



ANNUAL REPORT

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REPORT



Because we love our community...



Kyla Lam
Chair



Caitlin Hall-Sharp
Executive Director

message from the
**CHAIR &
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation (CVCF), a registered charitable organization, exists to enrich lives in the Columbia Valley by supporting the community through inspired philanthropy.

In a year where this mandate was as important as ever, we were overwhelmed by the compassion and support of the community to help its own. The COVID-19 pandemic shut down local businesses, caused financial hardship among many community members, halted community-building events and gatherings, and ushered in an unprecedented era of social isolation due to physical distancing measures, leaving many individuals struggling with their mental health.

In response, compassionate community organizations and individuals mobilized numerous efforts to support those in need with initiatives ranging from food security, to mental health, and safety/sanitization measures. Many of these solutions required financial support and this is where the CVCF was able to step in, with enhanced grant opportunities to meet the challenges posed by the pandemic.

The CVCF saw the highest number of annual donors in the Foundation's history

And the need was high — grant funding requests in 2020 totalled over \$560,000 (compared with \$122,000 in 2019), and the funds distributed were the highest the CVCF has ever granted in a year.

In April 2020, we developed the COVID-19 Community Response Fund which was delivered on a rolling basis for eight months. We were proud to have partnered with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to deliver two rounds of the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF), in addition to our regular scholarship and community grants.

We are also grateful for the tremendous giving and community support. The CVCF saw the highest number of annual donors in the Foundation's history with supporting including two innovative fundraising events in support of our COVID response — the Baltac Boat Concert (see page 14) and an online auction hosted by Brady Creek Ranch that raised over \$13,000. We are grateful to all those that donated, making possible these important community initiatives.

The year was also marked by new leadership. Our new Executive Director Caitlin Hall-Sharp joined in March 2020, bringing with her a strong management background, new energy, and inspiring vision that greatly benefited CVCF operations throughout the challenges of the past year.

As we enter 2021 and the CVCF's 20th Anniversary, we are excited for the future and the Foundation's impact in creating a better community.

Yours in Giving, **KYLA LAM**
Chair, CVCF

CAITLIN HALL-SHARP
Executive Director, CVCF

ABOUT THE CVCF

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation is a registered charitable organization that focuses on the connection between donors and community needs with the vision of enriching lives in the Columbia Valley.

Made possible by the generosity of our donors, we support projects, initiatives, and organizations in the Columbia Valley through grant funding. These financial resources benefit a broad spectrum of community needs ranging from literacy to environmental to youth opportunities and beyond. Since the CVCF's formation in 2001, endowed assets have grown from the \$141,014 in its' first year, to now over \$3.5M. In this time, the CVCF has granted over \$750,000 supporting almost 300 projects and initiatives.

In addition to community granting, the CVCF distributes financial support to Columbia Valley students pursuing post-secondary education. Since the donation of the first scholarship fund in 2014, over \$385,000 has been granted to over 220 local students pursuing higher education.

The land on which we operate is on the shared and unceded traditional territory of the Ktunaxa and Shuswap people and the home of the Metis Nation of BC. We are grateful to work, play, & live on these lands.

Guiding Principles

WE ARE:

ACCOUNTABLE

We are responsible for what we do and transparent in how we do it.

COLLABORATIVE

We value the power of individuals and organizations working together for positive change.

INCLUSIVE

Our work is characterized by mutual respect and the spirit of inquiry. We support equal opportunity for individuals and organizations.

INNOVATIVE

We are proactive and adaptive in meeting the emerging needs of our community.

INTEGRAL

We uphold our vision, mission and guiding principles—we do what we say we are going to do.



GRANTS

Community Impact

In 2020, the CVCF administered five granting cycles including eight months of rolling COVID-19 Community Response Fund grants, two rounds of Emergency Community Support Fund grants in collaboration with the Community Foundations of Canada, and our annual Community Granting and student awards. Made possible by the generosity of our community, and partnerships with the Community Foundations of Canada and the Vancouver Foundation, the CVCF granted over \$150,000 in COVID-related funding to local organizations and projects supporting the changing and increasing needs resulting from the COVID pandemic.

“We supported a safer and healthier community by making the library accessible and supporting mental health by making reading, for learning and entertainment, safely accessible. [With the CVCF grant] the IPL was able to safely re-open its doors to the community.”



– Invermere Public Library, COVID-19 Community Response Fund Grant Recipient



- Arts & Culture
- Safety/Security
- Environmental
- Vulnerable Pop.
- Mental Health
- Youth
- Community/Belonging

Welcoming Columbia Valley

In the Columbia Valley Community Foundation’s 2019 Vital Signs report, re-inventing a “welcome wagon” program for new residents was identified as a vital action. In partnership with the Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce, WeCONNECT decided to do just that, and with support from the Foundation’s Community Grants Program, launched Welcome CV in 2020 — a new volunteer initiative introducing new residents, including newborn babies, to the Columbia Valley.

“The original Welcome Wagon was a Canada-wide program that shut their doors last May because of COVID-19,” explained Donna Jefferson, WeCONNECT Executive Director. “One of our staff members worked for Welcome Wagon for years and felt there was an opportunity in our community for something more local to replace it.”

Welcome CV involves 40 local businesses who contribute gifts, brochures and flyers to fill custom 20”x20” welcome bags that are given out to new residents and families of new babies.

“We have so many really cool businesses in Invermere and they’ve just embraced this and those bags are full,” said Donna. “It’s pretty amazing what they’re giving out. It’s much more than we expected.”

The initiative also enlists the help of clients in WeCONNECT’s Community Inclusion Program.

As part of this program, clients with diverse abilities go out with WeCONNECT staff to pick up the donations from businesses, help fill the bags, and help deliver them as well.

“It’s been wonderful for our volunteers,” said Donna. “It makes them feel like they’re part of the community and they’re giving back. It’s been beautiful.”

From January to April (2021), there were 25 happy recipients. Because of COVID-19, delivery has been curb-side with the volunteers handing over the bags and congratulating recipients on the sidewalk. People also have the choice to pick up from the Chamber directly.



“Welcome CV has taken off,” said Donna. “We’re really excited about it.”

To learn more, visit <https://welcomecv.ca/>.

Welcome CV volunteer Cassie Olson delivered a Welcome package to a new resident.



VFC Manager/Director Teresa Rogal displaying the new sanitization equipment purchased with funding provided by the CVCF.

Making health a priority

The Valley Fitness Centre (VFC) has been a non-profit hub for fitness, community and health ever since it first opened in 1987. When the centre had to close in early 2020 due to COVID-19, the loss of this important outlet was felt by many in the community. VFC management knew that re-opening was essential, but so was maintaining a sanitized facility to protect the well-being of both members and staff throughout the pandemic.

VFC applied for — and successfully received — two grants to cover the cost of high performance sanitization equipment: a Clorox Total 360 Electrostatic Sprayer (that moves on a trolley) and a Vital Oxide Electrostatic Sprayer backpack. The first grant was through the Columbia Valley Community Foundation (CVCF)’s COVID-19 Community Response Fund and the second through the CVCF Community Grants program.

“The machines have an electrostatic charge to it, which causes the solution used in the machine, which is a hospital grade sanitizer, to surround and stick to all the surfaces, completely coating all the equipment and because it’s such a fine mist it doesn’t miss anything,” explained VFC Administrative Assistant Carmen Emel.

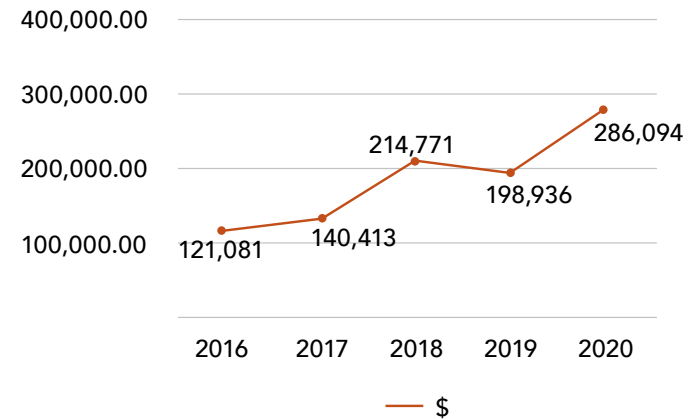
The centre operates in 1.25-hour sessions, closing for just 15 minutes between sessions to spray the gym and sanitize all the equipment before the next group comes in.

“I am so filled with joy that the VFC has been able to remain open for as long as it has during the pandemic,” said one member who credits her exercise regime at VFC for her positive mental health. “The changes were well thought out and have made the centre a safe and healthy place to work out.”

“We’ve had countless members tell us almost on a daily basis how safe and secure they feel coming here,” Carmen said. “We’ve been told by Interior Health not one COVID-19 case has been traced back to the centre so we feel that having this equipment has made all the difference compared to other fitness facilities. We are so unbelievably grateful that we were able to work with the CVCF on getting these grants.”

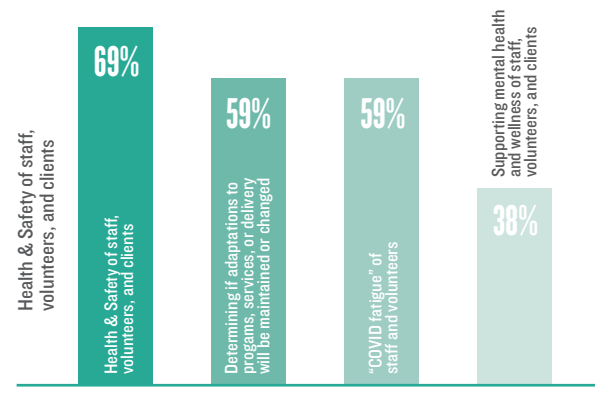
YEARLY GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

(*including student awards)



EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- 1 in seven Canadians facing food insecurity (Source: Statistics Canada, 2020)
- Mental Health: 30% decrease in Canadians rating their life satisfaction as 8 or higher (out of 10). Lowest level of life satisfaction since data availability in 2003. (Source: Statistics Canada, 2020)



CRITICAL ISSUES FACING NON-PROFIT/CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS

Source: Volunteer Canada, Oct 2020



49 GRANTS

31 Grant Recipient Organizations

8 FIRST-TIME CVCF GRANT RECIPIENTS

5 GRANTING CYCLES

HELPING PROTECT EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

In 2020, Columbia Valley Search and Rescue (CVSAR) had its busiest year ever. There was a surge in backcountry use in response to COVID-19 health restrictions on regular social activities and call volume almost doubled. The pandemic also meant that the 100 per cent volunteer-run group was mandated by the BC Search & Rescue Association to wear very specific Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The cost increase to provide members with required PPE was significant and this is where the Columbia Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) was able to step in with support from the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada.

"This grant was so important because it gave us the extra money to expand our initial emergency fund budget so we could order extra PPE," said Nancy Loraas, CVSAR Treasurer. "It has to be Gore-Tex, it has to protect our members, and it has to be completely washable. The grant also helped us expand our supply of masks and gloves since we're going through a lot of supplies on every call and training day."

With the addition of 15 new members since 2020, active CVSAR volunteers total roughly 35, all of whom need the PPE.

"In our line of work, this kind of clothing is exactly what we need to be wearing," said Nancy.

CVSAR is responsible for responding to incidents throughout a significant portion of south eastern British Columbia, with a considerable diversity of terrain. The coverage area is approximately 10,000 square kilometers, from Brisco to Canal Flats and the Purcell Mountains to the Rocky Mountains along the Alberta border.

"We're noticing a lot of people who aren't from the valley that are frequenting the back country. When we respond to a call we never

know where the subject is from or what their exposure to COVID-19 has been. It's so important that our members have access to this gear."

Responses include a mixture of searches and rescues. Incidents range from broken bones on bike trails to night rescues on Catamount Glacier in a snowstorm.

"We try to emphasize to people that we are all volunteers and to make them aware how valuable the service is that CVSAR provides and to not take it for granted. We continually stress to people who are heading into the backcountry to pay attention to Adventure Smart guidelines and do appropriate trip planning."

To learn more, visit <http://columbiavalleysearch.ca>.



CVSAR Member uses a transceiver.



Team responds to an injured hiker in Toby Creek Canyon.



Community Legacy Building

in 2020

QUALIFIED CHARITY OR DONEE / Project Partner	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUND	GRANT \$
INVERMERE COMPANION ANIMAL NETWORK	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	Flow-through Funds	1,000
WINDERMERE VALLEY YOUTH CENTRE	OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES & BACK ALLEY HANGOUT ZONE	Doerr Family Fund, CVCF Community Fund	3,500
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF THE EAST KOOTENAY/Fairmont & Districts Lions	WILDER MEMORIAL PARK ENHANCEMENTS	Gordon Wilder Memorial Fund	2,600
STEAMBOAT MOUNTAIN MUSIC SOCIETY	IOTH ANNUAL STEAMBOAT MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL	Flow-through Funds	1,000
COLUMBIA BASIN ALLIANCE FOR LITERACY (CBAL)	STORYWALK	Fairmont Family Fund, Opportunities for Youth Fund	2,248
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Valley Fitness Centre	STUDIO CLOROX 360 SANITIZING MACHINE	Flow-through Funds	2,000
LIVING LAKES CANADA/Columbia Lakes Stewardship Society	COLUMBIA RIVER HEADWATER LAKES MONITORING & EDUCATION: COLUMBIA LAKE	Flow-through Funds	2,170
COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	COMMUNITY HEALING THROUGH HE(ART)	Our Children's Legacy Fund	1,900
VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS/Rotary Club of Radium Hot Springs Sunrise	ROTARY SPLASH PARK	Opportunities for Youth Fund, CVCF Community Fund	5,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	COVID SAFE PROGRAMMING IN THE YARD: STAGE/TENT	CVCF Community Fund, Flow-Through Funds	3,000
SKATE CANADA/Columbia Valley Skating Club	CANSKATE/POWERSKATE FROM EDGE-WATER TO CANAL FLATS	Ann Tilley Memorial Fund, CVCF Community Fund	4,400
WINDERMERE DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES SOCIETY	WELCOME CV	KSCU Community Fund, Flow-Through Funds	5,000
SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND ("SHUSWAP")	ONE HEALTH COLUMBIA VALLEY - NUKA SYSTEM OF CARE TRAINING	Flow-Through Funds	10,000
COLUMBIA WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PARTNERS/Summit Trailmakers	COUNTING RECREATIONAL HIKERS OF COLUMBIA VALLEY TRAILS	Doerr Family Fund	3,018
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Columbia Valley Youth Soccer Association	SOCCER SKILLS: DEVELOPING OUR YOUTH	Opportunities for Youth Fund, Our Children's Legacy Fund	2,500
LAKE WINDERMERE AMBASSADORS	COLUMBIA RIVER HEADWATER LAKES MONITORING & EDUCATION: WINDERMERE LAKE	Flow-through Funds	2,420
WINDERMERE VALLEY YOUTH CENTRE SOCIETY	SNACK BOXES	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	10,000
HOSPICE SOCIETY OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	GRIEF SUPPORT	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	3,000
RADIUM HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SAFETY EQUIPMENT & SIGNAGE	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	1,000
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Valley Fitness Centre	SANITIZATION EQUIPMENT	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	7,319
FRIENDS OF INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY	SAFETY EQUIPMENT & SIGNAGE	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	1,500
WINDERMERE VALLEY CHILD CARE SOCIETY	SAFETY SUPPLIES	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	2,500
COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	COMMUNITY HEALING THROUGH ART	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	5,900
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/CV Makerspace Society	FACE SHIELDS	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	2,000

QUALIFIED CHARITY OR DONEE / Project Partner	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUND	GRANT \$
CHRISTMAS BUREAU OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	DECREASED FUNDING & INCREASED NEED FOR CHRISTMAS BUREAU	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	10,000
RADIUM HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SANITIZATION SUPPLIES	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	700
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Columbia Valley Rockies Booster Society	SANITIZATION EQUIPMENT	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	7,769
COLUMBIA VALLEY GREENWAYS ALLIANCE	COLUMBIA VALLEY WHITEWAY EXPANSION	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	5,000
SKATE CANADA/Columbia Valley Skating Club	CANSKATE AND POWERSKATE FOR OUTLYING COMMUNITIES	Emergency Community Support Fund	5,500
CHRISTMAS BUREAU OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	CHRISTMAS BUREAU OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	Emergency Community Support Fund	19,350
COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	COMMUNITY HEALING THROUGH ART FOR SENIORS OF THE CV	Emergency Community Support Fund	5,000
WINDERMERE VALLEY YOUTH CENTRE SOCIETY	COVID SAFETY & OUTDOOR PROGRAMMING AT THE YOUTH CENTRE	Emergency Community Support Fund	9,650
WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES	COVID SAFE WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES 2021 FESTIVAL	Emergency Community Support Fund	5,000
AKISQ'NUK FIRST NATIONS	ADDRESSING SOCIAL ISOLATION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS ACROSS THE CV	Emergency Community Support Fund	10,500
COLUMBIA BASIN ALLIANCE FOR LITERACY	COLUMBIA VALLEY STUDENT HUB (COLUMBIA VALLEY U)	Emergency Community Support Fund	5,000
BLUE LAKE FOREST EDUCATION SOCIETY	INVERMERE DAY CAMP	Emergency Community Support Fund	4,626
VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS	RADIUM HOT SPRINGS CENTRE COVID SAFETY & SANITATION PROJECT	Emergency Community Support Fund	2,818
CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY	SOUTHERN INTERIOR ROTARY LODGE REOPENING - COVID-19 UPGRADES FOR HEALTH/SAFETY	Emergency Community Support Fund	2,500
HOSPICE SOCIETY OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	COVID-19 RELIEF SUPPORT	Emergency Community Support Fund	7,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY SEARCH & RESCUE	COVID-19 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR WILDERNESS RESCUE VOLUNTEERS	Emergency Community Support Fund	13,556
ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6/Kootenay-Boundary Environmental Education Committee	SUPPORTING OUTDOOR LEARNING IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19	Emergency Community Support Fund	2,500
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Cycling Without Age	CYCLING WITHOUT AGE INVERMERE	Emergency Community Support Fund	7,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Columbia Valley Arts & Culture Fund	573
COLUMBIA BASIN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NETWORK (CBEEN)	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Environmental Education Endowment Fund	559
HOSPICE SOCIETY OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Hospice Society of the CV Endowment Fund	1,224
FRIENDS OF THE INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Invermere Public Library Endowment Fund	728
RADIUM HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Radium Hot Springs Public Library Endowment Fund	297
EDGEWATER RECREATION SOCIETY	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Schnider Family Legacy Fund	790
COLUMBIA VALLEY FOOD BANK	FLOW-THROUGH DONATION	Flow-Through Funds	50,000

TOTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED IN 2020 \$262,614



Kyra Jukes

"I am extremely grateful for having been a recipient of this award, and have benefited immensely from it. Without the means from the Columbia Valley Community Foundation, my living away from home and education costs would have been more difficult to cover."

Jacqueline Wagner

"This generous scholarship has allowed me to pursue a graduate degree remotely from an accredited institution, without compromising my life and career in the Columbia Valley."



Ava Merrill

"By providing me with a scholarship, you have lightened my financial load, and inspired me to help others and eventually give back to my community. I hope one day I can help students reach their goals just as you are supporting me in achieving mine. Thank you for contributing to my post-secondary education and dream of practicing medicine."



Peyton Dutcher

"I want to express my gratitude for this award because it was a major component in helping me pursue my medical radiation science studies at the McMaster University. This scholarship allowed me to attend my online schooling free of financial stress... focusing more on my academics rather than my finances, was something I was truly grateful to experience."

Darren Burns

"Relief from the financial strain involved in returning to school has been tremendously helpful to further enhance my education. I am actively enjoying my studies and look forward to applying my new skills within my community."

Leann Juatco

"This award was a huge help, especially during this pandemic where it is quite challenging to find a job or make money to fund my University needs."



Brenden Kanan

"After not being able to work in the summer as the jobs were scarce, I was excited to start my Sciences degree in September. Doing university courses on our family dining room table isn't quite the experience I was hoping for, but I THANK YOU for your generosity and hope that next September I will be in Kingston, Ontario enjoying a year of learning in a dorm room!"

J. Dylan McIntosh

"The means that [the Arnold Ellis Scholarship] provided allowed me to navigate the relatively stressful and difficult first year of my program online without the added stress of worrying about financing."



Greydon Robrick



Laine Dunlop

Amyra Elwakeel

"Thank you for supporting students from our community—it means a lot to us!"



"One of my favourite tasks within my volunteer role as Grants Chair is to read through the scholarship applications and learn about the aspirations of young people in the Columbia Valley. Whether it is pursuing a trade, upgrading a qualification, pursuing a certificate or university degree, I find the applicants' extra curricular, community involvement and academic interests inspiring. It is also a gift for these applicants to be so highly supported in a community of caring, engaged citizens. I get to be the connector between a caring community and inspiring young adults - what a great role!"

- Katherine Harmsworth - Chair, Grants Committee

Arnold Ellis Scholarship Fund

\$1,500/Award

Alanna Burgess
Amyra Elwakeel
Anna Erikson
Ashley Dubois
Ashton Myers
Ava Merrill
Braeden Logan
Brenden Kanan
Brody Myers

Colton Messerli
Connor Woodworth
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Peyton Dutcher
Samantha Tyrrell
Samson Boyer
Tyler Powell

Awards adjudicated by the CVCF Grants Committee: Arnold Ellis Scholarship Award, Alan J Witherspoon Fine Arts Award, Bidder Bursary Award, and Erwin Kloos Memorial Award.

The Tom Sanders Memorial Award recipients are selected by the Kinsmen Club of the Windermere Valley, and the Greg Constable Bursary Fund recipients are selected by DTSS and Greg Constable; these parties conduct the application and review process in an advisory role to the donor advised fund.

Tom Sanders Memorial Award

\$2,000/Award

Ava Merrill

Greg Constable Bursary Award

\$400/Award

Award Pending

Bidder Bursary Award

\$400/Award

Mackenzie Walters

Erwin Kloos Memorial Award

\$400/Award

Colton Messerli & Darren Burns

Alan J Witherspoon Memorial Fine Art Award

\$3,500/Award

*Greydon Robrick (\$2,000)
& Leann Juatco (\$1,500)*

\$8,700 disbursed in 2021
Total Student Awards in 2020
\$59,200

"Congratulations to our 2020 Student Award recipients! The youth of the Columbia Valley are ambitious, remarkable individuals—we are very proud."

- Calgary College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture
- Camosun College
- College of the Rockies
- Columbia Paramedic Academy
- Dalhousie University
- Emily Carr University of Art + Design
- Lethbridge College
- McMaster University
- Mount Royal University
- Okanagan College
- Queen's University
- Saint Mary's University
- Selkirk College
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of Alberta
- University of British Columbia
- University of British Columbia Okanagan
- University of Calgary
- University of Lethbridge
- University of Prince Edward Island

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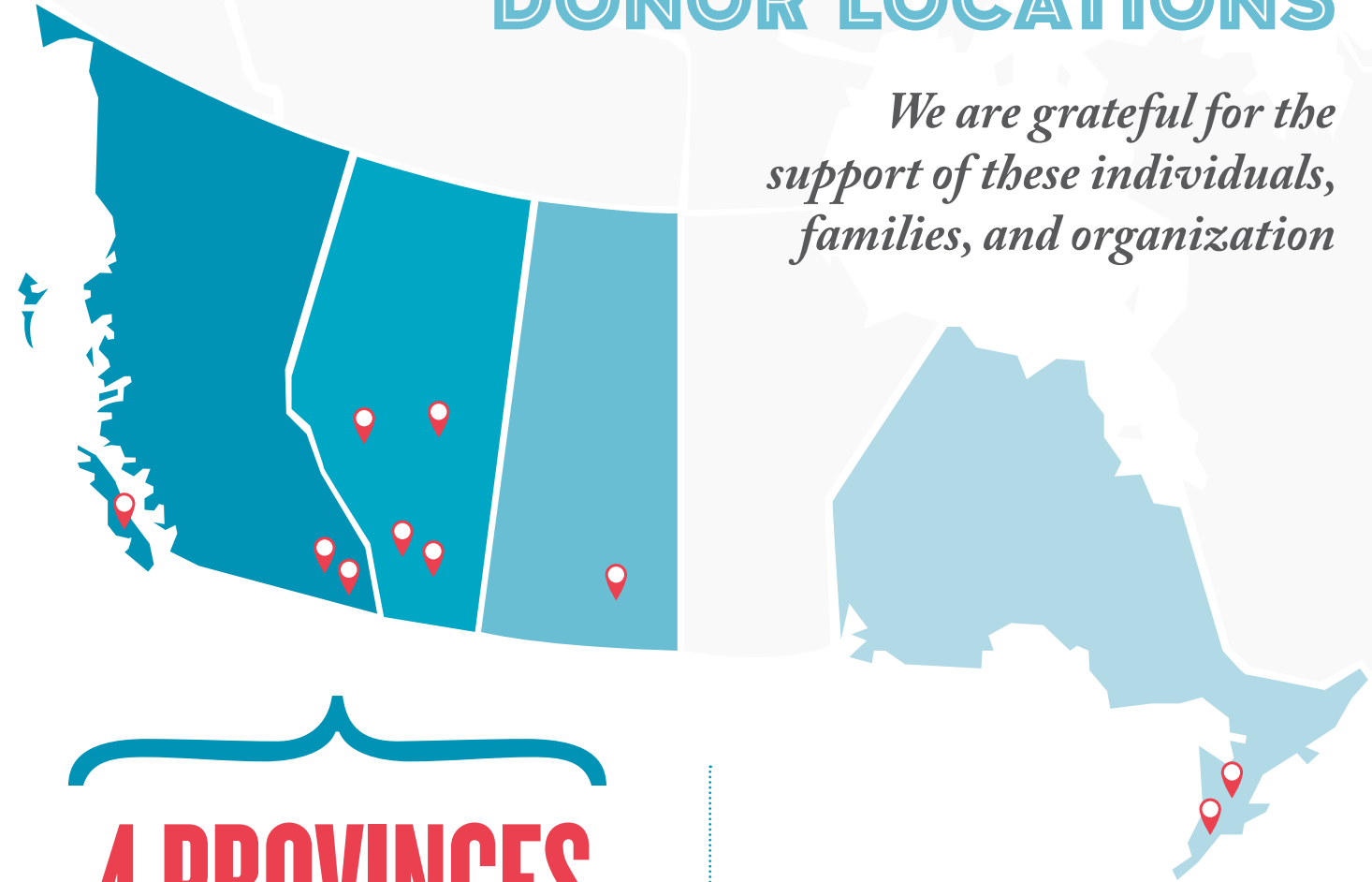
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Yvonne Frame-Zawalykut
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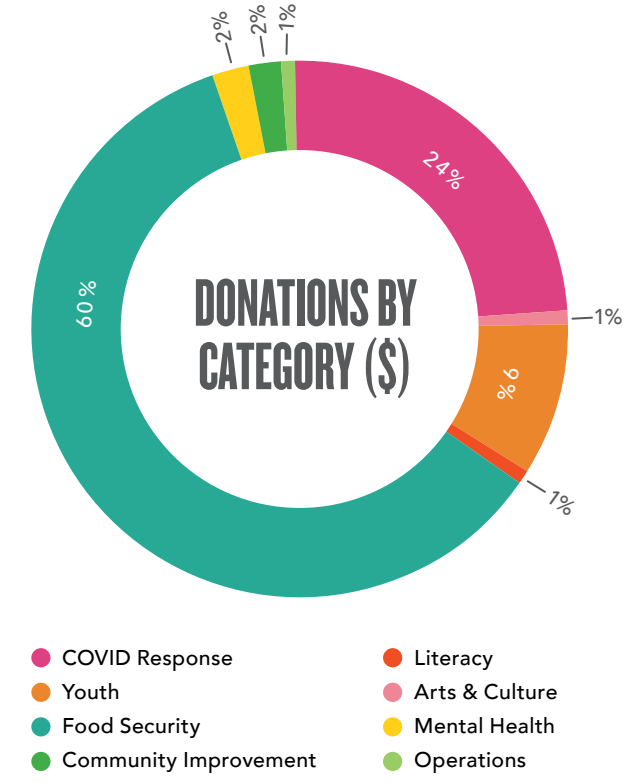
We are grateful for the support of these individuals, families, and organization



4 PROVINCES
42 CITIES

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| Banff, AB | Golden, BC | Regina, SK |
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Donations can be made online at valleyfoundation.ca or sent via cheque to Box 991, Invermere BC V0A 1K0. If you are interested in establishing a legacy that will continue to better our community, reach out to us at info@valleyfoundation.ca or 250-342-2845 to talk about creating a fund.



BOAT CONCERT BRINGS IN BIG COMMUNITY SUPPORT

When celebrities team up with a local community foundation, great things happen. This was the case in 2020 when Canadian country music star Brett Kissel and Calgary philanthropist W. Brett Wilson put their heads together and decided to hold a free outdoor concert on Lake Windermere with a twist — it could only be viewed by boat, and everyone in attendance was asked to make a donation to the Columbia Valley Community Foundation's COVID-19 Community Response Fund.

It goes without saying that the concert was an incredible success and resulted in significant community aid. Proceeds totalled \$85,535, all of which went towards supporting community needs resulting from the pandemic, including food security, helping vulnerable populations such as seniors and families, mental health programs, and safety/sanitization measures.

“Brett Kissel and I wanted to find a way to give back to a place where each of us have enjoyed many summers with our families,” said Wilson. “The #BrettBrettBaltacBoatConcert came together as a way for us to provide residents and visitors in the Valley a fun, free and safe night out on the lake during COVID.”



To comply with public health guidelines, the concert required boaters to remain offshore at the concert location, near the boat launch at Baltac Road. Boats were also required to stay two metres away from each other at all times, and Columbia Valley RCMP were on hand patrolling the water to ensure social distancing rules were being followed. The concert, which ran from 8 to 10 p.m. on August 2, was broadcast to FM radios on channel 88.8 so boaters could tune in, and costs were privately covered in order to make it a free event. The only ask was for everyone in attendance to donate to the COVID-19 Community Response Fund through the valleyfoundation.ca website, which resulted in 156 individual donors.

Kissel, one of Canada's leading country music stars, has won a number of Canadian Country Music Association awards, including Male Artist of the Year twice. He's also won Junos for Breakthrough Artist of the Year and Country Album of the Year, and his music continues to top radio airplay charts. Wilson, perhaps best known for his past appearance as a panellist on Dragon's Den, is a well-known businessman and philanthropist who has given tremendous support to the Columbia Valley community over the years and is also a Windermere property owner.

“We have a strong feeling this event might come to fruition once again!” he said.

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— W. Brett Wilson

YOUTH COMMUNITY SUMMIT

In November 2020, the CVCF hosted a Youth Community Summit inviting youth leaders aged 15-29 to share their experiences and insights with regards to living in the Columbia Valley. Hosted in partnership with RBC Canada and the Community Foundations of Canada, 15 youth leaders spent an afternoon in ‘Vital Conversation’ discussing the challenges, needs, and opportunities within our community.

Highlights of their experience living in the Columbia Valley include:

- The outdoor lifestyle such as ski hills, trails, mountains, lakes, and hot springs
- A supportive school system with smaller classes and relationships with teachers
- The ‘small town feel’ citing our sense of community, the feeling of safety, a small-business based economy, and community events

Through a series of discussions, the youth leaders identified four primary challenges that they felt were of the greatest need in the community, or were personally important to them; these were: transportation accessibility, mental health resources, affordable housing, and recreation opportunities.

Acknowledging the current transportation systems in place, almost every participant, at some point, had been stranded and left without transportation or a way home. The current Monday-Friday BC Transit service was discussed as affordable, but insufficient for transportation needs.

Of significant concern is the mental health of their peers and community. Many felt that while resources exist, they are expensive and the need exceeds the current capacity. Most of the leaders identified that at some point, they had struggled with their mental health. With respect to housing, few participants had personally struggled to find accommodation, however many felt this was an important challenge facing our community.

Amplified by the number of distance learners in 2020, the leaders identified a gap in clubs, programs, and structured recreation for youth between high school and parenthood. Many delegates in post-secondary school, noted seeking additional ways to develop their professional skillsets in their free time.

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation would like to sincerely thank all of the participants that volunteered their time, insights, and experiences to make this program possible.

We sincerely appreciate the contributions and partnerships of the following organizations:



“I was honoured to attend the Youth Summit, especially because I am a relatively new resident of the Columbia Valley. It was very enlightening to see the youth of the Valley so involved in discussions and proposals on how to improve access to services in the community they love.”

— Tomas Hucul,
YCS Participant



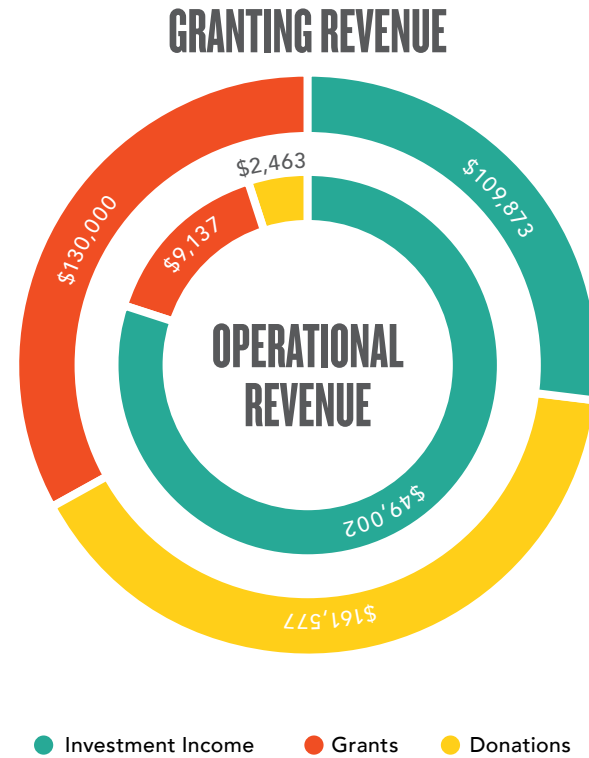
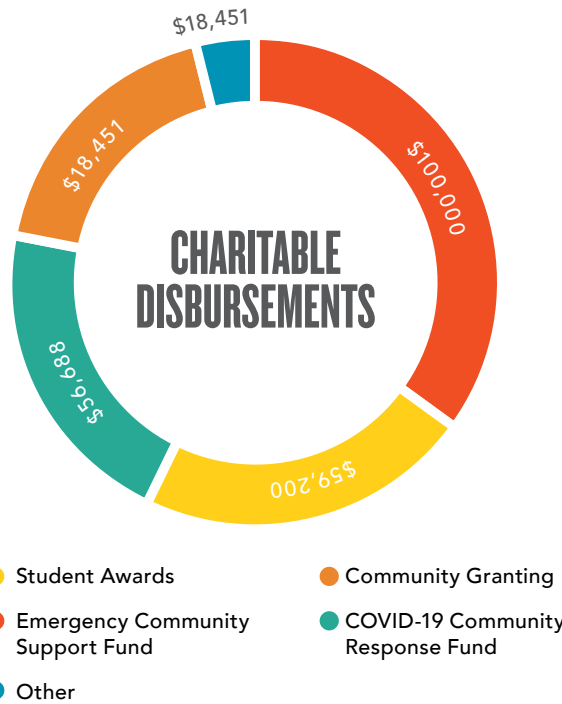
Amyra Elwakeel and Tasha Bjorgan discuss community challenges.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

of the Year Ended December 31st

Full financial statements are available upon request

ENDOWMENT FUND INFORMATION



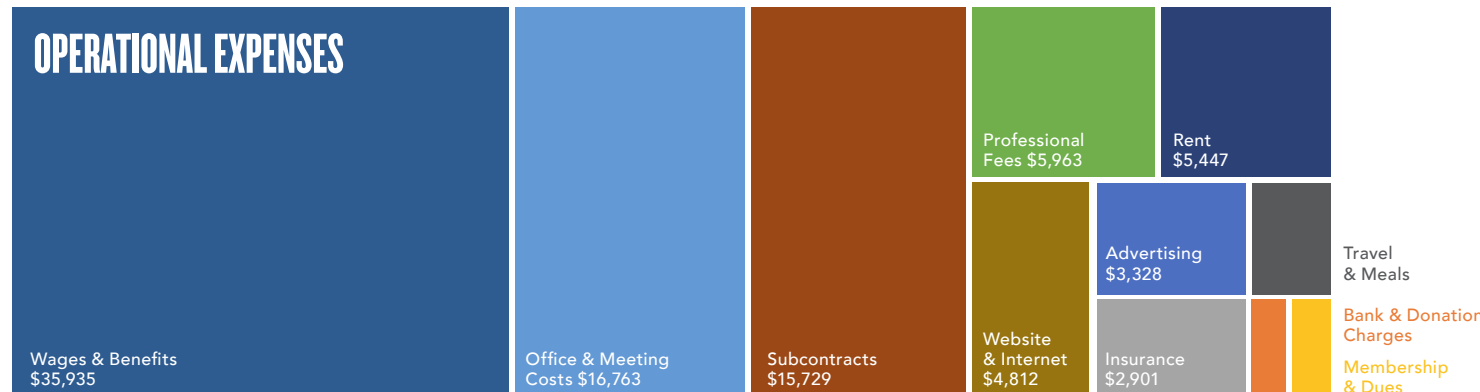
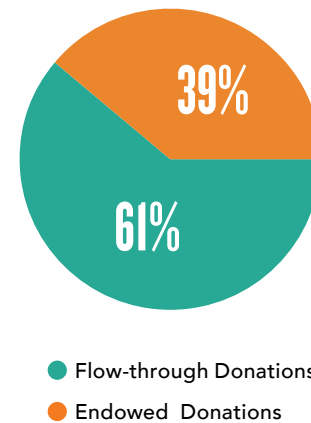
“One of the key roles of the CVCF is facilitating community granting addressing community needs by connecting people who care with causes that matter. The COVID-19 pandemic presented new challenges leaving no community untouched. The Foundation initiated a COVID-19 Community Response Fund which raised over \$100,000 from generous donors to support local organizations responding to those in need. We thank all of our philanthropists who contributed to this fund; your support is vital in these unprecedented times.

Since 2001, the Foundation has invested over \$3.5 million of donor contributions with the Vancouver Foundation and Columbia Basin Trust ensuring the preservation and enhancement of these assets. The original capital is endowed generating income in perpetuity. Interest earnings from these investments allowed us to grant \$109,456 [from endowed funds] in 2020, through grants and scholarships on behalf of our donors. Our sincere gratitude goes out to our current donors for making a difference!”

- Anne Glassford, Director & Chair of Finance Committee

“Giving is not just about making a donation, it’s about making a difference” - Kathy Calvin

DONATION TYPE



About our Funds

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation manages charitable gifts from donors whose generosity allows us to create permanent, income-earning funds that are distributed in the areas the donors wish to support.

Donations to the Foundation may be designated or undesignated by the donor:

- **Undesignated** donations under \$1,000 are allocated to operations.
- **Designated** funds can be directed to endowed, flow-through or operating funds.

FUND TYPES WITHIN THE FOUNDATION’S ASSETS

ENDOWED FUNDS are endowed either permanently or for a specific period of time (generally 10-30 years). The contributed principal is invested and the returns from the investments are allocated to grants and operating fees. The donor can provide succession management instructions for the funds during, or after, their lifetime.

- **Community funds** give the Foundation the greatest flexibility to respond to current community needs. Donors can create named funds within the Community Fund.

- **Designated funds** are granted to specific, named charities.

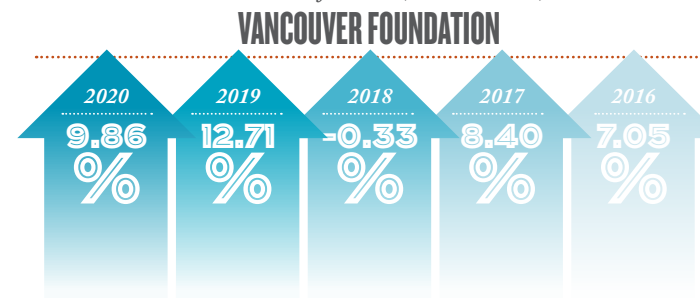
- **Donor Advised** funds are normally established by individuals or families who wish to remain involved in granting decisions and disburse grants annually.

- **Field of Interest funds** are established by donors who wish to support their charitable interests: student awards, arts and culture, environment, recreation, literacy, health and safety, social services, community facilities, youth or education.

FLOW-THROUGH FUNDS are restricted funds. The principal of (Restricted Flow-Through) Funds may be granted at any time as specified by Foundation policy or the donor, generally within 12-36 months.

OPERATING FUNDS come from non-designated or designated donations, and returns on investments from operating endowment funds available to the Foundation for its operations.

Investment Performance (to Dec 31, 2020)



One of the best things about a Community Foundation is helping donors fulfill their wishes.

TYPES/NAMES OF FUNDS	Dec 31, 2020
Community Fund	350,934
Kootenay Savings Community Fund	113,610
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Columbia Valley Arts & Culture Fund	23,223
Columbia Valley Food Bank Fund	161,020
Jim Ashworth Fund (sub-fund of CVFB)	40,431
Environmental Education Endowment Fund	40,579
Hospice Society of the CV Fund	38,269
Invermere Public Library Endowment Fund	19,716
Radium Hot Springs Public Library Fund	24,918
Schnider Family Legacy Fund	21,002
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS	
Gordon Wilder Memorial Fund	52,041
Our Children’s Legacy Fund	86,172
Sherry and Harvey Doerr Family Fund (BC)	102,101
Tom Sanders Memorial Fund	111,850
FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS	
Alan J. Witherspoon Memorial Fine Arts Fund	100,589
Ann Tilley Memorial Fund	7,410
Arnold Ellis Scholarship Fund	1,513,465
Bidder Bursary Fund	10,571
Erwin Kloos Memorial Fund	15,460
Fairmont Family Fund	31,476
Opportunities for Youth Fund	90,403
Wittke Family Fund	6,254
OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND	
CVCF Operating Endowment Fund	603,612
TOTALS	\$3,565,106

Table represents Original Contribution plus Undistributed Investment Income

FLOW THROUGH FUNDS	
Flow Through Fund	1,349
COVID-19 Community Response Fund	75,492
Greg Constable Toyota Corolla Fund	2,942
John Mason Memorial Fund	11,410
Mountain Relief Fund	1,480
Stay In School Fund	5,331

BOARD & VOLUNTEERS



237 HOURS
BOARD SPENT OVER 237 CUMULATIVE HOURS OF ONLINE MEETINGS.

We are grateful for our exceptional Board of Directors! These amazing volunteers have dedicated their time, shared openly their expertise, and bring a passion for the enrichment of our community.

“Supporting community groups and individuals with different backgrounds and goals contributes to the success of the valley as a whole. That is why I wanted to be part of the CVCF. Giving back to the community is something that I truly enjoy.” – Wendy Booth, Director & Chair, Outreach Committee

2020 Board of Directors

New Board Members:

Anne Glassford
Lang Ellison
Lori Littlejohns
Sheena Swierenga
Wendy Booth

Ongoing Board Members:

Kyla Lam
Dean Midyette
Barb Kloos
Katherine Harmsworth
Shawn Raven

Departed Board Members:

Brandon Csokonay
Gayle Harris
Paul Kendall
Nancy Wilfley
Kayja Becker

2020 Executive Positions:

Dean Midyette *Chair*
Kyla Lam *Treasurer*

Katherine Harmsworth *Vice Chair*
Barb Kloos *Secretary*

A shout-out and gratitude to our Committee volunteers!

Serina Roskewich, Grants Committee | Lang Ellison, Grants Committee
Nancy Wilfley, Grants Committee

If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors, or supporting the Columbia Valley Community Foundation as a Committee Volunteer, please reach out!

THANK YOU

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We welcome donors, supporters and volunteers to join our board, committees or initiatives. Call today! Visit us at www.ValleyFoundation.ca or connect with us on social media.

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