



ABBOTSFORD  
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COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT  
**2021 YEAR AT A GLANCE**



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## 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.



### Executive Director, Wendy Neufeld

To say that 2021 was a year unlike any other would be an understatement. It was both exciting and challenging as we navigated the effects of the pandemic and the weather on our community. I am honoured to serve you as the Executive Director and lead this amazing organization. Alongside our Board, staff and volunteers, we worked very hard to adapt our programs and services to achieve the most impact we could with the resources available. From heat domes to fires to flooding, we were reminded of how generous our community is in times of need. We quickly established the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund to raise funds for the November flood victims and raised over \$3M in just over a month! Since then, the fund has raised more than \$4M. Donations poured in from our community, across the country and even internationally. Despite the effects of the pandemic, we had another record year of granting to our community. We are so proud of the impact we were able to achieve in spite of all the year's challenges through the dedication of our Board and volunteers, committees and staff. In particular, I would like to thank you, our donors for your continued investment (more than \$1.8M in 2021!) in the work of the Abbotsford Community Foundation. We cannot do what we do without you!

### 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 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 a 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. 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 over \$13 million back into the community, which includes almost \$6 million in student awards. 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.



## Board Chair, Andrea Senft

The Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF) entered 2021 with hope and optimism. We hoped that the COVID-19 virus would be soon behind us, and life would get back to our new 'normal'. We could have never imagined that not only would we continue to battle COVID-19, but we would also see unprecedented weather that would devastate our community (starting with the heat dome in June and ending with the catastrophic floods in November). Many of us were left feeling hopeless and heartbroken for our friends, neighbors, and businesses. We knew we had to find a way to support our community. Within days the Abbotsford Community Foundation, the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and the University of the Fraser Valley came together to jointly establish the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund. In the early days following the floods we believed we could raise \$1 million. As of January 31/22, we have well exceeded this goal, raising over \$4.25 vv. These funds will help those most affected by the floods in the months and years to come. I am so proud of what our community can do when we work together.

When the Abbotsford Community Foundation was started by Vivian and Alan Trethewey (generously donating the seed money in 1978), I do not know that they could have ever imagined the impact it would make in our community. In addition to the \$4 million raised for the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund, the Abbotsford Community Foundation has granted more than \$13 million back into our community (which includes almost \$6 million in scholarships and bursaries to Abbotsford students). None of this work could happen without an ever-growing list of donors, who for more than 40 years make this investment in our community possible through their generous financial gifts. With the growing needs of our community, we continue to seek new donors to help us continue to do what we do best: Give Where We Live. To each donor, we say thank you.

I would also like to thank the staff and community volunteers that make the above work happen. ACF is very fortunate to have more than 50 volunteers. This includes 14 devoted board members and 9 board member-led hard-working committees, who, along with an exceptional staff led by Executive Director Wendy Neufeld, continue to strive for excellence in every way.

A thank you does not feel strong enough to truly acknowledge how we feel about all of those who play a role in ACF's success! It is through our donors, volunteers, and staff that we will continue to grow our endowments so that we can continue to invest in our city. I am immensely proud to be the Chair of the Abbotsford Community Foundation, and to be part of this community.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Andrea Senft**  
Board Chair



**Marcus Janzen**  
1st Vice Chair; Chair - Ag Enhancement Grants



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2nd Vice Chair; Chair - Fund Development



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Treasurer; Chair - Finance and Audit



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Past Chair



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Director; Chair - Student Awards



**Denise Thandi**  
Director; Chair - Community Grants



**Steve Willems**  
Director; Chair - Marketing and Communications



**Lynne Harris**  
Director; Chair - Nominations and Governance Committee



**Rick Gendemann**  
Director



**Dr. Satwinder Kaur Bains**  
Director



**Leslie McConnell**  
Director

## FOUNDATION STAFF

**Wendy Neufeld** - Executive Director

**Jean Vanderbyl** - Financial Coordinator

**Tricia Taylor** - Admin and Awards Coordinator

**Sara Goetz** - Administrative Assistant

Meaningful  
community impact

# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

2021 was a unique and outstanding year for the Abbotsford Community Foundation. We continued to build on the legacy the Foundation initially established in 1979. We engaged with new community partners as well as built on the established relationships we have fostered. We were able to increase awareness of our impact 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:



Held our **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Smart and Caring Golf Classic** on September 16, 2021 at Chilliwack Golf Club resulting in a record-breaking **\$125,000** gross proceeds raised.



Held our 11<sup>th</sup> annual **National Philanthropy Day** event in partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 featuring keynote speaker Tamara Taggart. Presented four awards to the following recipients:



**Youth Philanthropy: Saniya Kaushal** for her generous volunteering with the Abbotsford Hospital outside of being a medical student. She is striving to spark conversations and raise awareness about name calling, bullying, self-image and mental health through her "You are Not Ugly Foundation".



**Business Philanthropy Award: Abbotsford Chrysler** for being a generous corporate donor to numerous charities in Abbotsford such as the Crystal Gala foundation, Run for Water, Canuck Place and many more.



**School Group of the Year Award: Godson Elementary School** for raising funds for Canuck Place through their Cookies for Canuck Place Campaign. The Godson community contributed their time and talents for the Summer Family BBQ Drive thru.



**Volunteer of the Year Award: Gagan Phulka** for her outstanding volunteerism with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley since 2014 as well as sitting on the Board of Directors for the organization in the position of Vice-Chair and her commitment to using her leadership role to improve mentorship needs for children. She also volunteers to improve immigration outcomes for newcomers to the City of Abbotsford.

## \$1,468,114

Total grants distributed directly into meaningful causes within Abbotsford in 2021.

## \$1,832,300

Total endowment gifts received in 2021.

## \$15,286,300

Total endowment capital, including four new endowment funds in 2021.

## \$32,500

Granted in 2021 for the Investment Readiness program to support charities in social enterprise development.

## \$ 3,474,000

Raised for the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund in response to the November floods with \$539,100 granted out in November and December of 2021.

## \$360,000

Scholarships and bursaries allocated to 296 students which brings the total amount awarded since this program's inception to \$6,019,000.

## \$1,000,000

Legacy Giving Pledges received partly through our What's Your Story program. The Reach Gallery Museum displays our Legacy book which highlights some of the stories of Abbotsford's citizens and their contributions to our community.

## \$ 340,000

Granted to charity partner programs and projects, bringing the total amount invested into our community since 1980 to \$14,603,114, including scholarships and grants from the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund.

# 2021 GRANTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Foundation’s impact was inspiring in 2021 with over **\$1,400,000** invested into our community through grants and scholarships. The following areas are some of the key highlights:

\$125,000

## SMART and 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 2021, the following seventeen local charities received grants totalling **\$125,000**:

- Abbotsford Hospice Society
- Abbotsford Police Foundation
- Abby Community School Society
- Archway Community Services Society
- Bakerview Music Academy Society
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley
- Canuck Place Children’s Hospice
- Cares Counselling Society
- Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association
- Fraser Valley Down Syndrome Society
- Literacy Matters Association Abbotsford
- Salvation Army Centre of Hope
- The Board of Education of School District No. 34
- University of the Fraser Valley
- Vancouver Island University Foundation
- Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society
- Zajac Ranch Society
- Grief Support Wellness event for children, youth and teens
- Abby PD Geocaching Series
- Summer Camp for Education and Recreation
- Seva Food Pantry and Starfish Pack Program
- Special Education Assistants
- Mentoring for Mental Health
- Counselling and Bereavement Services at Dave Lede House
- Counselling for COVID-19 Relief
- Young at Arts Summer Camp Program
- Down Syndrome Centre
- Fostering Literacy
- Camp at Home and Back to school event
- Christmas Hampers and Back to school event
- Science Rocks! Days
- Roots to Thrive
- Abbotsford Cancer Transportation Program
- Family Camp



\$160,250

## AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

The Agricultural Enhancement Grants Program is a partnership between the City of Abbotsford and Abbotsford Community Foundation. In 2021, the Agricultural Grants committee established program criteria focusing on agriculture innovation to benefit the agriculture industry. The following seven organizations received grants totalling **\$160,250**:

- Point 3 Biotech: for Ag Tech Consortium
- Ravens Brewing Company
- University of the Fraser Valley
- Trident Processes
- Windberry Farms
- Triple AAA Farms
- Integrated Crop Management Services Inc.
- BioDigital Convergence; Manure Management as a Service Toolkit Development
- Sugar Beets for Liquor Industry
- Capacity Building for Field Corn Testing for the Dairy Sector
- Manure Management as a Service Trials and Demonstration
- Labor and Water Savings; Enabling High Value Crops on Low Grade Land
- Blueberry Leaf Tea project
- Plant Pathology Lab





Reinvested back into your neighbourhood

\$17,750

### NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL GRANTS

These grants, in conjunction with the City of Abbotsford and the Vancouver Foundation, pivoted to help fund small scale projects that safely connected communities. The Responsive NSG Program, aims to: tackle and address social isolation, build community strength and resilience, and foster community creativity and well-being. Some of the successful projects were Mother-Daughter Duo Paint Party, Nurse Care Packages, Youth Cooking Classes and Kids Park Activities. There were thirty approved projects totalling over **\$17,750**.

\$539,100

### ABBOTSFORD DISASTER RELIEF FUND (ADRF)

This year's disastrous floods destroyed homes, infrastructure, businesses and farms, displacing thousands of people in BC. The ACF in partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley and the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce, are currently providing donations to local charities on the front lines of disaster relief efforts, thanks to our kind donors. The ADRF started accepting donation on November 17th, 2021 and has received a record number of donations from generous people all over the country and internationally.

In just three short weeks we received over \$1.5 million in donations from over 3500 local and global individuals and businesses – an indication of widespread community support. This continued to increase by December 31st reaching almost **\$3.5 million**.

The ADRF coalition is actively working to establish granting partnerships to ensure relief will be provided to growers, farming families, and businesses directly impacted by flooding. Granting continues into 2022 with weekly adjudication of applications by the ACF and the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce. By December 31st 2021, **\$539,100** was granted to local agencies involved in recovery work.

\$167,000

### DONOR DESIGNATED

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 18 Donor Advised Endowment Funds.

Donor Designated Endowment Funds are like the above DAF, but when the fund is initially set up, the recipient of the gift is chosen. While the DAF allows 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 22 Donor Designated Endowment Funds.

Agency Funds provide organizations with a permanent annual source of income that helps them offer their programs and services that benefit our community. The Abbotsford Community Foundation manages 11 Agency Funds on behalf of other Abbotsford charities. The ACF also actively promotes these Agency funds to our donors as a part of our role in connecting donors to causes that matter to them.

\$13,250

### 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 to charities that help animals. In 2021, the following five organizations received funding of **\$13,250** for their various projects that benefit animals:

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| Abbotsford Police Foundation                  | Retirement Fund for Retired Police Service Dogs      |
| British Columbia Conservation Foundation      | Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program: Adopt a Chick |
| Langley Animal Protection Society (LAPS)      | Pet Adoption Program (Spay and Neuter)               |
| Paws for Hope Animal Foundation               | Better Together Abbotsford                           |
| Senior Animals in Need Today Society (SAINTS) | Shelter Safety Glass                                 |

\$360,000

## STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

In 2021, the ACF Student Awards Program allocated **\$360,000** for 371 scholarships and bursaries for Abbotsford high school students attending post-secondary institutions.



### STUDENT AWARD ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Abbotsford 2004 BC Summer Games

Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce

Abbotsford Community Foundation

Abbotsford Masonic Lodge #70

Abbotsford Rotary Club

Abby Senior Memorial Student

Access to All

Al Pauls Memorial

Allstar Mechanical Ltd.

Ashley Lowey Memorial

Bass Family Scholarship

Beatrice Marchant Memorial

Beehive Rebekah Lodge #69

Bertram A. Bickford Memorial

Brent Wilson Memorial

Calder-Giacchini Memorial

Carole Rempel Memorial

Chad Driediger Memorial

Chalk Spots Award

Chris Dahl Memorial

Christine Caldwell Memorial for the Arts

Citadel Club Ted Perry Memorial

Cst. John Davidson "Shine On" Memorial

Dallas Saunders Memorial

Darlene Gottschalk Memorial

David Shore Memorial

Derek Matty Passion For Life

Douglas Ward McGimpsey Memorial

Dr. John Muir Memorial

Eileen Hardbattle Memorial

Elizabeth (Liz) Anne Louwersheimer Memorial

Emily Haw Memorial

Erin Burgess Memorial

Eugene Reimer Memorial

Eveline Grace Hardy Memorial

Fandrigh Cone Harvesters

Frank Huston Memorial

Fraser Valley Brain Injury – John Simpson

Frieda T. Wiens Memorial

Friends of Abby/Reach for the Top

Geoff Brown Memorial

Geoff Cowell Memorial

Geoff Horner Memorial

Harry Sayers Memorial

Hartley and Roslin Lovick Memorial

Hurricanes Vaisakhi Educational

James Fisher Memorial

Jerry Alamwala Memorial Agriculture

Jill Nelson Memorial

Jim Anderson Memorial

John A. and Muriel Murphy Memorial

Joshua Jensen Memorial

Judith Ratzlaff Memorial

Kari Bell Memorial

Katie McKenzie Memorial

Kevin Lloyd Memorial

Kody Ramsay "Inspirational"

Ledgeview Legacy

Leslie Forman Reg. Nurse Memorial

Let's Keep The Dream Alive

Linda Marie (Busch) Jacobsen Memorial

Main Chance

Marion de Wit Memorial

Mark Redekop Memorial

Mary Selby Memorial

Multicultural Diversity

Natasha Buttar Memorial

National High School Theatre

Pat and Dennis Healey – Science

Patricia Huston Memorial

Percy Darling Memorial

Rachel Thiessen Memorial

RHSS Social Innovation

Robert and Birgit Bateman

Robert Bateman Secondary Fine Arts/  
Technology

Robert Bateman Secondary PAC

Sam Posthumous Memorial

Samuel and Isabella Gardner Memorial

Sean Phillips Memorial

Shane Travis Memorial

Spencer Lightburn Memorial

Tena Venema Memorial

Tom Lindsay Memorial

Tony Anning Memorial

Trevor Paul Dueck Memorial

Vandell Student Award

Vicky Bach Memorial

W.J. Mouat Grad

William A and Violet Mercer Memorial

William J. Mouat Memorial

Yale Lions Excellence

Yvonne Potter Memorial

Investing in the  
leaders of tomorrow

ACF received the 2019  
Community Matters Award from  
the Abbotsford School District  
for distributing more than  
**\$5,000,000** to **5,000** graduates.



ACF presently has 91 permanent student award endowment funds totalling \$4,633,800. 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. 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 Student Awards Program.

## ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

Below is the 2021 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 Female Hockey Association  
Abbotsford Lions Club  
Abbotsford Minor Fastball Association  
Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association  
Abbotsford Music Educators  
Abbotsford Police Board  
Abbotsford Principals and Vice-Principals Association  
Abby Grad 1968  
Abby's Music Society  
Aldergrove Credit Union  
Aldergrove Royal Canadian Legion #265  
ASIA Sumas Mountain  
ASIA Sumas Mountain PAC  
Badesha and Associates  
Beant Singh Dhaliwal Memorial  
Berry Industry  
Board of Education

CIBC Wood Gundy  
City of Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service  
Benevolent Society  
Cody Halfpenny Memorial  
Complete EyeCare Optometry  
Dalbir & Pirtveer Gill Memorial  
Douglas Gosling Memorial  
Fraser Valley Auto Mall  
Fraser Valley Stage Memorial  
Fraserway RV LP  
GirlKIND Foundation  
Gregory Potocky Memorial  
Harris and Company LLP Judith Anderson Memorial Scholarship  
Jaymie-Lynn Robertson Memorial  
Jerry Seikhon Memorial  
Joyce Primrose Memorial  
Kerkhoeff Technologies Scholarship  
Legacy Productions  
Marcus Ortner - PREC  
Medical Tower Drugs

Mierau Contractors Ltd.  
Mt. Lehman Community Association  
Overlanders Manufacturing  
Peter Dobson Memorial Golf  
RDM Lawyers LLP  
RICOH Canada  
Rise Annual Scholarship  
Rotary Club of Abbotsford - Matsqui  
Rotary Club of Abbotsford - Sumas  
Run For Water Global Development  
Scott Gmur Memorial  
The Honda Way  
Tri-Link Systems Inc.  
Varing Marketing Group

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



### Smart and Caring Golf Classic

Our 6th Annual Smart and Caring Golf Classic, held on September 16, 2021 at Chilliwack Golf Club was one of most successful events, raising a record-breaking net amount of **\$80,000** which will be added to the capital of our Smart and Caring Community Endowment Fund. This fund is designed to help local charities supporting children and families at risk in our community.



Adhering to pandemic health protocols, we hosted 120 golfers and 45 corporate sponsors who enjoyed a sunny day of golf and on course fun while raising funds that will provide grants to our charity partners, now and forever.

### National Philanthropy Day Luncheon and Awards Ceremony

We held our 11th Annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon and Awards Ceremony in partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley on November 15, 2021 at the University of the Fraser Valley.



Over 100 community members, donors, volunteers, charity partners and businesses came together to learn about the work of the ACF and to cheer on the nominees for our 4 award categories. Keynote speaker, Tamara Taggart provided an inspiring message on what it means to Give Where you Live and encouraged all to practice community care by asking the questions What do you Need and How can I Help?



Awards were given in four categories. The Alan and Vivian Trethewey Youth Philanthropy Award to Saniya Kaushal, the Business Philanthropy Award to Abbotsford Chrysler, the School Group of the Year Award to Godson Elementary School and the Volunteer of the Year Award to Gagan Phulka. Each winner received \$500 to donate to the charity of their choice.



### Flood Response

On Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meteorologists warned of an incoming atmospheric river that would bring heavy rain to southern parts of BC. Little did the residents of Sumas Prairie realize the pending damage this atmospheric river would later cause. After multiple days of heavy rain, disaster struck early the following week when multiple dyke breaches occurred, leading to a local state of emergency.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the University of the Fraser Valley, the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce, and the Abbotsford Community Foundation joined forces to help those most impacted by establishing the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund (ADRF). Thanks to the incredible generosity of individuals and businesses both locally and globally, over \$4.25 million has been raised to support local agencies involved in the disaster relief effort, as well as businesses and farmers affected by the flooding.



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## NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS



### Art Access Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to support arts and culture, including visual arts and theatre programs, in the City of Abbotsford. Focus will be on small arts programs running through schools in the Abbotsford School District or through other qualified donees that promote arts and culture programs.

### Beth Nickel Memorial String Award

Beth Nickel was a gifted musician, teacher and supporter of the arts in Abbotsford and throughout the Lower Mainland. She always encouraged her colleagues and students to play to their full potential and to delight in the gift of music. Beth was the president of Abbotsford Music Festival Committee at the time of her sudden passing from cancer in 2021.

### Mount Lehman Credit Union Legacy Fund

The purpose of this fund is to support community initiatives in the Mount Lehman and Bradner area, with a primary focus on educational programs or initiatives through the area's public schools.

### Geoff Brown Memorial Scholarship

Geoff Brown discovered his love of the piano and jazz quite by chance when he was twelve years of age. In that moment, an inspirational candle, a life-long passion was lit, and forever after, although Geoff had few opportunities for formal instruction, he studied and practiced constantly in a pursuit of musical perfection, always fueled by his great love of music. Geoff was a man sensitive to others, and always sought to adapt his style and choice of music to the venue and audience; it was never all about Geoff. Geoff would be delighted and gratified that a student who is similarly inspired and committed to music and community, might have an opportunity for formal study that could otherwise be missed, and this fund has been set up for this purpose.

*"The Abbotsford Community Foundation is one of the best ways to give; it's strong and it's living, it's alive and active!"*  
~ Vivian Trethewey

Put momentum behind your area of passion





IMPACTING LIVES

# ARNOLD COMMUNITY CHURCH SUPPORTING LOCAL RESIDENTS

On Friday, November 12th, 2021, meteorologists warned of an incoming atmospheric river that would bring heavy rain to southern parts of BC. Little did the community of Arnold and the greater Sumas Prairie area realize the pending damage this atmospheric river would later cause. After multiple days of heavy rain, disaster struck early in the week of November 15th when the Nooksack River breached its bank and water came flooding into the community of Arnold. On top of the incoming Nooksack River water, the local pump station was unable to move water out of the area due to high Fraser River water levels. It wasn't long until Arnold and surrounding areas began flooding at extreme levels. At its peak, some homeowners in Arnold experienced 3 to 5 feet of water while higher elevation areas received about 1.5 feet of water. By later that week, the flooding had subsided in Arnold, and residents were able to return and see the destruction the water left behind.

The residents of Arnold were overwhelmed with the damage caused and the amount of work required to restore their homes. A transfer station was organized in the parking lot of Arnold Community Church and an incredible 1.1 million pounds of damaged furniture, appliances, personal belongings, etc. was collected and disposed of free of charge. Not only did Arnold Community Church serve as a transfer station, it also acted as a place of connection where community members could gather to take a break from flood relief efforts and grab some food. Hundreds of volunteers from the surrounding area showed up and if they could not help with waste removal they provided meals, cleaning products and more. Cam Stuart, the Lead Pastor of Arnold Community Church, reported that 500-600 meals were donated.

Although impacted residents were able to remove a large amount of damaged contents in the first week or so, it's evident to Cam that there are many layers to restoration, and it will be a long road to recovery. Arnold Community Church is providing flood relief funds to impacted residents who have experienced loss and damage to property due to rain and flooding. Abbotsford Community Foundation, the University of the Fraser Valley, and the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce are happy to have provided an Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund grant to support this cause so that the residents of Arnold can continue their lengthy journey to recovery.

 **Jessica Peakman**



## 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**.



## 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 were 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

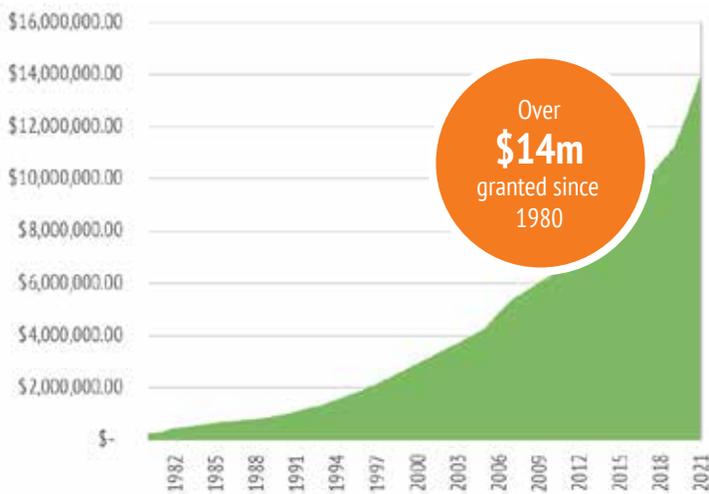


Figure 1 - The cumulative effect of annual grants reinvested into the community.

### Endowed Asset Growth



Figure 2- Steady growth of the ACF endowment.

## IMPACT FOR TOMORROW

### Investment Readiness Program – Kinghaven Peardonville House Society

ACF is uniquely positioned to bring grant funding to our community which helps to deepen our impact and invest in the future. In 2021, we continued the work started in 2020 with a partnership between Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to launch a second round of funding for social enterprise projects in the Not-for-Profit Sector. One of our three grant recipients, Kinghaven Peardonville House Society received a grant of **\$10,000** through the Investment Readiness Program to provide employment, cultural connectedness and supply quality products for First Nations groups for men/women in substance use recovery.

The Investment Readiness Program supports social purpose organizations as they contribute to solving pressing social, cultural and environmental challenges across Canada.



📍 Kinghaven

# 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](mailto: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](http://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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