

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

STEPPING OUT IN NEW WAYS



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COMMUNITY INSPIRED

2018 WAS OUR YEAR FOR STEPPING OUT IN NEW WAYS

75 years ago, a group of BC philanthropists gathered together to discuss how to give back to the communities that had brought them wealth and success.

They had the resources and the will to do a great amount of good, simply by working together to achieve their goals.

But their path led in an unexpected direction when they received a gift from the will of Vancouver resident Alice MacKay, which guided them to embrace the endowment model that has now generated over a billion dollars in charitable funding since 1943.

It is a lesson we will never forget. *Community has the answers.* We just have to move in step with community to find them.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR & PRESIDENT

In 2018, our 75-year-old organization stepped up and out in remarkable new ways.

In our 75th year, we challenged ourselves to ‘walk the talk’ and engage with community in a variety of new ways. 2018 became an exciting year of learning, listening, and celebrating the diversity of voices that joined in and energized us far beyond our expectations.

One of our strengths is our understanding of the different issues impacting British Columbians. Over the years, we have learned through our Connections & Engagement community research that people from Fort St. John to Osoyoos seek meaningful connection with each other.

We asked ourselves what we might do differently to help create a sense of welcome and belonging, and how we could create new connections as we approached our 75th year as BC’s community foundation.

We launched On the Table BC, inviting people to get together to share a meal and a conversation on September 13th, the date of our founding in 1943.

Over 4,500 people answered the call, and convened in homes, restaurants, offices, and parks across BC to talk about the issues that mattered to them most.

We tried another fresh idea for our Annual Retreat, hosting the biggest gathering of volunteers, advisors, and alumni we have ever connected with at one time. We celebrated the progress we’ve made together, imagined our future, and generated momentum for what comes next.

Another significant landmark was the completion of our shift to providing grants that seek system-level change to address the root causes of social, environmental or cultural issues. These changes have allowed us to extend the impact of our responsive grantmaking by focusing on projects that convene multiple stakeholders and generate outcomes that benefit all who interact with that system.

This desire for systemic change has significantly influenced our Youth Engagement programs as well.

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**WHAT MIGHT IT
MEAN FOR US TO
‘WALK THE TALK’,
TO STEP UP AND
RESPOND TO
OUR OWN CALL
TO ACTION?**

2018 saw the launch of the LEVEL program, designed to advance racial equity and build leadership capacity for Indigenous, racialized immigrant and refugee youth through policy, organizing and granting activities.

In our 75th year, we are proud of who we have become – an organization guided by our first woman Board Chair, committed to reconciliation, celebrating our peers as a member of Community Foundations of Canada, and a proud Living Wage employer.

To the hundreds of friends, colleagues,



volunteers, partners, peers and alumni who have helped us along our way, we thank you. We are privileged to have your time, talent and trust as we build healthy, vibrant, and livable communities across British Columbia, together.

With you at our side, we’re ready for another 75 years.

Miranda Lam
Board Chair, Board of Directors,
Vancouver Foundation

Kevin McCort
President & CEO,
Vancouver Foundation

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2018, British Columbians stepped up to give more than ever before.

Our fund advisors gave grants to charities through the funds they hold at Vancouver Foundation, providing financial support to the causes they care about most.

Many charities established new endowment funds to generate the income they need to support their mission long into the future.

Other donors chose to respond swiftly to emerging community needs by unlocking gifts from their funds, and donating to the Community Impact Fund or one of our other Focus Areas.

Whatever your own giving goals might be, know that Vancouver Foundation can help you create a lasting legacy in your own community and across the province.



\$53M

total value of gifts given by donors and charities in 2018

89

new funds established

3,500

gifts made throughout 2018

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Your generosity inspired a wealth of good for communities across BC.

4,800

Our funds unlocked 4,800 grants and distributions, with the help of our granting committees and fund advisors.

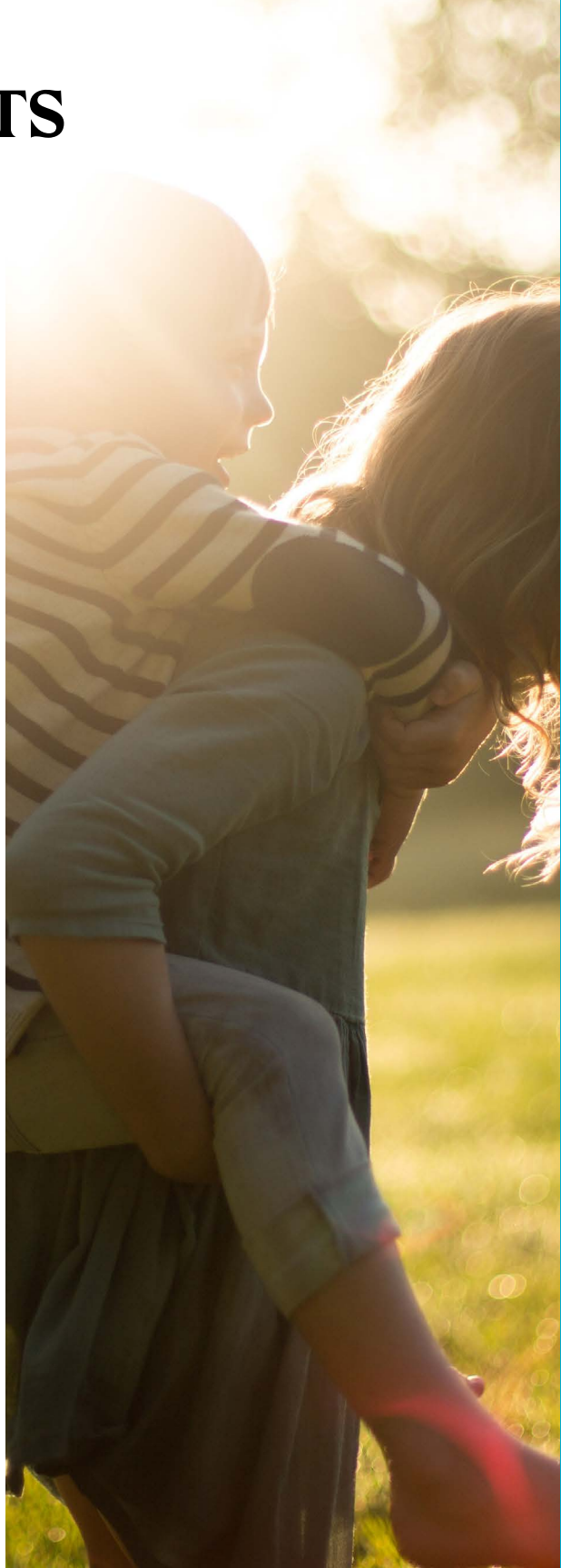
\$60M

Charities working in arts and culture, environment, social development, education, health and more received \$60M in funding.

1,650

We helped our donors support over 1,650 organizations throughout BC and Canada.

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



VANCOUVER FOUNDATION EMPOWERS DONORS BY WORKING IN STEP WITH COMMUNITY EXPERTS

Donor Advised Funds are for individuals and families who want to establish a charitable fund and make their own grant recommendations over time. These funds can support any registered Canadian charity, our Community Impact Fund or any of Vancouver Foundation's Focus Areas.

Many donors want to improve our communities and feel the best way to do that is to leave it to the expert advisors at Vancouver Foundation.

Needs and priorities in the community are always evolving and long-term trends can be hard to anticipate. When you choose to support the Community Impact Fund or a specific Focus Area, you're empowering responsive grantmaking for a wide variety of social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs—now and into the future.

Let us know how to connect your giving goals to the needs of your community. Call Calvin or Kristin at 604.688.2204 to ask about creating a Donor Advised Fund.

Did you know our community experts advise on these areas?

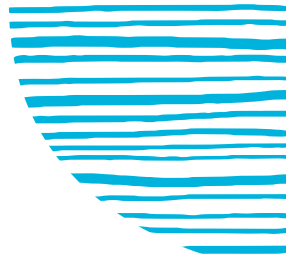
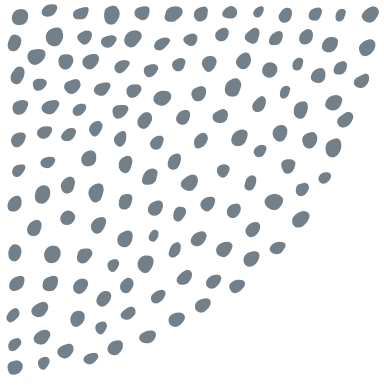
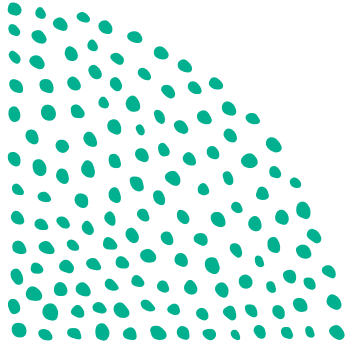
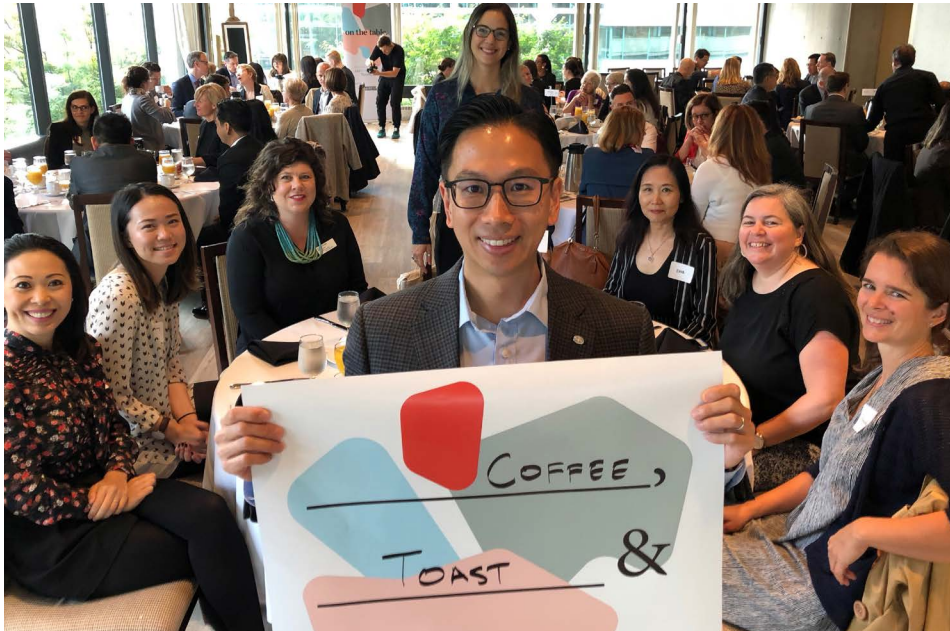
- + Community Impact Fund
- + Addressing Homelessness
- + Animal Welfare
- + Arts & Culture
- + Children & Families
- + Education
- + Environment
- + Health
- + Social Services
- + Youth

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WE'VE BEEN LISTENING TO OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1943. OUR DONORS, COMMUNITY EXPERTS AND PARTNERS GUIDE US ON OUR SHARED PATH FORWARD.

CELEBRATING TOGETHER

2018 was an exciting year of learning, listening, and celebrating with you. Thank you for joining in and energizing us far beyond our expectations at our Annual Retreat, at Neighbourhood Small Grants celebrations and our Annual Gathering, and in On The Table BC events across the province.



SYSTEMS CHANGE GRANTMAKING

Vancouver Foundation's responsive grantmaking programs respond directly to the emerging needs of communities.

Systems Change Grants address the root causes of social, environmental, or cultural issues.

Participatory Action Research Grants convene researchers and community members to investigate any of the social determinants impacting the health of communities.

Twice per year, registered charities are invited to submit project proposals that address root causes of social, environmental or cultural issues, or to partner with researchers to address issues impacting the health of communities.

Grants at a Glance in 2018:



REDEFINING 'HUMANE' IN WILDLIFE CONTROL

In 2016, the UBC Animal Welfare Program and the BC SPCA partnered together to work on The Humane Wildlife Control Accreditation project. This program, now called AnimalKind, received a Test grant to help them establish a set of evidence-based humane standards and methods for pest control work. Their goal was to reduce animal suffering, while respecting public health and safety through effective wildlife control.

“We were uncertain about how the pest control industry would respond – this is not an industry that has traditionally had relationships with animal welfare organizations or scientists,” said Dr. Sarah Dubois. “We were positively surprised that they were open to conversations about humane wildlife control. They shared their current practices and challenges with us and we were able to come to a final set of standards that were realistic but still moved the bar for animal welfare.”

AnimalKind received a Systems Change Scale Grant in 2018 allowing the project team to scale up their successes by approaching other

agencies, industries and businesses to promote adoption of the Accreditation model on a national scale.

“The accreditation program would allow consumers to educate themselves on the standards and select services that align with their values. We don't have a regulatory role. It's a voluntary program that will hopefully push the industry to look at their own practices. We'd love to get to the point to change what 'humane' means in institutions and culture.”



Dr. Sara Dubois, (center) is lead researcher for AnimalKind

Visit vancouverfoundation.ca/grants/featured-grants for more grant stories.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



Vancouver Foundation's commitment to supporting youth will never change. Meet LEVEL: our new Youth Engagement Initiative.

Through Fostering Change and Fresh Voices, Vancouver Foundation has learned a great deal about the disproportionate barriers to influencing change within our social, civic, and public systems that Indigenous, immigrant, and refugee youth face, compared to many other young people.

Launched in early 2018, LEVEL addresses the racial inequity Indigenous and racialized immigrant and refugee youth experience by investing in their leadership capacity and creating more opportunities for young leaders in the non-profit sector.

Total youth engagement grants 2018



15 GRANTS



\$480K

Our initiative involves three streams:

LEVEL Youth Policy Program

Supporting young Indigenous and racialized immigrant and refugee leaders to develop and pursue policy solutions that address the issues that affect them and their communities.

LEVEL Youth Organizing

Working alongside young leaders to engage in grassroots social change through activities including community organizing and political advocacy.

LEVEL Youth Granting

Supporting youth leadership within the non-profit and charitable sectors by creating pathways for staff and governance leadership for Indigenous and racialized immigrant and refugee youth.

Visit Levelvf.ca

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Our Partnerships Team connects communities at the grassroots level by supporting projects and research that help people build relationships with each other, and participate in activities that make our communities better.

On the Table BC launched across the province

In 2018, we hosted On the Table BC, a series of events powered by Vancouver Foundation to encourage community connection. We invited people and organizations across the province to gather friends, neighbours, coworkers, and family to sit down, share some food, and talk about what matters most. The topics people discussed

were collected and shared—giving us an exciting snapshot of what’s on people’s minds throughout BC.

Visit: onthetablebc.com

Neighbourhood Small Grants grew by leaps and bounds

The Neighbourhood Small Grants program continued to thrive, marked by the expansion of two major regional networks, Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island and Southern Gulf Islands.

Meanwhile the program continued to serve 23 partner communities, welcoming Salt Spring, Nanaimo, and Parksville on the island, and West



Vancouver and Delta on the mainland.

In May 2018, over a hundred Neighbourhood Small Grants Advisory Committee members, project leaders, and coordinators from around the province joined together for a day of presentations, program workshops, food, music and a chance to connect.

Visit: neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca

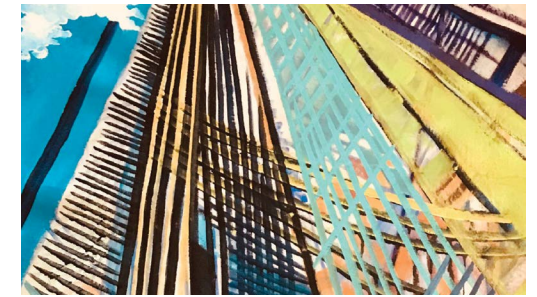
Small Arts Grants for Downtown Eastside artists created opportunities to promote careers and collaborate with local arts community

Downtown Eastside Small Arts Grants are an ongoing partnership between Vancouver Foundation and the Carnegie Community Centre, giving Downtown Eastside artists the opportunity to

advance their careers by supporting and showcasing their work.

This program provided direct financial support to DTES neighbourhood artists with ambitions to grow, achieve and further their art. The 2018 DTES Small Arts Grants Emerge Festival partnered with SFU, Vancouver Public Library, and Gallery Gachet to showcase the works of 45 emerging artists over three days of celebration.

Visit: vancouverfoundationsmallarts.ca



Neighbourhood Small Grants



1,401 GRANTS



\$873K

Downtown Eastside Small Arts Grants



79 GRANTS



\$142K

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

New funds and estate gifts in 2018.

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

- + 100 Gay Men for a Cause Fund
- + A.Mazing Fund
- + Ave Maria Fund - Patrick and Nancy May
- + BC First Nations Public Service Scholarship
- + B M Forster and P R Stephenson Legacy Fund
- + Bright Futures Education Fund
- + John S.T. Chen Education Fund
- + Choi Family Foundation Fund
- + Community Care Fund
- + ConeTec Education Foundation
- + Penny & Michael Conway Baker Fund
- + Counselling Scholarship Initiative (CSI) Award Fund
- + Davies Gibson Porter Fund
- + Gabe & Andi Davis Family Foundation
- + Ryan & Haley Davis Family Foundation
- + Edgar Family Transferable Fund
- + Gari and Grace Family Fund
- + Gibson Gordon Family Foundation
- + Shannon and Nairne Gray Foundation
- + GSC Community Impact Fund
- + Heritage Trust Foundation
- + Hilliard Family Fund
- + Huang & Li Family Foundation
- + Hunter Family Foundation Fund

- + The Gary Hynes Foundation
- + Jeschelnik Family Fund
- + Kelt Fund
- + Lahiffe Family Fund
- + Cynthia Lee Memorial Fund
- + Clifford Lew Foundation
- + Lindsay Family Fund
- + M3 Family Foundation
- + MacPhail Burns Family Fund
- + Kathy MacRae Memorial Award in English Literature Fund
- + Magnolia Campbell Fund
- + The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin Access To Justice Fund
- + Mission Bear Foundation
- + George Mussallem Fund for Maple Ridge Youth
- + Nishida Sallmen Family Foundation
- + Janet and Tim Northup Fund
- + Orca Fund
- + Gyozo & Veronika Papp Fund
- + Patricia Miller & Richard Grant Fund
- + Patrick Thibeault & Sarah Bloor Legacy Fund
- + Price Hummingbird Foundation
- + QL Fund
- + Ray Fong & Angelique Leung Fund
- + Renal Health YES (Youth Education Support) Award Fund
- + Diane Roscoe Fund
- + Saxton Charitable Legacy Fund
- + ShorePeakGEN Fund
- + Summer Split Foundation
- + Talaria Fund
- + Waldman/Shnier Charitable Fund
- + Jeffrey and Angel Wang Foundation
- + *And seven anonymous funds*

Designated Funds

- + Helene Shelton Scholarship Fund
- + Marjorie Smith Memorial Fund

Community Impact Fund

- + E. Ann Bissett Dyke and Family Fund

Charitable Agency Funds

- + Bulkley Valley Scholarship Transferable Fund
- + Coastal Foundation for the Performing Arts Fund
- + Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies - Elkford Community Fund
- + Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies/Fernie Community Fund/Dr. Sparling
- + Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies - Greg Fisher Community Fund
- + Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies - Janice Regnier Fund for Mental Health
- + Friends of CAMH Archives Transferable Fund
- + Helping Hand Fund
- + Heritage BC Stability Transferable Fund
- + Kinsmen Lodge Ethical Transferable Fund
- + Kinsmen Lodge Transferable Fund
- + LCMS Barbara Pentland Endowment Fund
- + Vern Logan Fund
- + Donald Munro Bursary Fund
- + Edie Mourre Scholarship Fund
- + Oxfam Canada Transferable Fund
- + Spinal Cord Injury Fund
- + Squamish Community Foundation Transferable Fund

- + Joanne Patricia Stoutjesdyk Music Scholarship
- + The Boca del Lupo Endowment Fund
- + The Chilliwack Academy of Music Scholarship
- + The Chilliwack Academy of Music Transferable Fund
- + The Vancouver Cantata Singers Endowment Fund
- + VAM - Denise Mara Scholarship 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 Edith Brierley
- + Estate of Cyril Burrill
- + Estate of Denis Creighton
- + Estate of Thomas Garth Harvey
- + Estate of Stephanie Kwiram
- + Estate of Peter Livingston
- + Estate of Vernon Logan
- + Estate of Winifred Denise Mara
- + Estate of Carla Poppen
- + Estate of Helene Shelton
- + Estate of Marjorie Smith

A list of the funds administered by Vancouver Foundation can be found on our website at [vancouverfoundation.ca/fund-search](https://www.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.



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, our Community Impact Fund or a Focus Area and leave the decision making to our experts and advisors who will evaluate hundreds of projects on your behalf.



Establish your fund

With a gift of \$10,000 (or \$1,000 to start), a named fund can be set up in just a day or two. The fund's capital will be invested to generate income for annual granting.



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.

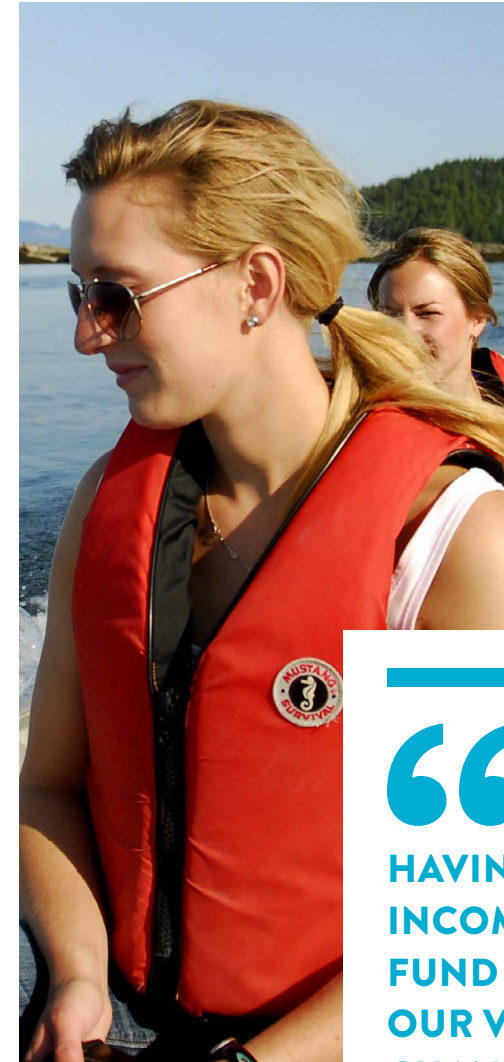


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Supporting Charities

Vancouver Foundation manages funds on behalf of more than 500 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 totaling more than \$22 million were made to help charities advance their missions. Give us a call and find out how we can help support your charity. Call: 604.688.2204



HAVING A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INCOME FROM OUR ENDOWMENT FUND ENABLES US TO FOCUS ON OUR VISION TO SUPPORT LIFE-CHANGING EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY IN COASTAL AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTS.

- SEAN ROGERS

Director, Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre

Why Vancouver Foundation?

- + Professional investment management and diversified investment portfolio
- + Support for complex gifts
- + Efficient and effective
- + Low cost-recovery fees

LEADERSHIP

Board of Directors

- + Miranda Lam
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- + Sophie Pierre
- + Barry Rivelis
- + Bob Smith
- + Kirsten Sutton
- + Peter Webster

Spaghetti, meatballs & policy change.

What's on your table?

Starting on Sept. 26th, 2019 join others across BC and host an event to share some food and talk about what matters most to you.

Sign up to be a host at onthetablebc.com

Solving social isolation is complicated, but connecting with people can be easy. Vancouver Foundation is calling on everyone across BC to come together to increase the well-being of our communities.

MEDIA SPONSOR



AN INVITATION FROM **vancouver**
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on the table.

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Situated on the traditional and unceded territories of the
Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

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