



ABBOTSFORD
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

2022 YEAR AT A GLANCE

Message from the Chair

If I had to summarize the past year in one statement it would be: “cleaning up the mess”; mess resulting from the Nov. 2021 floods, from Covid-19, from so much upheaval and disruption.

ACF, together with our partners, the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) invested a great deal of time and energy this past year distributing the over \$4.4 million dollars donated to the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund (ADRF). I would like to recognize two of our Board members, Denise Thandi as Chair of the Grants Committee and Steve Willems as Chair of the Marketing and Communications Committee. Both have contributed immensely to the ADRF’s implementation and effectiveness.

Through initiatives like the Smart and Caring Community Grants program, the Agricultural Enhancement Grants program, and the Student Awards program, we have been able to distribute \$3.7 million dollars to worthy individuals and organizations this past year. These funds have helped to heal some of the scars that Covid-19 and natural disasters have left on our community.

Looking forward to the next couple of years, I see two areas of opportunity for ACF. The first is to cultivate the relationship with individuals and businesses that, in crisis circumstances, chose to donate to the ADRF. For many of these donors, it was their first connection with the Foundation, and I believe there’s potential for these donors to want to contribute towards proactive initiatives as well as the reactive ones. The second is to position ACF as a charity of choice for those that wish to transfer assets as part of their estate planning. I believe ACF has a lot to offer in terms of flexibility and sound stewardship of assets that are entrusted to it.

I would like to conclude by recognizing the outstanding work of Wendy Neufeld as Executive Director. As many of you know, Wendy concluded her time as ED in December. Wendy’s work ethic, tenacity, and focus has strengthened ACF markedly over the past 6 years and for that, I simply want to say a heartfelt thank you. I also want to welcome Areni Kelleppan in her role as our new ED. I very much look forward to working with her. Areni brings a strong set of skills from both the private and non-profit sectors and those skills along with her energy and enthusiasm I believe will stand ACF in good stead going forward.



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Inspire. Impact. Invest.

Abbotsford is a community with deep roots, great diversity, and an open and welcoming spirit. We count our residents as some of the most generous in Canada. Philanthropy exists in many ways, but the history of our organization speaks to a commitment of sustainable generosity.

Since its inception, Abbotsford Community Foundation has granted over \$17 million back into our community. With your help, we will continue to grow our endowments so that we can further invest in creating a lasting local impact that will inspire future generations.

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

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.

3

When you invest in ACF, we pool your gift with many others to provide grants that meet the greatest needs in our community.



Wendy Neufeld
Retired Executive Director

One thing we can count on in life is that change is inevitable. Over the past three years, the Abbotsford Community Foundation has seen tremendous changes as we navigated the effects of the pandemic and adapted to deliver our strategic priorities to our community.

I am proud to say that despite unprecedented and tremendous challenges, ACF adapted, resulting in significant positive impacts over all of our established programs. Our Student Awards Program had a record year in investing in Abbotsford high school graduates. Our Agricultural Enhancement grants for innovative projects, and our Smart & Caring Community grants for local charitable programs helping families at risk, also had the largest impact ACF has seen in its history. Our 2022 report highlights these key successes and I hope you enjoy reading about how your donation dollars have been invested to help Abbotsford become a stronger, more caring community.

It has been an incredible journey for me personally to lead ACF through these turbulent times and now it is time for me to turn the leadership role over to a new Executive Director. ACF is in good hands moving forward on a solid foundation of organizational systems to continue our work. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to our Board, volunteers, staff and especially our donors for continuing to invest in the work of ACF! The impact we make today will be felt for generations to come. My heart is full.



Areni Kelleppan
Executive Director

I am extremely honoured to be taking on the leadership of the Abbotsford Community Foundation. Throughout its 43-year history, ACF has proven to be a convener, conduit, and collaborator in the local charitable sector, bringing together so many elements that make Abbotsford a stronger, more resilient, compassionate, and caring community. All of us have the power to be a philanthropist. It's in our giving that we truly make a difference. Whether we give to help one or we help many, it all matters to someone. Or to many someones. Because at its root, philanthropy is about sharing our abundance for the betterment of all.

Our 2022 results show just how Abbotsford residents demonstrate what it means to give. I look forward to continuing to build upon the pillars of abundance and philanthropy which remains at the core of what we do.

Foundation Staff



Jean Vanderbyl
Financial Coordinator



Tricia Taylor
Admin and Awards Coordinator



Sara Goetz
Administrative Assistant

Meaningful Impact

\$1,838,268
Total endowment gifts received.

\$17,036,676
Total endowment capital including four new endowment funds.

\$3,739,452
Total grants distributed directly into meaningful causes within Abbotsford.

\$2,975,000
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 citizens and their contributions to our community.

Year at a Glance

2022 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, and 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:



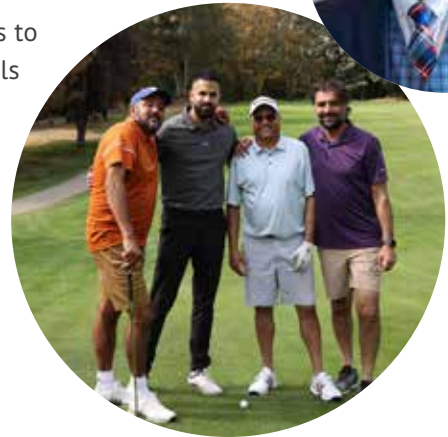
Held our **7th Annual Smart and Caring Golf Classic** on September 15, 2022 at Ledgeview Golf Club and raised nearly \$120,000 towards our Smart & Caring Community Fund. We hosted 124 golfers and 43 sponsors for a fun-filled day of golf.



Hosted two sessions for Financial Advisors and Charities with Paul Nazareth, Vice-President, Education and Development with the Canadian Association of Gift Planners, to learn about continuing philanthropy through legacies and adapting to the changing times.



The **Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund** granted out over 3.1 million dollars to those directly helping flood affected businesses, charities and individuals with the help of the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and the University of the Fraser Valley.



\$426,000

Total scholarships and bursaries allocated to 282 students which brings the total amount awarded since inception of this program in 1995 to \$6,534,000.

\$978,486

Raised for the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund in 2022 in response to the November 2021 floods. Since that time, \$3,107,135 has been distributed and a total of \$4,449,039 raised overall.

\$614,459

Granted to charity partner programs & projects, including our Smart & Caring Community Grants, Mary Victoria Wakefield Animal Welfare Grants and Agricultural Enhancement Grants.

Student Awards Program

The ACF Student Awards Program allocated **\$426,000** in scholarships and bursaries for 282 Abbotsford high school graduates planning to attending post-secondary institutions.

Endowed Student Awards:

- Abbotsford 2004 BC Summer Games
- Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce
- Abbotsford Community Foundation
- Abbotsford Masonic Lodge #70
- Abbotsford Rotary Club
- Abby Senior Student Memorial
- 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
- 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 Anne "Liz" Louwersheimer Memorial
- Emily Haw Memorial
- Erin Burgess Memorial
- Eugene Reimer Memorial
- Eveline Grace Hardy Memorial
- Fandrich 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 & Roslin Lovick Memorial
- Hurricanes Vaisakhi Educational
- James Fisher Memorial
- Jerry Alamwala Memorial – Agriculture
- Jill Nelson Memorial
- Jim Anderson Memorial
- John A. & Muriel Murphy Memorial
- Joshua Jensen Memorial
- Judith Ratzlaff Memorial
- Kari Bell Memorial
- Katie McKenzie Memorial
- Kevin Lloyd Memorial
- Kody Ramsay "Inspirational"
- Ledgerview 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 & Dennis Healey-Science
- Patricia Huston Memorial
- Percy Darling Memorial
- Rachel Thiessen Memorial
- RHSS Social Innovation
- Robert & Birgit Bateman
- Robert Bateman Secondary Fine Arts/ Technology
- Robert Bateman Secondary PAC
- Sam Posthumous Memorial
- Samuel & Isabella Gardner Memorial
- Sean Phillips Memorial
- Shane Travis Memorial
- Spencer Lightburn Memorial
- Tena Venema Memorial
- Tony Anning Memorial
- Trevor Paul Dueck Memorial
- Vandell Student Award
- Vicky Bach Memorial
- William A & Violet Mercer Memorial
- W.J. Mouat Grad
- William J. Mouat Memorial
- Yale Lions Excellence
- Yvonne Potter Memorial



ACF presently has 92 permanent student award endowment funds totaling \$4,728,093.

These endowments have been established in perpetuity by community organizations, businesses, families and individuals to support student awards in participating schools in Abbotsford.

We understand that starting an endowment may seem daunting or out of reach but there are many options to help make your legacy a reality. You can offer a hand up to young people graduating and looking for post secondary education opportunities that may have seemed out of reach before your award. Call or email us today to discuss what's possible.

Annual Student Awards

Below is the 2022 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 & Vice-Principals Association
- Abby Grad 1968
- Abby's Music Society
- Aldergrove Royal Canadian Legion #265
- ASIA Sumas Mountain
- Badesha & Associates
- Beant Singh Dhaliwal Memorial
- Board of Education
- CIBC Wood Gundy
- City of Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service Benevolent Society
- Cody Halfpenny Memorial
- Complete EyeCare Optometry
- Dalbir & Pirtveer Gill Award
- Design2Web IT
- Douglas Jacob Rexford Gosling Memorial
- Fraser Valley Auto Mall
- Fraser Valley Stage Memorial
- Fraserway RV LP
- G&F Financial Group
- GirlKIND Foundation
- Goetz Family Construction & Trades
- Gregory Potocky Memorial
- Jacob Wilson Memorial
- Jerry Seikhon Memorial
- Joyce Primrose Memorial
- Kerkhoff Technologies Scholarship
- Legacy Productions
- Marcus Ortner – PREC
- Medical Tower Drugs
- Mierau Contractors Ltd.
- Mt. Lehman Community Association
- Overlanders Manufacturing
- Peter Dobson Memorial Golf
- Raghbir Riari Memorial
- RDM Lawyers LLP
- RICOH Canada
- RISE Annual Scholarship
- Rotary Club of Abbotsford – Matsqui
- Rotary Club of Abbotsford – Sumas
- Run For Water Global Development
- The Honda Way
- Tri-Link Systems Inc.
- Varing Marketing Group

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I was incredibly honoured to be awarded the Aldergrove Credit Union and Hartley & Roslin Lovick Memorial scholarship awards.”

– Cambree Lovesy



Granting Impact

The Foundation's impact was inspiring in 2022 with over **\$3.7 million** invested into our community through grants and scholarships. The following areas are some of the key highlights:

\$159,956 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 addressing the needs of children and families at risk in Abbotsford.

The following seventeen local charities received grants:

- **Abbotsford Cultural Centre (The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford)** – The Reach Art Engagement Kits
- **Abby Community School Society** – Summer Camp for Education and Recreation (SCAMPER)
- **Archway Community Services Society** – Seva Food Pantry & Starfish Backpack Program
- **Big Brother Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley** – Mentoring for Mental Health
- **Board of Education** – Back to School Event
- **Canuck Place Children's Hospice** – Counselling & Bereavement Services at Dave Lede House
- **Care for Women** – Community Outreach Program
- **Cyrus Centre** – Breaking Down Barriers: Crisis & Counselling
- **Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association** – Young at Arts Summer Program
- **Fraser Valley Down Syndrome Society** – Social & Emotional Program
- **Fraser Valley Healthcare Foundation** – Wifi for ARH Pediatrics Department
- **MSA Society for Community Living** – Skill Seekers Program
- **Salvation Army Cascade Community Ministries** – Back to School Event
- **Salvation Army Cascade Community Church** – Camp at Home & Camp Sunrise
- **SARA For Women** – Food Security Collaboration with Abbotsford Farmers Market
- **University of the Fraser Valley** – Science Rocks! Days
- **Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society** – Abbotsford Cancer Patient Transportation

With staff training we feel more equipped to support young people in our programs. Being trauma informed created environments that heal and respond to needs rather than reacting to them. Our mentors can take this training forward into their personal and professional lives while our children and youth experience a more welcoming and safe relationship.”

– Big Brothers Big Sisters

Thank you
Sooooo much
for supporting
us Sara for
Women!!



\$170,000

Agricultural Enhancement Grants

The Agricultural Enhancement Grants Program is a partnership between ACF and the City of Abbotsford. In 2022, the Agricultural Grants Committee established program criteria focusing on agriculture innovation with a technology focus, including research and development, to benefit the agriculture industry.

The following five organizations received grants:

- **Air Microfluidic Systems Inc & University of Waterloo Microfluidic Lab** – Low cost and fast fresh berries harvester without bruising or damage
- **Artisan Sake Maker Inc** – Developing best practices for rice production in the Fraser Valley
- **Bakerview EcoDairy Ltd** – Development of a living research lab focusing on sustainable beef cattle finishing
- **Circular Harvest Farm Co.** – The MushROOM by Circular Harvest
- **Sarcomere Dynamics Inc** – Field Trial – Automation of Agricultural Labour



\$14,928

Neighbourhood Small Grants

These grants, in partnership with the City of Abbotsford and the Vancouver Foundation, are awarded to help fund small scale projects that help better connect communities. For the third year in a row, the program aims to:

- Tackle and address social isolation
- Build community strength and resilience
- Foster community creativity and well-being

Some of the successful projects were Larkspur Social Night, Biscuit & Baking Night, Multicultural Day, and Auguston Freefit. There were 29 approved projects totaling over **\$14,000**.



"Throughout covid the isolation was unberable but in our isloation we found one another. Our street is now a community, our community. Thank you for... affording members of this community such generosity"

– Neighbourhood Small Grant recipient

\$293,724

Donor Designated

Donor Advised Endowment Funds

Donor Advised Funds (DAF) allow donors to make annual grant recommendations to the charity or charities of their choice. Each year, the donor (or their designee) chooses which cause(s) the earnings on their endowment will go to. It is a tailored option for those looking to spread their gifts among the causes they care most about. In 2022, ACF held 19 Donor Advised Endowment Funds.

Donor Designated Endowment Funds

Donor Designated Endowment Funds (DDF) are like the above DAF, but when the fund is initially set up, the

recipient of the gift is chosen. While the DAF allows donors to support a different charity each year, a DDF ensures that the charities chosen will consistently receive a gift on an annual basis. In 2022, ACF held 23 Donor Designated Endowment Funds.

Agency Funds

Agency Funds provide organizations with a sustainable annual source of income that ensures they can offer their programs for the community. In 2022, ACF held 11 Agency Funds on behalf of local charities and actively promotes these funds to our donors as a part of our role in connecting donors to causes that matter to them.

\$17,100

Animal Welfare Grants

Every fall, ACF is pleased to invite local animal welfare charities to submit proposals for the Mary Victoria Wakefield Animal Welfare Grant. The fund advisors review applications and make recommendations on how to allocate available funds to charities focused on local animal welfare.

The following seven local charities received grants:

- **Abbotsford BCSPCA** – Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program: Provide low cost spay/neuter for qualified low-income community members.
- **Fraser Valley Humane Society** – Feral Socialization: Help trapped feral cats socialize to a degree that they are adoptable as indoor pets.
- **Heart on Noses a Mini Pig Sanctuary** – Ramp it Up: Create wooden ramps for senior animals to help them get from housing to ground safely.
- **Hug a Bull Advocacy & Rescue Society** – HugABull Reach: Free/low-cost spay or neuter services to all breeds of dogs.
- **Tiny Tales Pony & Rescue Society** – Operation Safe More: Building new paddocks and shelters to house more ponies.
- **Abbotsford Police Foundation** – Financial Care Package for Retired Police Service Dogs: Provide cover fees associated with food and vet bills for retired police service dogs.
- **Circle F Horse Rescue Society** – For the Heard: Cover fees for feed, hay, farrier and vet care to help rehabilitate horses at Circle F.

"Your grant helped support pets from Abbotsford families [to access] veterinary care through our Better Together program. These pets needed regular medication, treatment for parasites like ear mites, dental surgery, cancer treatment, spay/neuter, and surgery." – Paws for Hope (2021 MVWAW grant recipient)



Local Community Impact

ACF was conceived with a substantial donation by the Trethewey family to the Matsqui Parks and Recreation Commission in 1978.

The directors of the Commission, now the Foundation, 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 ACF experienced steady asset growth thanks to the continued generosity of thousands of people in the community.

Granting History

● Cumulative Grants

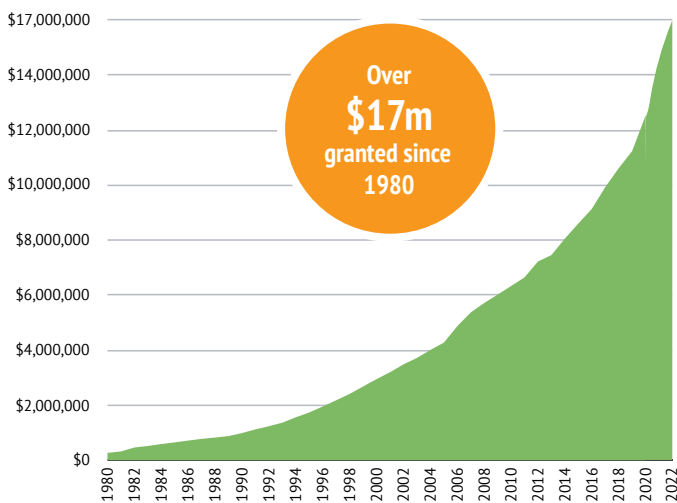


Figure 1 – The cumulative effect of annual grants reinvested into the community.

Endowed Asset Growth

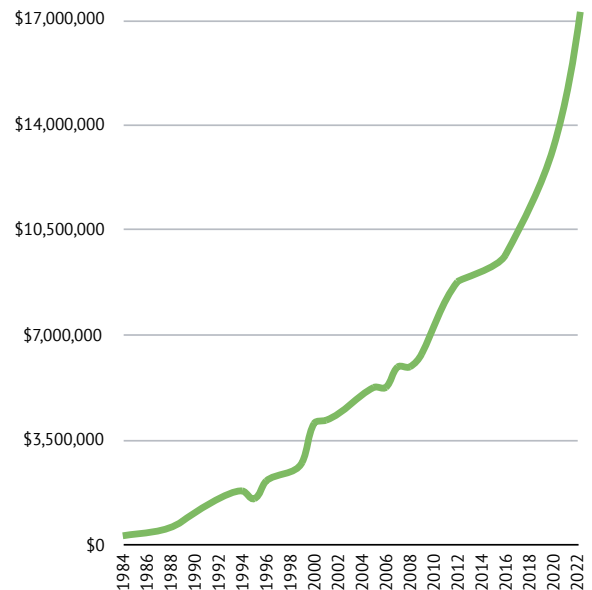


Figure 2 – Steady growth of the ACF endowment.

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.



\$978,386

Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund

In response to the November 2021 floods, the Abbotsford Community Foundation, the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and the University of the Fraser Valley jointly established the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund (ADRF). Initial funds were provided for the greatest critical needs – food, emergency supplies, whatever gaps those impacted families needed most in the short term just to survive. Since that initial crisis period, 2022 saw a gradual transition to rebuild and recover. We recognize that this period is a marathon, not a sprint, and every dollar is critical to the efforts of families, farmers, and businesses to restore what was. Along the way, we will continue to identify and fill the gaps where needed to ensure that the money donated is provided to those who need it most.



\$100,000 received

Mennonite Disaster Services

Mennonite Disaster Services received funding from ADRF to help rebuild homes that were significantly affected by the flooding. They provided 65 volunteers and financial support to make this happen.

"What brought us together was a disaster, a loss, a trauma, something we can never forget"
– Mark Rempel, Mennonite Disaster Service's BC unit

Abbotsford School District

ASD's Indigenous Education Department used funding to support Upper Sumas Elementary's First Nations Program with grocery cards, replacement of sports equipment and indigenous-specific reading materials for families impacted by the floods. The funding also supported a feast and healing ceremony for the Upper Sumas community.

"I had never participated in a healing ceremony and it was so special to see First Nations traditions shared with the school community," – parent attending a feast and healing ceremony for flood impacted families



\$75,000 received



\$125,000 received

Hey Neighbour!

Hey Neighbour! received funding for free goods & services to the flood impacted residents. They were able to give people more than just 'things', they have been able to provide them with hope – a reprieve from the never-ending slog of recovering and rebuilding from such a devastating experience.

"It was incredible seeing how selfless and kind impacted residents were during difficult times. I was blown away that many of the residents dealing with the aftermath of flooding were still helping others when they had the capacity." – Elysia McCallum, Hey Neighbour!



\$30,000
received

Crossroads Food Hub

Alison Arends and her husband John's farm became a place of refuge for many who were evacuated during the floods. From there, Crossroads Hub was born, a location where flood victims could stop in for a hot meal and grab necessities like bottled water and cleaning supplies.

"Folks are still struggling from the trauma of the flooding and when you see it in their eyes, you feel it. Some of the best therapy has come from residents sharing their challenges over a hot lunch [at the Hub]" – Alison Arends, flood impacted farmer, Crossroads Food Hub

Arnold Community Church

Arnold Community Church became a transfer station for over 1 million pounds of damaged equipment, goods, furniture and more. Not only did the church parking lot 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.

"People are working alongside us for hours and days at a time, people are feeding us, people are donating items to those in need. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people."
– Cam Stuart, Lead Pastor at Arnold Church



\$153,500
received



\$904,000
received

Gateway Community Church

Gateway Church opened their doors to receive donations large and small from the community. They opened a pantry for flood affected residents to easily pick up food they needed and provided an element of food security. Gateway has granted money to individuals and farmers for replacement of furniture, appliances, small tools, and outdoor incidentals.

"We made an appeal to the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund, and they were there within a matter of days to support us." – Milt Walker, Gateway Community Church

ADRF Grant Recipients:

- Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce
- Abbotsford Hospice Society
- Archway Community Services Society
- Arnold Community Church
- BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation
- BC Cancer Foundation
- Cares Counselling Society
- Central Fraser Valley Search and Rescue Society (CFVSAR)
- Chilliwack Bowls of Hope Society
- Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention of British Columbia
- Elizabeth's Wildlife Center Society
- Fraser Valley Child Development Centre
- Gateway Community Christian Reformed Church
- GJ Multicultural Services Society
- Hand in Hand Child Care Society
- Hey Neighbour! (Great Commission Foundation)
- Kids Play Youth Foundation
- Langley Animal Protection Society (LAPS)
- Mamas for Mamas
- Mennonite Disaster Service Canada Inc
- South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Church
- The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)
- The Samaritan's Purse – Canada
- The Yarrow Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada
- Yarrow Mennonite Brethren Church

New Endowment Funds

The following new funds were established to provide strategic and intentional giving to causes that these donors care about most.

Ajit Singh Sandhu Memorial

Ajit was a lifelong educator, beginning his career in England and subsequently being recruited to teach in remote First Nations communities in Canada. His daughter set up this endowment in memory of her father, to provide scholarships for students with Indigenous, Metis or Inuit heritage pursuing a career in teaching.

David Froese Family Fund

A long time Abbotsford resident and man of deep faith, David gave generously to Abbotsford, a community in which he built a thriving business. His son, wanting to honour his father's legacy and support the causes dear to the Froese family, set up this donor designated endowment.

Geissler Family Foundation

Set up in memory of Peter & Cheryl Geissler, this endowment provides scholarships for local grads exemplifying community service through volunteerism. Cheryl, a long-time local elementary school teacher and Peter, a homebuilder and carpenter, both believed in the power of education which their children wanted to honor with a lasting gift.

Wiebe Properties & Dave Wiebe Memorial Fund

Dave started his business in Abbotsford and cared deeply for the local community that had been so good to him and his family. A philanthropist for many years, he left one final gift as a lasting legacy in the form of a donor advised endowment to help meet the greatest community needs each year.

Emerging Funds

Do you, your family or friends want to set up an endowment fund of your own?

Not everyone can put aside enough money for an endowment right away, and that's okay. Our emerging funds are a place to start – where people can begin the process of contributing to what can be a lasting gift to provide sustainable support to local causes that are important to you.

Many people tend to equate endowment funds with millions of dollars. But we believe everyone can be a philanthropist and we try to make setting one up as accessible as we can. Yes, an endowment must reach a minimum of \$10,000 before we can start granting. However, that total can be achieved over a few years. This allows people from a variety of financial backgrounds to create their own endowments. You can pool funds from family/friends, make monthly or annual donations or come up with other ways to create an endowment that represents what you care about most and why. Want to learn more or talk about options and what setting up an endowment fund might look like for you?

Contact us for a chat or consultation. We can talk about how to turn your hopes and good wishes into a meaningful reality.

"My dad was the inspiration for this award...in his honour, I wanted to help along a young person that wants to get into teaching."

- Bharathi Sandhu,
Ajit Singh Sandhu
Memorial Donor



What Do You Care About?

ACF gives individual donors, family foundations, businesses, and charitable organizations a number of ways to offer a sustainable way of funding the ever changing needs of our local community.

We help strategically focus your giving by designing creative, tax-smart, well-informed philanthropy and helping you decide on where and how to channel your giving to maximize a return on your investment for lasting impact.

First, choose a cause you're passionate about:



Second, choose how you want to help:

- Current needs: immediate, responsive grants in the community
- Favourite charity: support an organization close to your heart
- Scholarships and bursaries: help youth achieve their post secondary education goals
- Programs/projects of your choice: plan an active role in grant making with causes you care about most

Third, make a commitment to giving:

All gifts, no matter the size, go towards creating a stronger, more caring community. There are many ways we can facilitate your gifting:

- Gifts of cash: to an existing fund, an emerging fund you create, or designated charity
- Gifts of appreciated securities: reduce capital gains and get a charitable tax receipt to offset taxes on other income
- Gift in your will: make a bequest or designate a portion of your estate as a legacy gift and get a charitable tax receipt to offset estate taxes.
- Life insurance: designate some or all the proceeds of a life insurance policy as a legacy gift or transfer a policy to ACF and receive tax receipts for any premiums paid during your lifetime.
- RRSP, RRIF or TFSA: make ACF a beneficiary towards a specific fund and receive significant tax benefits.
- Gifts of real property: homeowners may donate their home or other real estate holdings and receive a tax credit. You may be able to continue to live in your home for as long as you want with this option.

How To Get Started?

We are here to help magnify the impact of your giving goals and walk you through the process of figuring out what giving strategy best meets your needs. It starts with a conversation to learn about what you care about most and then about how you want to give to have a lasting impact in your community.

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Together we build a stronger, more caring community.

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