

The Results of Your **Generosity**



A report of what was made possible by
Vancouver Foundation and our donors in 2012

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Mission

To harness the gifts of energy, ideas, time, and money to make meaningful and lasting impacts in communities.

Vision

Healthy, vibrant and livable communities across British Columbia.

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Your generosity is the beginning



Last year, more than 4,000 grants were made possible through your generosity, totalling more than \$46 million.



The document you hold in your hands is like the proverbial tip of the iceberg. These 50 pages are, as the title says, the results of your generosity.

They are also the result of countless hours of hard work, meetings, and research by dedicated volunteers and staff. The projects highlighted within these pages are ideas to improve our community. They involve hundreds of people and millions of dollars. They are intended to make our communities healthier, stronger and more livable.

If you are anything like me, you will read the following page (*2012 By the Numbers*) with a sense of wonder. Last year, more than 4,000 grants were made possible through your generosity, totaling more than \$46 million.

It's amazing when you think about it... With this money and these projects, connections are made, lives are changed, people are fed or housed, opportunities are taken, families are strengthened, young people are educated, music is written, art is created, and fragile environments are protected. All this lies below the surface of the numbers quoted on that page.

Looking back over the 70-year history of Vancouver Foundation, I often wonder if our founders could have foreseen the monumental impact their efforts have made in helping communities become more connected and engaged or the inroads we've made to stem the tide of youth homelessness.

It's through the generosity of our donors past and present, whose foresight in leaving a gift through their estate, setting up a fund or supporting a specific project, that has enabled us to support these projects — projects that will contribute to the betterment of our society for years to come.

That's one of the reasons we publish this document — to remind you, and to remind ourselves, of the important work we do together and the difference we make.

As President & CEO of Vancouver Foundation, I am pleased to provide you with this edition of *The Results of Your Generosity* for 2012. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faye Wightman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Faye Wightman

President & CEO
Vancouver Foundation

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2012 By the Numbers

In 2012, Vancouver Foundation helped donors establish 71 new funds (compared with 62 the year before). We now manage almost

1,500
funds with assets totaling more than
\$814 million

These comprise:

800
Agency and Designated Funds*

475
Donor Advised Funds*

200
Community Impact and
Field of Interest Funds*

In 2012, Vancouver Foundation and our donors made more than

4,000
grants, totaling more than
\$46 million
to registered charities
across Canada

These comprise:

2,100
Grants directed by donors

375
Grants decided by Advisory
Committees

1,525
Distributions to charities

Since 1943, Vancouver Foundation has received almost **\$918** million in donations, and given out more than **\$917** million in grants and distributions (while currently maintaining **\$814** million in assets — that's the power of endowment at work).

* Unaudited numbers.

For a full description of our funds, see the Table of Contents for the Fund Type sections.