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"I see a impact
healthy, lasting
vibrant and arts
livable innovation
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2015
Year in Review

vancouver
foundation
COMMUNITY INSPIRED



**"I see my gifts
making a lasting
difference throughout
British Columbia."**

Message from the Chair & President

2015 is a Story About Community Inspiration

Vancouver Foundation is an engine that runs on inspiration. Since 1943, we have devoted our energies towards establishing, growing and supporting the development of assets and resources for the philanthropic sector. This past year gave us a much deeper understanding of our strengths and the opportunities we are able to harness when donors and communities are supported and heard.

Throughout 2015, Vancouver Foundation had answers to the questions that were important to British Columbians. Our volunteers and advisors contributed to our ongoing initiatives like Fresh Voices

and Fostering Change and provided valuable insight into the issues around youth aging out of foster care, and of immigrant and refugee experiences as new Canadians.

We acted on new trends in grant making such as Open Licensing to unlock new value from grants through sharing and to support timely ideas like the Youth Futures Education Fund, which bridges gaps for foster youth pursuing post-secondary education.



Kevin McCort (left)
& Jason McLean (right)

We have also invested in our own digital services and outreach capabilities to improve how we support British Columbians conducting their own charitable activities.

We had an incredibly successful year in 2015. Donors created a record 90 new funds, bringing us to over 1,700 endowment funds under our management. We marked another milestone by crossing the billion dollar threshold in total assets under management. And we're proud to share that our investments yielded an impressive 8.8% return – a number well worth celebrating.

In addition, our size and reach allowed us to create and share knowledge that had transformational impacts, connecting, engaging and inspiring citizens across our province to focus their energies on emerging issues and charitable causes.

We're grateful to shine a light on those volunteers who contribute their time, energy and talents to our work. We must especially thank Gordon MacDougall for his invaluable service and support to us as Board Chair from 2011 to 2015. He has shaped our organization in incalculable ways and leaves us well positioned for the future.

We would also like to acknowledge our current volunteers and advisors, as well as the members of our Board,

Honorary Governor's Council and members of our standing and advisory committees who will be moving on this year. We cannot thank you enough for your service to the community.

"I see a community that is inspired to be great."

As 2015 drew to a close, we chose a new tagline to express both who we are and what the years ahead mean to us – and we are proud to say Vancouver Foundation is *Community Inspired*. Together with our donors, we look forward to continuing the work of investing time, money, energy and ideas into the causes that matter most to British Columbians.

Thank you for being a part of our community.

Kevin McCort
President & CEO

Jason McLean
Board Chair

2015 Highlights

"I see caring individuals working together to build a better future."

90

New Endowment Funds

\$59.5m

Total Gifts Received

You're making a difference in our communities



4,300 Grants & Distributions

Through our Donor Advised, Designated and Charitable Agency endowment funds and with the help of our granting committees, we made over 4,300 grants and distributions to charities throughout BC and across Canada.

\$53m Disbursed

Grants and distributions totaled more than \$53 million in 2015. From arts and culture to the environment, health and social development, education, medical research and more, your generosity makes meaningful and lasting improvements to communities.



1,600 Organizations Supported

Your generosity supported over 1,600 different charities. That's a significant impact and shows the wide range of organizations that you support.

Countless

Lives improved in BC and beyond. Since 1943, Vancouver Foundation, in partnership with our donors, has distributed more than \$1 billion to thousands of charities and projects. Imagine the lives this has changed. That's the true power of endowment at work.



OUR AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT VANCOUVERFOUNDATION.CA

Field of Interest Grants

Vancouver Foundation's responsive granting program, our Field of Interest Grants, annually accepts hundreds of applications from organizations in BC for projects that address a wide range of issues. In 2015, we redesigned the program to support projects that have the greatest potential to make meaningful and lasting impacts in our communities. We did this by focusing our grants on **social innovations** – projects that address the systemic root causes of complex social issues in new and innovative ways.

Through a series of stakeholder consultations, focus groups and surveys, we simplified the number of granting fields from

nine to four. We also created three new grant types – **Develop, Test, and Grow** – to better support social innovations, and focused on a broad set of common outcomes to learn more about the impact of our grants. We heard enthusiasm from stakeholders for our commitment to the principle of community-guided granting, that the four new fields are easy to understand, and that the idea of social innovation is relevant to improving our communities.

We'd like to thank everyone who donated their time and energy to helping redesign our Field of Interest Grants program.



Arts & Culture

→ 31 grants \$ 945,285



Environment & Animal Welfare

→ 21 grants \$ 642,615



Education & Training

→ 21 grants \$ 1,543,720



Health & Social Development

→ 42 grants \$ 1,754,854

One Organization's Vision – Threadworks



How do you dismantle the myth that people with disabilities are unproductive in the workforce?

Threadworks by 3H Craftworks Society provides an accredited training program for people with disabilities to help them find work in the cut-and-sew and apparel industries. Vancouver Foundation is supporting Threadworks with a three year \$225,000 test grant from our Education & Training field of interest.

People with disabilities sometimes lack the skills or work experience required to enter the workplace, and can face unwillingness by employers to hire them. Threadworks delivers training in industrial sewing and hand-finishing skills, provides hands-on work experience, and works with potential employers to put supportive employment practices into place.

Threadworks is a great example of a social innovation in action. It challenges beliefs that hiring people with disabilities can be bad for business. And it removes barriers to entry for people with disabilities via expert training, practical employment opportunities, and on-the-job support.

Participation aims to increase social inclusion, self-esteem, and confidence, and the program targets at least 50% employment among graduates. Longer-term, the program is focused on changing the mindset of employers towards people with disabilities by demonstrating first-hand the amazing opportunity they represent for businesses across BC.



Key Priorities



Fostering Change

→ 13 grants \$ 1,115,852

Fostering Change is our strategic initiative to improve policy, practice and community connections for young people transitioning from foster care to adulthood. In addition to community granting, our work includes youth engagement, research, and public outreach. We convened five community conversations with over 300 participants to identify challenges and opportunities to supporting youth in transition, and held a forum on wellness techniques for frontline staff working with young people.

We also supported research by the McCreary Centre Society into social capital (connections and networks) for young people in government care, launched a new website to provide a platform for supporter outreach, and made a number of media appearances on TV, radio and elsewhere in order to raise public awareness.

fosteringchange.ca



Neighbourhood Small Grants

→ 985 grants \$ 486,078

Neighbourhood Small Grants is our unique partnership program to build community and connections right where people live – in their neighbourhood. Small grants of up to \$500 support residents to develop projects that meet the needs of the community. With a successful program established in many communities across Metro Vancouver, in 2015 we answered demand from other regions. Together with local organizations, we expanded the program to provide grants in two new communities – Victoria and Clayoquot Sound, and considered new models for further growth.

neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca



Fresh Voices

Fresh Voices is a youth engagement initiative for immigrant and refugee youth that encourages dialogue and action to identify and remove barriers to success. With the global media spotlight on the Syrian refugee crisis, our staff and youth advisory team members made numerous media appearances. We also co-hosted a national conference – the Youth Action Gathering – in Vancouver, and launched the Fresh Voices Awards to recognize young people's leadership on immigrant and refugee issues.

freshvoices.ca



Greenest City Fund Grants

→ 133 grants \$ 558,433

Over the last four years, the fund has distributed almost \$2 million to projects in Vancouver that support the City's Greenest City Action Plan. In our final year, we supported over 130 projects building community partnerships that will continue to have an impact for years to come.



Downtown Eastside Small Arts Grants

→ 100 grants \$ 95,070

With support from this program, dozens of artists living and working in the Downtown Eastside had the opportunity to advance their skills and showcase their work.

vancouverfoundationsmallarts.ca



Reconciliation Canada

Vancouver Foundation embarked on a collaborative journey with Reconciliation Canada to help engage citizens in a dialogue that revitalizes the relationship among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians.



Partnering with Community Foundations Across BC

Vancouver Foundation supported other community foundations across BC by hosting a regional gathering in Nelson, and a Learning Lab workshop for foundations exploring the future of philanthropy and community engagement.

"I see a connected and engaged community."

One Fund Holder's Vision

→ Monty Jang



"Walk a Little Rest a Little Smile for a While Enjoy"

This poem is placed on a park bench on the Vancouver seawall donated by philanthropist and Vancouver Foundation fund holder Monty Jang. Right next to it sits another bench dedicated to his late wife, Kay.

"Kay did everything to support the family and I wanted a permanent way to remember her," says Monty. "It's also a way for me to give back to the community that has been my home for so long."

Born in China in 1936, Monty immigrated to Canada in 1950 and has lived in Vancouver ever since. He met his future wife Kay at Strathcona School and they had five children – three daughters and two sons. For 43 years, Monty owned



Chopstick's restaurant and, during that time, obtained his undergraduate degree from Simon Fraser University.

Following the restaurant business, Monty started to invest in property and still manages buildings today. Now partially retired, Monty is able to focus more time on enjoying life, and as a grandfather and great grandfather, he's particularly excited about spending more time with his family.

As Monty reflects back on all his years of hard work, he remembers not having any time to spend the money he was earning. "I now have time to do more good things

for the community," explains Monty. "And I've even got time to take a vacation with my family."

Monty has been involved with the Lions Club for many years, including serving as President of Vancouver's Chinatown chapter, district Governor and finally Council Chair for the Pacific Northwest region. He has also been involved with several other organizations including the Chinese Cultural Centre and Chinese Benevolent Association.

While working with the Chinese Cultural Centre, Monty learned about Vancouver Foundation and, in 2001, set up a Donor Advised Fund. Through the fund, Monty provides support to hospitals, medical research, children's education and other causes.



"I see an effective way to give while making a lasting impact in my community."

"We set up the fund because Kay and I wanted to leave a lasting legacy for the community," says Monty. "It enables me to make grants to charities during my lifetime but will also provide support for generations to come."

While his children were growing up, Monty regularly reminded them that people are stronger when they work together. "You can break one chopstick, but put five chopsticks together and you cannot break them," he would say.

Monty applies this same philosophy to his fund at Vancouver Foundation, adding "I'm just one person, but when we all contribute to causes together, great things can happen."

And it's through the collective impact of philanthropists like Monty that others can truly *smile for a while*.

Thank you for Giving

Vancouver Foundation is proud to work with our donors to establish endowment funds. We thank each of our new and existing fund holders for placing your trust in us to effectively manage and steward your endowments. Here are the new funds and estate gifts in 2015:

A COMPLETE LIST OF THE 1,700+ FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY VANCOUVER FOUNDATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT VANCOUVERFOUNDATION.CA

Donor Advised Funds

- Association of Women in Finance Scholarship Fund
- Backmann Fund
- The Better Little Planet Fund
- Black Feather Fund
- Elana Brief & Yvette Cheong Fund
- BWSAC Fund
- Anka & Claude Cante Fund
- Owen Cantlie Bursary Fund
- Nancy & Stephen Carlman Fund
- Memorial Fund of Chan Siu Man & Kwok Wood Chun
- Celebrate the Child Fund
- Colleen & Christian's Legacy Fund
- Michael Bernard Corber Fund
- Cornerstone Fund
- Credo Fund
- Jill & Grayce Davies Fund
- Cameron Doyle Family Fund
- Dragon Fire Fund
- Malcolm Fernandes Junior Development Bursary
- FMS Family Fund
- Gamma Phi Beta Camp Fund
- Paul Gravett and Mark Hand Fund
- Karen and Fred Green Fund
- Liz Haan & Bill Holt Fund
- Halliday-Vivian Family Charitable Fund
- Barry and Gail Hicklenton Family Fund

- Holden Courage Memorial Fund for Artists
- George Hutchison Family Foundation
- Randal Hyland & Jade Zhen Fund
- Jac and Jon Legacy Fund
- Judy Jamieson BLG Family Foundation
- Johnson Roberts Family Fund
- Katy Fund
- Rudy and Stephanie Kwiram Fund
- Simon K.Y. Lee Vancouver Fund
- Angus and Genie MacNeil Memorial Endowment Fund
- The Madden and Riddell Family Fund
- Richard and Susan Mahler Family Community Fund
- Richard & Susan Mahler Family Fund
- Pamela Manson Fund
- William Ross McEachern Fund
- Merlot's Fund
- Miller Thomson Fund
- Pena Family Foundation
- Rennie Legacy Fund
- Savoy Fund
- Stirling Family Charitable Fund
- Stonewall Fund
- Leo and Hilda Sturrey Fund
- Paul Sugar Palliative Support Foundation Transferable Fund
- Peter Swinton Memorial Fund
- Lynne Taylor Fund
- Terminal City Club Foundation
- Scott Trapp Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Volunteerism in the Arts Fund

- Jeffrey Watt Fund
- Kevin Watt Fund
- Stephanie Watt Fund
- Bruno & Mariann Westerlund Fund
- Mark Robert Wilson Memorial Fund
- Bessie & David Wright Fund for Horse Protection Society of BC
- David & Bess Wright Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge Society Fund
- Youth Futures Education Fund

- Kimberley & District Community Foundation – Theresa Cundiff Fund
- Kinsmen Foundation of BC Extraordinary Needs Endowment Fund
- Langley Community Music School – Iris Preston Memorial Fund
- Darlene Ngo Legacy for Music Education
- Polygon Gallery Endowment Fund
- Seniors Come Share Society Endowment Fund
- West Coast Amateur Musicians Society (WCAMS) Fund
- WildResearch Foundation

Designated Funds

- Joyce A. Borrie and George W. Stevenson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Joyce A. Borrie and George W. Stevenson Memorial Fund for North Vancouver
- Lloyd and Elsie Campbell Foundation Fund
- Thomas Campbell Kinloch Endowment Fund for Education
- Edward and Emily McWhinney Scholarship Fund
- Kenneth K. Wong Fund
- David & Bessie Wright Hope for Wildlife Fund
- Bess & David Wright – BC SPCA Kelowna Recovery & Adoption Barn Fund

Agency Funds

- The 127 Society for Housing Endowment Fund
- Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada Fund
- Jann LM Bailey Legacy Fund
- Comox Valley Community Foundation Transferable Fund
- Cool Aid Housing, Health, Shelter and Community Services Fund
- Cranbrook and District Community Foundation – Hough Ingalls Fund for Animal Welfare
- Educo Adventure School Endowment Fund
- Victor "Sky" Elderton NVOSAS Endowment Fund
- Eric Hamber Secondary School Griffin Scholarship Fund
- Aldyen Hamber Library Fund

Community Impact Fund

- Blue Fence Fund

Estate Gifts

Estate gifts are an ideal way to help build a better tomorrow and we extend our heartfelt appreciation.

- Estate of Joyce Borrie
- Estate of Elsie Campbell
- Estate of Brian Graves
- Estate of Noreene Johnson
- Estate of Thomas Kinloch
- Estate of Grant Strate
- Estate of June Wilson
- Estate of Kenneth Wong
- 2 anonymous donors

"I see an organization established by local residents who believe in the future of our province."

Create Your Own Fund

Four easy steps to leave a lasting legacy



01 Consider your charitable interests

What are you passionate about? Arts and culture? Helping children? Medical research? When you establish a Donor Advised Fund at Vancouver Foundation, you will have the flexibility to support the charities and causes you care about most.



02 Establish your fund

It's easy to establish your own Donor Advised Fund at Vancouver Foundation. With a gift of \$10,000 (or \$1,000 to start), a personally named fund can be set up in just a day or two. The fund's capital is endowed and only the income is granted out, so the fund keeps on giving year after year.



03 Grant from your fund

With a Donor Advised Fund, you can have as little or as much involvement as you want. You can support any registered Canadian charity, or you can focus on a charitable cause and leave the decision making to our volunteer advisors who will evaluate hundreds of projects on your behalf.



04 Plan for the future

Planning for the future is important, as your Donor Advised Fund is a lasting legacy that will continue to support the community for generations. You can appoint a trusted friend or family member as your successor fund advisor, or ask Vancouver Foundation to carry out your wishes in perpetuity.

Supporting Charities

We don't just work with individual and family donors. In fact, Vancouver Foundation manages a large number of funds established by registered charities to help advance their missions. These charitable agency endowment funds represent a broad spectrum of organizations from all across the province, and range in size from \$10,000 to over \$40 million.

A charitable agency endowment provides secure income to balance other non-secure income. In years where donations are down or government funding is reduced, income from an endowment will still arrive. More than 400 charitable agencies have funds at Vancouver Foundation and, last year, more than 1,300 distributions were made to help these charities support their operations and fulfill their mandates.

Why Vancouver Foundation?

- ✓ Professional and diversified investment management
- ✓ Support for complex gifts
- ✓ Efficient and cost effective
- ✓ Low fees for service

"I see sustainability for my organization without the hassle."

Leadership

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"I see strong & effective leadership."

Our Vision

Healthy, vibrant and livable communities across BC.

Our Mission

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

Our Core Beliefs

Collaboration: Working together to leverage our collective knowledge, expertise and resources will ensure the best results.

Community Self Direction: Communities have the right and responsibility to identify and address their priority needs.

Focus: Targeting our efforts and resources will maximize our effectiveness.

Innovation: Our core role is a funder; however, we will incubate programs /services when appropriate.

Impact: Our work needs to make measurable and sustainable impacts in the communities we serve.

Power of Giving: Philanthropy plays a powerful and integral role in strengthening communities.

Systemic Approach: We address root causes of issues, focusing both on issues today and prevention of issues in the future.

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