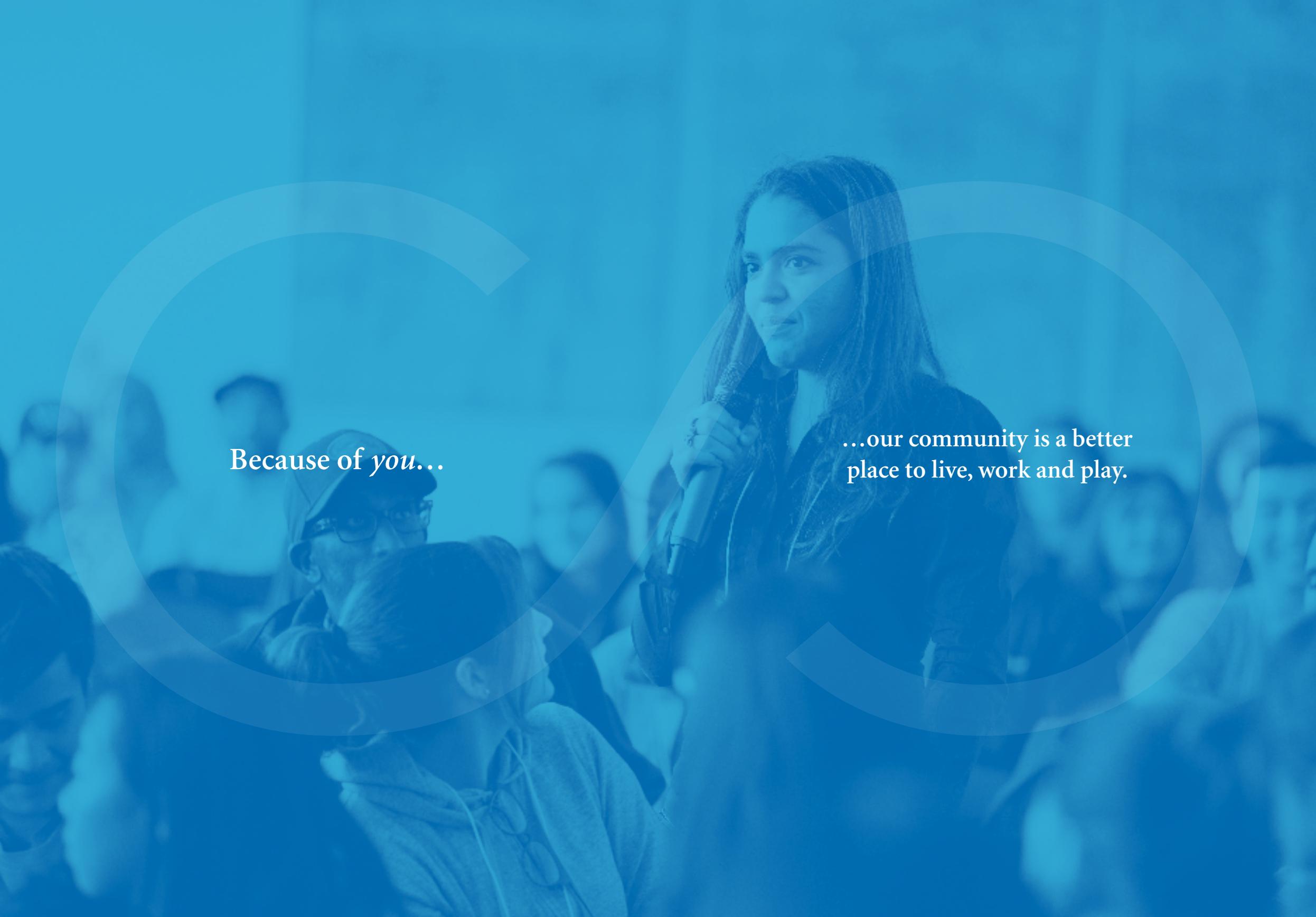


Because of *you*...

2016 Year In Review



vancouver
foundation
COMMUNITY INSPIRED



Because of *you*...

...our community is a better
place to live, work and play.

Message from the Chair & President

Because of *you*, we've been making meaningful and lasting impacts in communities since 1943.

2016 was another excellent year of learning, sharing and evolving. As we look back at our activities and achievements, we cannot help but acknowledge that we are only successful in our endeavours because of you.

You are the donors who continue to provide crucial support to thousands of charities across British Columbia and beyond. You are the charities that bring forward new project ideas addressing the root causes of complex social issues. And you are the advisory committee, board and community volunteers who help guide Vancouver Foundation to make positive and lasting impacts.

This past year we gained a deeper understanding of our strengths and the opportunities we can harness when donors and communities are supported and heard.

Through our 2016 Vital Signs survey, we leveraged local knowledge to measure the vitality of our communities province-wide. Vital Signs enables us to inform our stakeholders about the issues our region faces. While the survey offered encouraging news, there were some key areas – housing, safety, and employment – where more work is needed.

Because of you, we made great strides forward in raising awareness and building communities of support for youth leaving foster care. Our Fostering Change initiative captured over 17,000 signatures during our *Write the Future* campaign. It also produced powerful research – *Opportunities in Transition* – that estimated the cost of adverse outcomes experienced by youth from care and the investment required to improve those outcomes.

Our Fresh Voices initiative saw our youth advisors provide their voice and perspective on many issues related to immigration and newcomer experiences in BC. During a challenging year for refugees around the globe, this group truly helped change the local conversation. We capped the year with the Fresh Voices Awards that recognized the leadership of immigrant and refugee youth working to advance social change.

Our work in exploring open access to our research has brought us into contact with new communities and novel ideas that will continue to shape our evolution in the coming years.



BECAUSE OF YOU
...
Indigenous youth on BC's North Coast are reconnecting with their traditional language and way of life.

Kevin McCort
President & CEO

Jason McLean
Board Chair

When we reflect on how we have changed and evolved, again we must acknowledge that our biggest achievements were because of you – our donors, grant recipients,

and volunteers. Together we are building healthy, vibrant and livable communities across our province.

2016 Highlights

Because of *you...*
social entrepreneurs in
Vancouver's Downtown Eastside
are turning community-powered
ideas into successful businesses
for residents.



\$50 MILLION

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

3,700 GIFTS

86 NEW

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

2016 Highlights

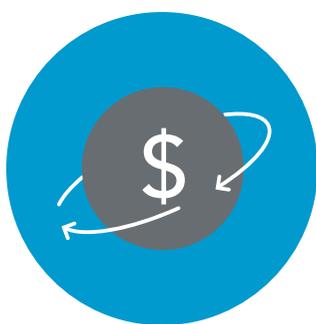
Because of *you*, great things are happening in our communities...



4,500

GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

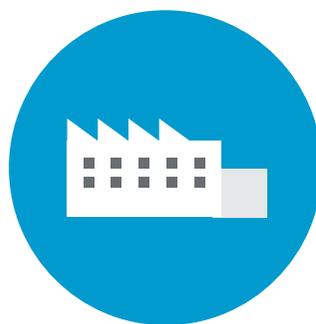
made through our Donor Advised, Designated and Charitable Agency endowment funds with the help of our granting committees and fund advisors.



\$44M

DISBURSED

to charities working in arts and culture, environment, health and social development, education, medical research and more.



1,600

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

throughout BC and Canada. That's a significant impact and shows the incredible range of organizations that you support.

Our audited financial statements can be found on our website at vancouverfoundation.ca/financials

Donor Advised Funds Make a Big Impact

Of the total number of grants and distributions each year, nearly half are made at the direction of donors.

In fact, Donor Advised Funds are the most popular way to give at Vancouver Foundation. Similar to a private foundation, a Donor Advised Fund enables individuals and families to establish a charitable endowment fund, receive a donation tax receipt and then recommend grants over time. Grants can be made to any registered Canadian charity, or any of our Charitable Causes.

BECAUSE OF YOU

...
a Vancouver theatre company is producing more culturally diverse performances that better reflect the community.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS
ANIMAL WELFARE
ARTS & CULTURE
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
EDUCATION
ENVIRONMENT
HEALTH
SOCIAL SERVICES
YOUTH

634

 DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

2,100

 GRANTS

\$15M

 DISTRIBUTED

Field of Interest Grants

In 2016, Vancouver Foundation's Field of Interest Grants program approved more than \$10 million in grants.



ARTS & CULTURE

29 GRANTS

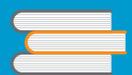
\$1,753,502



ENVIRONMENT & ANIMAL WELFARE

19 GRANTS

\$1,590,936



EDUCATION & TRAINING

24 GRANTS

\$2,115,784



HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

53 GRANTS

\$4,742,175

How did we do it?

We improved how we educate grantees about the Field of Interest Grants program through tailor-made information sessions, workshops, and other communications activities. We listened to stakeholder input, updated our best practices, and tested receiving grant applications more often throughout the year. And we focused on deepening our community's understanding of social innovation, by nurturing cohorts of grantees and students to explore new ways of coming up with ideas to address the root causes of complex social issues.

A huge thank you to the generosity of our donors and the incredible dedication of our volunteer Advisory Committee members.



Featured Grant: Reconnecting to Laxgalts'ap (Old Town)

Laxgalts'ap or 'Old Town' is the birthplace of the Gitga'at Nation, and home to their ancestral village in the Great Bear Rainforest for thousands of years.

But the Gitga'at's traditional way of life is threatened by competing interests for natural resources, and the challenge of transferring knowledge between generations. As a result, the Gitga'at face the potential loss of cultural and ecological knowledge, threats from theft, poaching, trophy hunting, and pollution, and diminishing land use rights and title over time.

The 'Reconnecting to Laxgalts'ap' project involves a partnership between local researchers and community leaders from Hartley Bay, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, and the Gitga'at Nation. Careful exploration, documentation, and sharing of cultural and ecological knowledge provides a way to engage Gitga'at youth, and demonstrates a long history of resource management traditions to people outside the community.

Since only a handful of elders born and raised on the landscape of Old Town are alive today, the project will test if a rich and detailed website and touch screen museum exhibit can serve as an ongoing venue for knowledge exchange between generations. Over time, the project will provide critical evidence of resource management practices performed by the Gitga'at Nation, and will allow them to continue ongoing monitoring and stewardship of their territory.

Key Priorities



Youth Engagement

Fostering Change

In 2016, Fostering Change took the conversation out of the office and onto the streets. Our 'Write the Future' petition was signed by over 17,000 people across the province who agree that youth aging out of foster care need consistent financial support, long-term relationships, and community connections. As a result, Vancouver City Council, New Westminster City Council, and the Union of BC Municipalities endorsed our recommendations.

We also offered new ideas for solutions – and backed them up with evidence. Our *Youth Transitions* survey revealed that most parents in BC provide their children age 19+ with financial support – and that 71% want the same for youth aging out of foster care.

And our *Opportunities in Transition* report demonstrated that while the cost of adverse experiences for youth aging out of foster care exceeds \$250 million per year, only \$57 million per year would be required to improve outcomes.

fosteringchange.ca



Fresh Voices

Our Fresh Voices team—a group of immigrant and refugee youth advisors—made 2016 the year they turned ongoing media attention into significant influence over the way new arrivals are welcomed in our communities.

Through relationships with BC's Ministry of Education, the City of Vancouver, the City of Surrey, and Immigrant Services Society of BC, the Fresh Voices team introduced policy

makers to recommendations that will help remove barriers to success for immigrant youth. In addition, the Fresh Voices Forum attended by over 240 youth, and the Fresh Voices Awards celebrating immigrant and refugee youth leadership, garnered substantial media coverage including a week-long series on Roundhouse Radio.

freshvoices.ca

TOTAL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT GRANTS



19 GRANTS



\$901,869

Key Priorities

Grassroots Granting

Neighbourhood Small Grants

Our Neighbourhood Small Grants program continued to expand across BC in 2016. Thanks to three new partnerships, residents in Abbotsford, the South Okanagan/Similkameen, and UBC, Point Grey, can apply for a small grant of up to \$500 to develop a project that connects and engages neighbours in their community.

neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca



Canada 150 Small Grants

Canada 150 Small Grants is a new partnership between Vancouver Foundation, Community Foundations of Canada, and the Government of Canada to recognize our nation's 150th anniversary. Small Grants of up to \$500 were made available to support projects under the following themes:

- First Nations-focused cultural exchange, storytelling and dialogues
- Building intergenerational connections
- Connecting newcomers with long-term residents.

Downtown Eastside Small Arts Grants

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

TOTAL GRASSROOTS GRANTING



24 GRANTS



\$975,400



BECAUSE OF YOU

...

BC coastal communities are empowered to participate in improved environmental planning with all levels of government.

Vital Signs

In 2016, we set out to discover what people across BC think about the place we call home. Our first-ever province-wide Vital Signs report, produced in partnership with local Community Foundations across British Columbia, surveyed regional differences in our experiences of community. The insights from our 2016 Vital Signs report will inform and guide our work as a funder, partner, and convener, and we will use it in 2017 to engage community and civic organizations in discussions about working together to build healthy, vibrant and livable communities across BC.

vancouverfoundationvitalsigns.ca

Reconciliation Canada

Vancouver Foundation's signature on the Philanthropic Declaration of Action on Reconciliation is a commitment to act on the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In 2016, our efforts included a continuing partnership with Reconciliation Canada, a focus on funding reconciliation-related projects through our Canada 150 Small Grants, and dialogue among staff, Board of Directors, and Honorary Governors about how reconciliation should inform our strategic priorities. We also continue to seek Indigenous participation in our volunteer Advisory Committees.

One Donor's Vision



Derek Wills

Learning through Giving

"Deep inside, I've always had a close connection to giving back to the community," says Derek Wills. His compassion for others was inspired by his parents who spent many hours volunteering with service clubs while he was growing up.

"My parents involved me in volunteering at a very early age by delivering food and gift hampers to families in need," he explains. "I learned a lot from them and those values have stayed with me my whole life."

Derek grew up in Nanaimo and met his wife Janice while they were attending university. They now have three children of their own and have made North Vancouver their home. For the past 16 years, Derek has worked for and been a part owner of a local high performance bicycle parts manufacturer. He recently sold his share of the company and now enjoys sharing his passion for the outdoors with Janice and their kids.

"We want to do good things for the community while we are young—not later in life," Derek explains about establishing a Donor Advised Fund at Vancouver Foundation. "We support several causes, but I'm particularly passionate about education and want to give more young people the opportunity to learn."



As Derek reflects on his youth, he recalls several friends from single-parent families struggling to afford post-secondary education. "I learned that if someone didn't step forward to help, my friends may have not been able to attend university," he adds. "Now that I'm able to provide support, I want to do what I can to help students further their education."

The first thing he did after establishing the fund was to start a bursary for his high school. "I'm excited about adding to the Derek and Janice Wills Foundation to make the most impact I possibly can," he warmly explains. "What if we could give 30 bursaries a year, or give one to every high school on Vancouver Island? There's no limit to how positive it could be."

Prior to establishing a fund at Vancouver Foundation, Derek considered setting up his own private foundation. While exploring the requirements, he learned that a private foundation can be expensive and difficult to maintain. "I wanted to know what other options I had so I consulted with lawyers, banks and family members and they all suggested connecting with Vancouver Foundation."

Derek and Janice are now focused on teaching their children about the importance of supporting the people in the community in which they live.

"The endowment fund is both a reflection of our values and a lasting legacy," adds Derek. "My family feels deeply committed to growing the fund and learning how we can continue to support our community."

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 donors for placing your trust in us to effectively manage and steward these endowments. Here are the new funds and estate gifts in 2016:

Donor Advised Funds

- ∞ Arresting Hope Fund
- ∞ A Bigger Tent Fund
- ∞ Joan Black Fund
- ∞ Brain Foundation
- ∞ Lloyd Burritt Fund
- ∞ Doug and Joan Cameron Fund
- ∞ Campbell Rosebud Fund
- ∞ Close Legacy Fund
- ∞ Compassion in Action Transferable Fund
- ∞ Bradley Dean Memorial Fund
- ∞ Hedda & Michael Eyben Fund
- ∞ Felkai Hansen Fund
- ∞ Full Flood Endowment Fund
- ∞ Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Fund
- ∞ Jan and Johanna GrootWassink Endowment Fund
- ∞ Kitty Heller Memorial Fund
- ∞ Horswill Family Foundation Transferable Fund
- ∞ Alice and Brenden Hursh Family Charitable Fund
- ∞ Katia's Kids Foundation
- ∞ Sid & Tyleen Katz Fund
- ∞ Maureen Kilvert Fund
- ∞ Fiona Tinwei Lam Fund
- ∞ CEBE Lee Family Fund
- ∞ Legacy 150 Celebrations Endowment Fund
- ∞ Charline Hirtle Leith Ovarian Cancer Foundation
- ∞ Don Lloyd Fund
- ∞ SJ Lloyd Legacy Fund

- ∞ Gary Steven Loo Animal Welfare Endowment Fund
- ∞ Steve Lott Memorial Bursary Fund
- ∞ Fred & Peter Mang Foundation
- ∞ Ann McAfee Legacy Fund
- ∞ McIlwaine-Stewart Family Fund
- ∞ The Loma McKenzie Scholarship Memorial Fund
- ∞ NPSS Alumni Bursary Fund
- ∞ Carole & Cameron Osler Fund
- ∞ Matt Pearce Memorial Fund
- ∞ Prior Roberts Fund
- ∞ Radcliffe Foundation
- ∞ William and Shirley Read Scholarship Fund
- ∞ Risk 'n' Hope Fund
- ∞ Derek & Johanna Rundell Fund
- ∞ Bill & Pat Sexsmith Fund
- ∞ Soder Family Fund
- ∞ Carrie Spencer Second Chance Fund
- ∞ The Shereen Starr Fund for Health Research
- ∞ Transoft Foundation Transferable Fund
- ∞ John R. Welson Legacy Fund
- ∞ Margie Willers Memorial Scholarship Fund
- ∞ Derek & Janice Wills Foundation
- ∞ Wong Family Foundation Fund
- ∞ Bess & David Wright – The Responsible Animal Care Society (TRACS) Fund
- ∞ 2 Anonymous Funds

Designated Fund

- ∞ Leonard McCann Memorial Fund

Charitable Cause Funds

- ∞ Corinne Eriksson Memorial Fund
- ∞ K and M Fund
- ∞ Ritchie Hessenaur Fund

Community Impact Funds

- ∞ Capt. George and Rosalia Pittendrigh Fund
- ∞ John and Edythe Walker Memorial Fund

Charitable Agency Funds

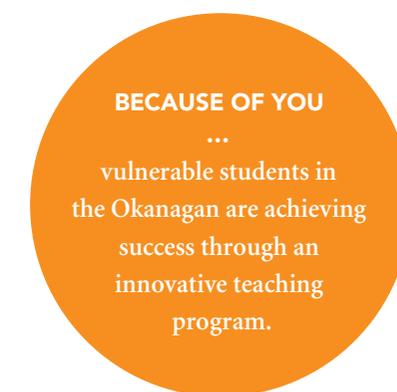
- ∞ BCTRA Maggie Carpenter Trust Fund
- ∞ Choice School for Gifted Children Endowment Fund
- ∞ Cranbrook & District Community Foundation – Cranbrook History Centre Endowment Fund
- ∞ Cranbrook & District Community Foundation – Cranbrook Public Library Endowment Fund
- ∞ Cranbrook and District Community Fund – Sparwood Community Fund
- ∞ Cranbrook and District Community Foundation – Melodie Hull Fund for Mental Health and Addictions
- ∞ Cranbrook and District Community Foundation – Fernie Community Fund
- ∞ Cranbrook and District Community Foundation – Northern BC Friends of Children (East Kootenay Branch) Endowment Fund
- ∞ Cranbrook and District Community Foundation – East Kootenay Community Credit Union Fund
- ∞ Cranbrook and District Community Foundation – Senior's Enhancement Fund
- ∞ Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association Transferable Fund
- ∞ Drance Family Fund #2
- ∞ Field Hockey BC – The Pat Hall Officials Development Award
- ∞ LCMS Leonard Woods Memorial Fund
- ∞ Learning Tree Day Care Fund
- ∞ LISTN Settlement Language Resource Award Fund
- ∞ Marg Witty IPS Scholarship Fund
- ∞ Elizabeth Rogers Fund
- ∞ Seva Canada Society Endowment Fund
- ∞ Urban Spirit Foundation Endowment Fund
- ∞ Vancouver Firefighter Charities Endowment Fund

- ∞ Vancouver Firefighter Charities Transferable Fund
- ∞ Vancouver Folk Music Festival Foundation
- ∞ Vancouver Women's Health Collective Fund
- ∞ Alinda Ware Post-Secondary Bursary Fund
- ∞ WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre Fund
- ∞ Worldwide Marriage Encounter Fr. Chuck Gallagher S. J. Legacy Fund

Estate Gifts

Estate gifts are an ideal way to help build a better tomorrow. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to each family.

- ∞ Estate of Charlotte Jane Banfield
- ∞ Estate of John Carter
- ∞ Estate of Muriel Collins
- ∞ Estate of Corinne Eriksson
- ∞ Estate of Kathleen Hogan
- ∞ Estate of William Leith
- ∞ Estate of Leonard McCann
- ∞ Estate of Dorothy Ritchie
- ∞ Estate of Karl Springer
- ∞ Estate of Joan Turner
- ∞ Estates of John and Edythe Walker
- ∞ Estate of Mary Isabel Buckerfield White
- ∞ Estate of Betty Yue



A complete list of the 1,800+ funds administered by Vancouver Foundation can be found on our website at vancouverfoundation.ca/fund-search

Create Your Own Donor Advised Fund

Four easy steps to leave a lasting legacy:



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.



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.



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.



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.



BECAUSE OF YOU
...
a Vancouver Eastside community is learning about zero waste and becoming more involved in their local food systems.

Supporting Charities

We don't just work with individual and family donors.

In fact, Vancouver Foundation manages endowment funds on behalf of more than 400 charitable agencies across BC. A charitable agency endowment fund provides for prudent capital growth coupled with a predictable source of income, which is very helpful in years where donations are down or government funding is reduced. Last year, 1,300 income distributions (totalling more than \$14 million) were made to help charities advance their missions. Charitable agency endowment funds represent a broad spectrum of large and small organizations from across the province. Give us a call and find out how we can help support your organization.

Why Vancouver Foundation?

- 1 PROFESSIONAL AND DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**
- 2 SUPPORT FOR COMPLEX GIFTS**
- 3 EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE**
- 4 LOW COST-RECOVERY FEES**

Leadership

Board of Directors

- ∞ Jason McLean
Chair
- ∞ Paul Lacerte
Vice-Chair
- ∞ Chief Justice Robert J. Bauman
- ∞ Kevin Bent
- ∞ Tom Bradley
- ∞ Tung Chan
- ∞ David Christopher
- ∞ Anna Fung
Law Society of BC Nominee
- ∞ Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson
Supreme Court of BC Nominee
- ∞ Miranda Lam
- ∞ Sarah Morgan-Silvester
- ∞ Lisa Pankratz
- ∞ Barry Rivelis
- ∞ Tom Shepansky
- ∞ Sarah Sidhu
United Way of the Lower Mainland Nominee
- ∞ Malik Talib
- ∞ Eric Watt
*Chartered Professional Accountants
of BC Nominee*

Honorary Governors Council

- ∞ Kyle Mitchell
Chair
- ∞ Theresa Arsenault
- ∞ Barbara Brink
- ∞ Stephanie Carlson
- ∞ John Dustan
- ∞ Madeleine Dion-Stout
- ∞ Yuri Fulmer
- ∞ Colin Hansen
- ∞ Jake Kerr
- ∞ Rob McConnachie
- ∞ Floyd Murphy
- ∞ George Pedersen
- ∞ Sophie Pierre
- ∞ Anar Popatia
- ∞ Judy Rogers
- ∞ Peter Webster

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.

THE POWER OF GIVING

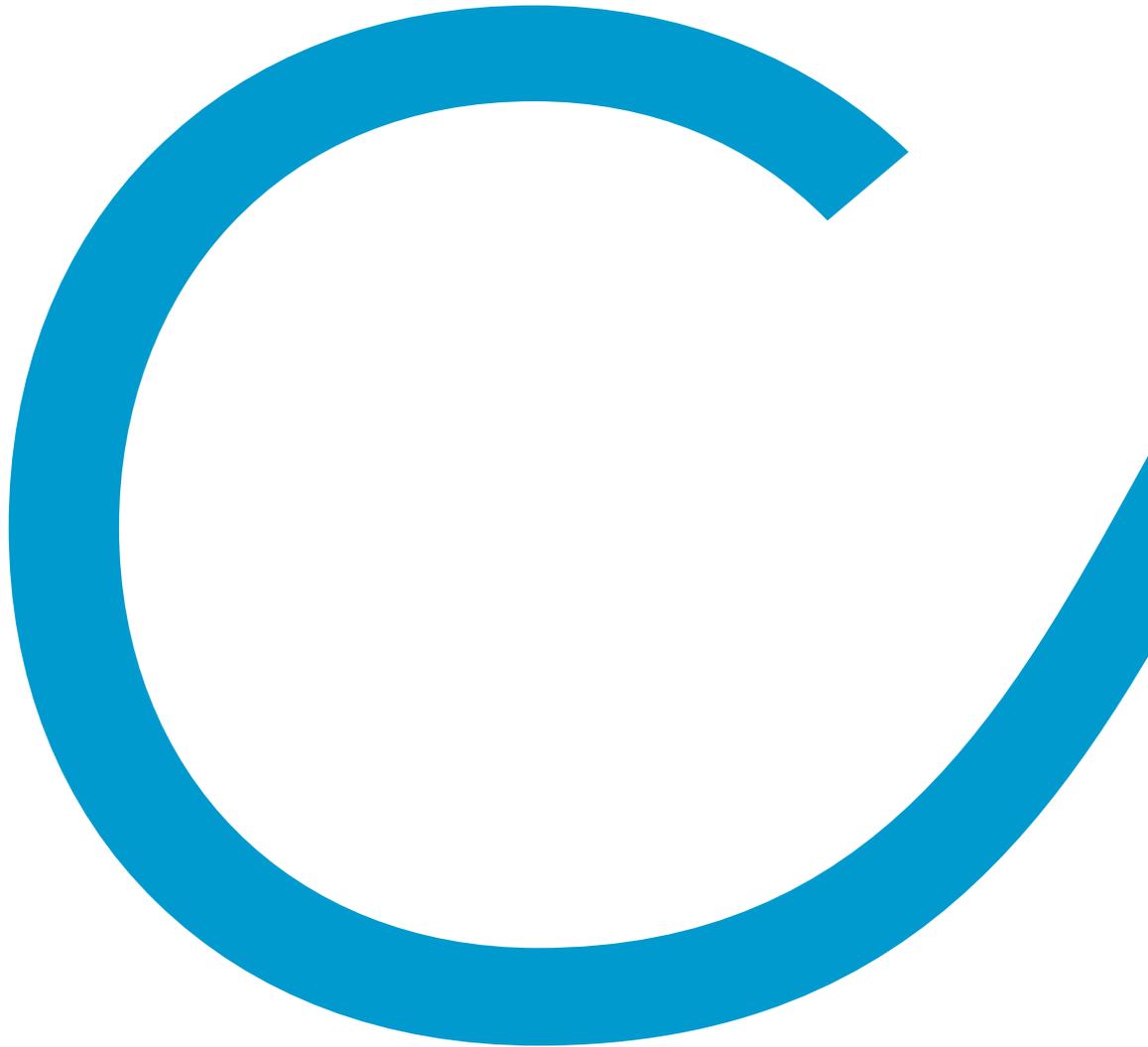
Philanthropy plays a powerful and integral role in strengthening communities.

SYSTEMATIC APPROACH

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

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