



# Inspired by *you*...

2017 Year in Review

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COMMUNITY INSPIRED

In 2018, we celebrate 75 years of being community inspired. We reflect on our history of rallying for positive change, and take time to consider how our cultural ethos shows up in our everyday work. How might we shape our future by inviting more people to the table? If we share the work of making a better province for all, what else might we achieve together?



# Message from the Chair & President

## 75 Years of Community Inspired Dreaming & Giving

In December 2017, the Vancouver Foundation Board held its last meeting of the year. As with many events nearing year-end, the timing offered opportunity for reflection.

Our guest speaker that day—Vu Le, Executive Director of Rainier Valley Corps—reminded us that diversity, inclusion, and equity is a continuing challenge for many in the philanthropic sector. He encouraged us to enter difficult conversations about leadership and to listen well to the experiences of others, especially those whose voices may go unheard.

As we follow this guidance, there are a few highlights, among many, that we wish to note for 2017:

In spring, the BC Government established a \$7 million Community Poverty Reduction Fund with Vancouver Foundation. These dollars are being used to fund projects that address the root causes of poverty in ways that will lead to systems change. With this gift, the government's endorsement of our social innovation focus for some of our granting represents an important milestone.

In late fall, we released a five-year follow up to our 2012 Connect & Engage report. The 2017 research provides essential insight to our understanding of social isolation. It reminds us that we can always do more to reach out to those who may be lonely, struggling, and keen to engage in community life. We look forward to acting on these findings in 2018.

Throughout the year, we watched as two of our youth initiatives—Fostering Change and Fresh Voices—prepared for a successful transition from Vancouver Foundation to the wider community. Youth-led and guided, these initiatives have challenged more than our assumptions about young adults aging out of foster care and immigrant and refugee youth. Thanks to the dynamic young people themselves, adult allies, and community partners, they have changed policies and beliefs.

We also realize that so much more needs to be done. Reconciliation was a significant element of our Canada 150 funding and we intend to further deepen our learning and actions. The opioid crisis has been another important focus. It has been at the forefront of Board discussions and granting we undertook this fall resulting in \$1.25 million in grants to the newly formed BC Centre on Substance Use.



*By gathering diverse voices,  
we draw truly new ideas  
that invigorate our communities.*

Jason McLean  
Board Chair

Kevin McCort  
President & CEO

There are also many successes worth noting. For example, the Neighbourhood Small Grants program continues to expand across BC and be welcomed by communities. And tens of millions of dollars have been distributed to charities from our donors, strengthening the sustainability of the non-profit sector.

In a complex and challenging landscape, we know not every funding decision is welcomed and not all charities benefit. In acknowledging this, we encourage feedback on changes we have made

and may make in future. As a Board, we are open to dialogue. We may not always agree, but we are keen to learn and understand the impact of our decisions.

In 2018, Vancouver Foundation celebrates its 75th anniversary—a milestone made possible by the generosity of our donors and the trust of our community. We look forward to continuing to serve British Columbians and helping to create healthy, vibrant and livable communities.

*With the aim of diversity, inclusion and equity infusing every dollar we grant and every voice we amplify, your giving inspires rich and meaningful communities for all.*

**\$49 MILLION**

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

**4,000 GIFTS**

**83 NEW**

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

# 2017 Highlights

Inspired work is happening in our communities...



4,800

### GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

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



\$54M

### DISBURSED

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



1,700

### ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

throughout BC and Canada. This shows the incredible range of organizations that we support through the generosity of our donors.

Our audited financial statements can be found on our website at [vancouverfoundation.ca/financials](http://vancouverfoundation.ca/financials)

# Empowering Donors

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

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:**

- **Community Impact**
- **Addressing Homelessness**
- **Animal Welfare**
- **Arts & Culture**
- **Children & Families**
- **Education**
- **Environment**
- **Health**
- **Social Services**
- **Youth**

673 DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

2,200 GRANTS

\$15M DISTRIBUTED

*We've been listening to our community since the 1940s. As they always have, our donors, non-profit partners and everyday people direct us where we need to go.*



BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

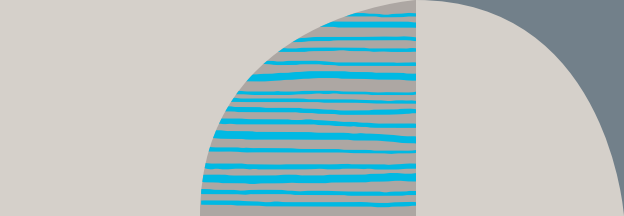
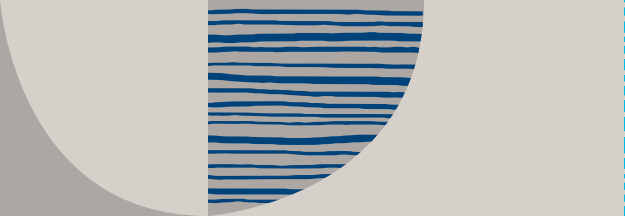
SPARK ACTION



LISTEN TO THE *Collective Wisdom*



CELEBRATE STRENGTH  
RESILIENCE AND DIVERSITY



# Field of Interest Grants

We collaborated with partners across BC to address the root causes of pressing issues in our communities.



ARTS & CULTURE

**27 GRANTS**

\$2,301,735



ENVIRONMENT & ANIMAL WELFARE

**20 GRANTS**

\$1,245,684



EDUCATION & TRAINING

**19 GRANTS**

\$1,329,455



HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

**60 GRANTS**

\$5,837,061

## Who did we work with?

We launched a \$7 million Community Poverty Reduction Fund with the BC Government to address the root causes of poverty. We joined forces with arts organizations to develop new ideas to address complex social and cultural issues. We deepened our work with the City of Vancouver to nurture a group of organizations focused on Indigenous community-focused projects. And we partnered with community foundations across BC to deliver grant workshops in Dawson Creek, Terrace, Prince George, Kelowna, Nelson, Invermere, and Cranbrook.

*In 2017, community-driven concerns—such as the opioid crisis—took on new urgency, and in response we increased our grants related to this issue.*

## Learning and Evaluation

We developed new models to evaluate and learn from our grant programs and strategic initiatives. This increased our capacity to learn through research, training workshops, informal learning opportunities, and convening our grantees for feedback.



## Featured Grant: Out in Schools

**Despite Canada's reputation as a champion of equal rights, many LGBT2Q+ students still experience significant challenges at school.**

The majority of Canadian LGBT2Q+ students do not feel safe at school due to bullying, violence, and homophobic slurs<sup>(1)</sup>. In fact, lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth in BC are seven times more likely to attempt suicide than their same-age heterosexual peers<sup>(2)</sup>. The reasons behind this—including homophobia and transphobia—are often embedded within the school system itself.

Out In Schools, a project by the Vancouver Out On Screen Film & Video Society, began addressing this issue with students through educational presentations and films. But they also aimed higher, to improve school policy and practice in a way that prevents LGBT2Q+ bullying from happening in the first place.

Supported by a multi-year grant from Vancouver Foundation, Out In Schools conducted a province-wide evaluation of barriers and opportunities to address this issue, and began advocacy efforts to engage MLAs and school administrators.

This approach is working. A province-wide LGBT2Q+ policy is now approved in schools across BC, including new codes of conduct that prohibit discrimination based on gender and sexuality. Now Out In Schools can focus on building the ground up support needed for these policies to succeed. Workshops and training sessions for school administrators are helping to ensure that educators have practical tools to make their schools more welcoming for LGBT2Q+ students.

The end result? Out in Schools is helping build an educational system in which all youth—including LGBT2Q+ students—feel a strong sense of inclusion and belonging.

1. Egale, 2011. Final Report on the First National Climate Survey on Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia in Canadian Schools.  
2. McCreary Centre Society, 2011. Making the right connections: Promoting positive mental health among BC youth.

# Youth Engagement



## Fostering Change

On April 26, BC held its breath as three provincial party leaders met for a televised election debate. One question from the audience brought together many years of youth engagement, community grants, research, and advocacy work.

“If your party forms the next government, what will you do to support young people aging out of foster care?”—Fostering Change Study Circle Participant.

Our #Supportthe700 campaign put the same question to all candidates. In response, a pledge to meet with youth and improve support was

signed by both current and former Ministers for Children and Family Development, 41 MLAs, and 147 BC Election Candidates. They kept their promise, and in November approximately one hundred foster care youth and adult allies met the Premier and other elected officials in Victoria.

Now a new Provincial budget includes an additional \$36 million to help cover the cost of housing, child care, tuition and health care. Tangible progress towards making sure that youth aging out care in BC have opportunities to succeed.

## Fresh Voices

In 2017, our Fresh Voices initiative brought immigrant and refugee youth together with the most powerful decision maker yet—the Hon. Ahmed D. Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. They engaged in an important conversation about the services accessed by refugee and newcomer youth, and discussed youth-led recommendations to address the unique needs of refugees and other newcomers.

Fresh Voices also supported immigrant and refugee concerns at a local level, by launching the #LostVotesYVR campaign for the extension of municipal voting rights to permanent residents in Vancouver. We did this by providing grants to local school districts that support immigrant and refugee youth, and supporting public engagement events including a speaker series, film festival, and awards show.

### TOTAL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT GRANTS



33 GRANTS



\$861,013

*We celebrate the passion, resilience, and creativity of young people as they work to change mindsets and policies.*



# Connected Communities



## Community Collaboration

In 2017, we partnered with many community organizations on initiatives emphasizing inclusion and belonging. Several of these focused on reconciliation and diversity to reflect Canada's 150th.

## Neighbourhood Small Grants

In 2017, our Neighbourhood Small Grants program began to explore new ways to reach even more communities across BC. By developing the capacity of key partners in regional "hubs" such as Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island, the program aims to support residents in any community to apply for a grant and develop a project that connects and engages neighbours.

[neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca](http://neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca)

## Downtown Eastside Small Arts Grants

For many years our grants have supported individual DTES artists to advance their skills and showcase their work. In 2017, we provided new opportunities for artists to work together in teams, learning from and building on each other's skills, to produce amazing new work.

[vancouverfoundationsmallarts.ca](http://vancouverfoundationsmallarts.ca)

## Connect & Engage

Five years ago, our Connections and Engagement report described Metro Vancouver as a hard place to make friends, our neighbourhood connections as cordial, but weak, and a declining level of participation in community life.

Our 2017 report shows that in many ways, people feel the same about the strength of their connections as they did five years ago. Approximately two-thirds still report a sense of trust among neighbours, feel welcome, and experience a sense of belonging. But around half continue to find it difficult to make friends, and approximately one in four still find themselves alone more often than they would like.

As a community foundation, our motivation is to incorporate this deeper understanding into our work building stronger communities across Metro Vancouver. But we know we're not alone. As we share our 2017 report, we ask ourselves the question, "Who can we work with to build a more connected and engaged community in Metro Vancouver?"

We hope it is all of you.

Download the full report at: [vancouverfoundation.ca/connectandengage](http://vancouverfoundation.ca/connectandengage)

## TOTAL CONNECTED COMMUNITIES GRANTS



39 GRANTS



\$2,484,611

*This September, we will invite everyone across BC to participate in On The Table—a one-day event to gather neighbours and colleagues for a meaningful discussion of our shared community potential.*

# Thank you for Giving

## New funds and estate gifts in 2017

We thank each of our new and existing donors for placing your trust in us to effectively manage and steward these funds.

### Donor Advised Funds

- Peter Abramowich Legacy Fund
- Albon-Tewelde Fund
- Allan & Cynthia Arnold Fund
- Nicholas Bevanda Memorial Education Fund
- Fearon and Richard Blair Fund
- Steven William Brown Education Fund
- Clark Family Fund
- Community Youth Tennis Fund
- Coro Fund
- Dallas Foundation
- Ethan Carmichael Denum Memorial Fund
- Julia and Gary Dodwell Fund
- Michael Dow Legacy Fund
- DreamS Bring Art
- Elsie Transferable Fund
- Elaine Ferbey Fund
- Joyce & John Frazee Fund
- Brian and Lisa Gessner Foundation
- Olive Brow Gilmour Fund
- Ray and Amy Gogarty Foundation
- Ken Haycock Foundation
- Horsman Foundation
- Ross Howard Fund
- Alan Leard Memorial Fund
- Georgette & Lloyd Litke Family Fund
- Lyber Foundation
- Dr. Renate G L Matthias Foundation
- Lauren McLellan Legacy Fund

- Mental Health FAB (Fine Arts Bursary) Award Fund
- Alena Mikes Memorial Foundation
- Mount Pleasant War Memorial Community Cooperative Association Fund
- Nowlan-Aubrey Charitable Fund
- Darren Oftebro Memorial Fund
- O'Sullivan Family Foundation
- Piper Family Fund
- Stephen Lee Raskewicz Legacy Fund
- Red Envelope Foundation
- Ruby Fund
- Santa Cecilia Music Education Fund
- Scott Powell and Kirk Hill Foundation
- Edward Siemens Memorial Tennis Fund
- Shepansky Family Fund
- Small Changes Foundation
- Jacob and Sandra Silberberg Family Fund
- Rosemary and John Stott & Sons Fund
- Giulia and Alessia T. Giving Fund
- Tait Family Fund
- TMBR Fund
- Shaun Webb Memorial Fund
- The Young Citizens Foundation Transferable Fund

### Designated Fund

- Jerry Ehmann Memorial Fund
- Winifred Searle Memorial Fund for Aunt Leah's Independent Lifeskills Society
- Winifred Searle Memorial Fund for Sources Community Resources Society

### Community Impact Funds

- Richard Dreyer Berg Memorial Fund
- Community Poverty Reduction Fund
- David & Lis Ker Fund
- Genevieve Carol Rouse Memorial Fund

### Charitable Agency Funds

- BC Summer Swimming Association Endowment Fund
- BC Summer Swimming Association Transferable Fund
- Bulkley Valley Community Foundation Transferable Fund
- Camp Bowen Society Fund
- Michael Craddock Endowment Fund
- CPAWS BC Transferable Fund
- Cranbrook and District Community Foundation - Arts, Culture and Heritage Endowment
- Cranbrook and District Community Foundation - Cranbrook Boys and Girls Club Endowment
- Cranbrook and District Community Foundation - EKFH Roy and Annabel Maundrell Endowment
- Cranbrook and District Community Foundation - Key City Gymnastics Club Endowment
- Cranbrook and District Community Foundation - Outdoor Recreation Endowment Fund
- Engineering Ministries International Canada Endowment Fund
- Foxglove Fund
- Horse Protection Society Endowment Fund
- Kimberley Food Bank Fund
- KKN Environmental Sustainability Fund
- Oyster River Conservation Fund
- Saint James Music Academy Fund
- Grant Sheffer Endowment Fund
- Shiloh-Fifth Avenue United Church Transferable Fund
- Spirit of SCWIST Fund
- Taiga Galli Memorial Refugee Award
- The Guild Fund for Horses
- Vancouver Recital Society Transferable Fund
- Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir Endowment 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 Richard Berg
- Estates of Cecilia and Bruce Carter
- Estate of Penny Ehmann
- Estate of Gail Hause
- Estate of David Ker
- Estate of Audrey Mason
- Estate of Richard Rennie
- Estate of Genevieve Rouse
- Estate of Winifred Searle

*We will always seek the wisdom of communities throughout BC. From donors, non-profit partners, everyday people, and you.*

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

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.



## Supporting Charities

Vancouver Foundation manages funds on behalf of more than 400 charities across BC. A fund provides 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, distributions totalling more than \$14 million were made to help charities advance their missions. Give us a call and find out how we can help support your charity.

### Why Vancouver Foundation?

**PROFESSIONAL AND DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

**SUPPORT FOR COMPLEX GIFTS**

**EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE**

**LOW COST-RECOVERY FEES**

*We inspire community action by connecting financial support with the time, energy, expertise and passion to make a meaningful difference in people's lives. By calling for a constant flow of new projects and goals, we spark immediate change and sustainable growth.*

# Leadership

## Board of Directors

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- George Pedersen
- Sophie Pierre
- Anar Popatia
- John Sharun
- Kirsten Sutton
- Peter Webster

# Pizza, kombucha & youth advocacy.

## What's on your table?

On Sept. 13th, 2018 join others across BC and host an event to share some food and discuss what matters most to you.

Be a host or a guest at [onthetablebc.com](http://onthetablebc.com)

Vancouver Foundation invites everyone across BC to come together and connect to increase the well-being of our communities and potential for positive action and change.

**on the table.**

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