjects he was a good communicator both oral and written. He was passionate about public education and success and achievement for all students. He encouraged many students along the way to do their best in academics, arts, sports, and leadership. He also mentored many school and district administrators during this career. He was well liked and above all was kind, caring and compassionate. His career spanned the Fraser Valley as principal, district principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Jim's family decided to set up this fund to provide a scholarship in his name at UFV to a student entering the Bachelor of Education, Teacher Education program.

Bass Family Scholarship Fund

The Bass Family Fund was established in December 2018 to annually fund a scholarship for a graduating Abbotsford high school student who will be entering a Business or Pre-Business field of study. Lee Bass is a Director on the Abbotsford Community Foundation Board and was inspired to permanently invest in the future of deserving students to help them achieve their post-secondary goals and dreams.

David Shore Memorial Endowment Fund

David Shore was a passionate and committed educator who most recently taught at Abbotsford Senior Secondary school. His family decided to create this scholarship fund after his passing in July 2018 to help a graduating Abbotsford student who will be pursuing their educational dreams towards a teaching career. David was a loyal and lifelong friend to many and he took great pleasure investing in people throughout his entire life. In memory of his many contributions to the Abbotsford community, the David Shore Memorial Scholarship will help others invest in his community as he did.

What's Your Story?

Whether your family moved here five years ago or 100 years ago makes no difference. You have a story about how you or your family got here and why.

Your story tells us what's important to you and to your family. It tells us what you value and how your life reflects your values.

We'd love to hear your story, and especially how we can work together as **community builders** by aligning your **philanthropic vision** with the **community's needs**.



ACF IMPACTING ABBOTSFORD YOUTH

The Abbotsford Youth Commission (AYC) has been fortunate to receive funds from the Smart and Caring Community Grant for the last 5 years to feed hungry youth in our community. The positive impact of these funds is astounding:

Over the five year period, AYC has served close to **57,500 healthy after school snacks** to youth who attend their two drop in centres after school on a daily basis. At least **3,000 youth** have been positively impacted by, at the very least, eating one healthy after school snack and many have enjoyed snacks every day after school and dinner twice a month. Over those five years, youth have prepared and served **2,429 dinners to their peers**, building valuable life skills in the midst of community. In 2018, the program added the “**Chef’s Box**” where AYC’s Nutrition Coordinator assembles a complete home cooking kit and one of the youth who helped prepare dinner gets to take home the kit to cook for their family.



“I APPRECIATE THE SNACK PROGRAM BECAUSE . . .”

- Better (healthier & yummiier) snacks are served here at the youth center than at my house
- It’s nice to come here (the youth center) and find a healthy after school snack, verses at home where I would probably snack on junk
- It feeds kids who are hungry, I know I can come here (the youth center) and get a healthy snack
- It’s easy stuff that I have now realized I can make at home

“I LOVE / LOOK FORWARD TO DINNER NIGHTS BECAUSE . . .”

- I love to cook but don’t get a chance to do it at home much because my dad buys mostly premade stuff (frozen pizzas, pack of noodles)
- On dinner nights I have a good meal - better then I have at home. I get to help out and learn new recipes and skills, which I can try at home.
- The best thing about dinner night is that we get to sit and eat a warm meal with our friends

Feedback from a parent

My son has been going to the youth centres for just over two years now and he enjoys working with the staff and other youth to prepare for and eat the meals during the dinner nights. He is always excited to help out and has fun learning new cooking skills. When he comes home he always shares his opinion on the food that he made and ate. He sometimes has been surprised that he enjoyed it because it included a new vegetable that he thought he didn’t like! The youth centres are a great place for teens to meet new people and connect with caring adults. The fact that they serve healthy snacks and meals is something that I appreciate as a parent. My younger son turns 12 in a couple of weeks and he is excited that he will be able to participate in this program as well.

Programs like these really make a difference to families such as mine.



FORTY YEARS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Abbotsford Community Foundation was conceived with a substantial donation by the Trethewey family to the Matsqui Parks and Recreation Commission in 1978.

The directors of the Commission at the 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, pursuant to the intent of the donors. With the passing of time, this inspirational vision took root with the larger community, and the Abbotsford Community Foundation experienced steady asset growth. This came about through the generosity of thousands of people in the community, as well as the establishment of several special funds by other not-for-profit groups and special interest organizations within the area.

Granting History

● Cumulative Grants

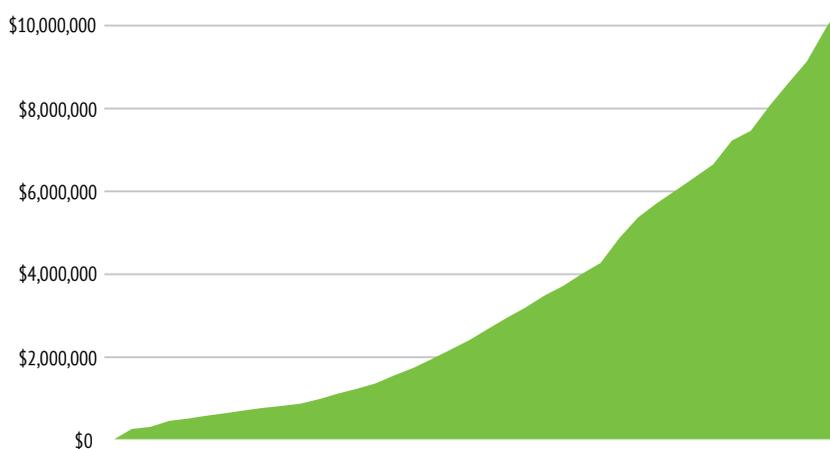


Figure 1 - The cumulative effect of annual grants reinvested into the community.

Endowed Asset Growth

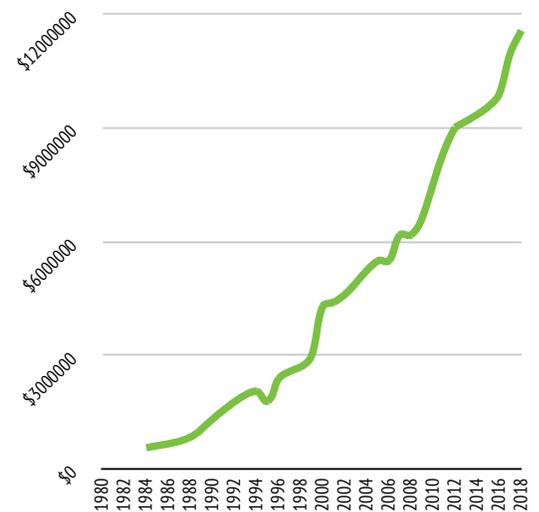


Figure 2 - Steady growth of the ACF endowment.

IMPACT FOR TOMORROW

The Abbotsford Community Foundation adapts its granting to the evolving needs of the community.

Every few years, the ACF initiates a Vital Signs Report, which uses community knowledge to measure the vitality of our communities – gathering data and sparking conversation about significant social and economic trends to tell the story of how our community is faring in key quality-of-life areas. We use the findings of these reports to ensure impactful granting in the areas of our community that need it the most.

“You can do anything if you empower self and others; empower by supporting but not by doing it for others”
~ Bobbi Spark

WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT?

Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF) gives individual donors, family foundations, businesses and charitable organizations a number of ways to fulfill their philanthropic objectives while supporting the well-being of our community.

We believe that by strengthening the gifts, assets and capacity of individuals and groups, we strengthen our community. We specialize in building endowment funds, where the capital is not touched, and uses the fund's earnings to support the ever-changing needs of our community.

In its simplest form, giving involves donating money to your favorite cause or organization, so that you can impact others in a positive way. No matter how often you give, the majority of donors approach giving on a spur-of-the-moment fashion rather than looking at it strategically or holistically.

We want to challenge that paradigm. We help strategically focus your philanthropy by designing creative, tax-smart and well-informed giving strategies, and helping you decide on where and how to channel your giving to maximize a return on your investment.

1 First, choose a cause you're passionate about:



2 Then, choose how you want to help:

- **Current Needs:** Ensure our responsive community grants support the changing needs and emerging opportunities of Abbotsford
- **Favourite Charity:** Support a charity or charities close to your heart
- **Scholarships and Bursaries:** Help deserving students realize their post-secondary education dreams
- **Programs and Projects that you choose:** Work with ACF staff to plan an active role in your grant-making

3 START TODAY

All gifts, no matter the size, go to work to create a stronger, more caring community. We appreciate your generosity!

There are many ways that we can facilitate your gifting. If you require further information or would like to discuss any of the options indicated below, please contact us at 604-850-3755 or via email at info@abbotsfordcf.org.

GIFTS OF CASH

You can make a gift of cash that can be added to an existing fund, or establish a fund for a designated purpose or charity. These gifts can also be made online at www.abbotsfordcf.org.

GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Donors who gift appreciated securities can reduce capital gains to zero and still have an income tax receipt to offset taxes on other income.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Designate a specific gift or portion of your estate to the ACF. You can provide a legacy gift and the donation receipt can be used to offset the taxes payable by your estate.

LIFE INSURANCE

You can designate the Abbotsford Community Foundation to receive a portion or all of the proceeds from your life insurance policy, reducing taxes payable on your estate. Or you can transfer the policy into the name of ACF and receive tax receipts for any premiums paid during your lifetime.

RRSP, RRIF OR TFSA

You can designate ACF as the beneficiary towards a specific fund and receive significant tax benefits.

GIFTS OF REAL PROPERTY

Individuals may donate their home or other real estate. You can donate your house and receive a tax credit and be able to continue living in your house for as long as you want.



How Can We help?

We're here to help magnify the impact of your giving goals! Not sure where to start though? Wendy Neufeld would love to sit down, hear your story, and help you have a lasting impact!

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