

Water Testing on Lake Windermere  
by Lake Windermere Ambassadors  
2018 Community Grant Recipients



# ANNUAL 2018 REPORT



*Because  
we love our  
community...*



*Roberta Schneider  
Chair*



*Laurie Klassen  
Executive Director*

*message from the  
CHAIR &  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR*

It's been another tremendous year of support for the Columbia Valley Community Foundation, and in turn we've been able to provide excellent support back to the Columbia Valley community in diverse and meaningful ways.

One of the highlights of the year was the release of the 2018 edition of the Columbia Valley's Vital Signs report. Some interesting 2018 Vital Signs included an increase of 6.2 per cent in the Columbia Valley's year round population (to 9,479); a trend of less waste generation per household as well as less waste buried in the Columbia Valley landfill alongside an increase in recycling; a gradual increase in Lake Windermere's water temperature since 2010; and a dramatic increase in the number of hectares burned by wildfires — 31,346 burned in 2017 compared to a yearly average of 1,300 hectares in years prior.

Given these statistics, it's not surprising the environment came out on top of a list of 8 issue areas identified by respondents in 2018, when work and income were highlighted in the 2016 report as the most pressing concerns. This shift laid the groundwork for the 2018 report's theme of "Balancing Economic and Environmental Sustainability", which effectively captures the Columbia Valley community's current challenges. The report details Vital Actions residents can take in every aspect of their lives to work together for a better future and it is our hope that the local community makes use of this invaluable resource.

The Volunteer Columbia Valley website: <https://volunteercv.ca/> is an initiative that grew out of the findings of the 2016 Vital Signs report and was launched last year. Over 200 volunteers have signed up and over 40 organizations are using the website to advertise their volunteer positions. It's an example of a successful community collaboration that was shared at the Community Foundation Executive Director conference last April in Winnipeg. Executive Directors from different Community Foundations across Canada gathered to exchange good ideas that work at the community level.

It's safe to say the notion of legacy building through charitable giving appears to be gaining important traction. The ongoing generosity of planned gifts by individuals is featured in this Annual Report, as are some local projects we've granted to that address the community's concerns.

We are grateful to work with such a caring community, compassionate board and innovative partners; and for our donors' generosity and support. 2018 was a year of tremendous growth and progress — we are excited for what the next year will bring and what we can achieve for the long-term health and sustainability of the Columbia Valley, together.

*Yours in Giving,* **ROBERTA SCHNIDER**  
Chair, CVCF

**LAURIE KLASSEN**  
Executive Director, CVCF

## *Student Success Story Kyla Smith*



*Kyla with one of  
her master's supervisors,  
Dr. Bidinosti, after placing  
3rd for her presentation at  
the International Society  
for Magnetic Resonance in  
Medicine's conference in  
Paris, France,  
in 2018.*

It's a tale Kyla Smith knows all too well. Uninspired high school students dropping out of physics due to lack of passion and knowledge on the part of their teacher is a story she's heard many times. With a Masters in Physics and a Bachelor of Science double major in Physics and English, Kyla herself managed to buck the trend but now her focus is to understand its root cause.

Raised in Invermere and a graduate of David Thompson Secondary School (DTSS), Kyla began her post-secondary education at the University of Victoria where she earned her undergraduate science degree, followed by a Bachelor of Education. She went on to teach at Canadian high schools overseas, including two years teaching physics and math in the United Arab Emirates. Through her teaching she felt encouraged to continue with physics at the graduate level, which she did with a focus on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) at the University of Manitoba.

Now she wants to improve the way physics is taught and learned, and the University of Oxford has accepted her proposed PhD research project: to study the shortage of qualified physics teachers in the UK's secondary school system, research she plans to bring back to Canada if she can amass the funds to make her dream of attending Oxford happen.

"Many teachers are asked to teach physics, and become physics teachers by default. They have no background in it, they're not passionate, and therefore, they're not effective. They don't have a deeper understanding to pass on and inspire kids with," Kyla said. "This is a known problem in other countries, but hasn't been well studied in Canada."

As a woman in the field of physics, Kyla has overcome many challenges on her academic path. She credits her own high school physics teacher (now retired, Mr. Funnell lives in Edgewater) for his teaching excellence that not only inspired her, but several other female DTSS students to pursue physics at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

"That's really unusual for a community this size," said Kyla. "He treated everyone the same...when I was initially accepted into Oxford, I called him to let him know. He was a big factor in me going into physics as well as, all these years later, the research proposal I wrote for Oxford."

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation has supported Kyla's studies with three Student Awards, which she applied entirely towards her Masters tuition. Over and above the financial help, Kyla discovered the scholarships gave her a sense of connection to her home community even when studying several provinces away.

"It surprised me the impact that had," she said. "It made me feel like I'm out there doing something, and the community is supporting me. I have to say that meant a lot."

Kyla's Columbia Valley roots run deep. Both of her parents, Mike and Judy Smith, and her sister and brother still live in the valley. Her mother is one of six children ("Mr. Funnell taught some of my aunts") and her grandfather, Jim Warne, was a past mayor of Invermere.

"When I presented my research at conferences, one in Paris, France, for example, and I'd get to the last slide of my presentation, there was the Columbia Valley Community Foundation logo. They supported that work and I felt like I had a piece of home there with me, encouraging me, and I can't say enough about Executive Director Laurie Klassen's support and help."

After completing a doctorate, Kyla plans to become a professor researching physics education and hopes to work with the Ministry of Education.

# LEAVING A LEGACY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

*Using the Present to Invest  
in our Community's Future*



Roberta and Jacquie Schnider (Theresa's sisters) at the grand opening of Frank's Rink.

## Theresa Schnider

Theresa Schnider has fond memories of growing up in Edgewater. Many of those memories centre around the local rink that her father, Frank Schnider, helped maintain until he passed away in 2005. Frank's Rink, as it was renamed in his honour shortly after his death, is maintained by the Edgewater Recreation Society and in 2015, the Schnider Family Legacy Fund was established to ensure there would always be money for upgrades and upkeep of the rink.

"The big reason that we did that was to honour our dad," Theresa said, "and because the Schnider family has been in Edgewater since 1932. It's getting close to 100 years so it starts to feel really important for us to recognize that there are a lot of things in the Columbia Valley that have supported us as a family and to give back to the community that has supported us."

Theresa has made a planned gift to the Columbia Valley Community Foundation that is earmarked to go into the Schnider Family Legacy Fund. Though she now lives in Ireland, she travels home to the valley three times a year to visit family.

"This is something I firmly believe in because I have a responsibility to give back to what made me who I am," Theresa said. "I have that responsibility personally to make sure that this continues because of the impact that it had on us as a family and us as kids. We had so much fun at the rink all the time, and it would be awesome for the kids living in Edgewater in the future to have that same safe place they can always be when they want to. I just think it's really important."



## Donna Deschenes and Blair Robinson

Donna Deschenes and Blair Robinson were in the midst of finalizing their wills when they learned about the Columbia Valley Community Foundation.

The couple was so amazed to discover what long-term community benefits could be derived from them making a donation that they decided together to plan individual bequests to the foundation's community fund.

"We had no idea this organization is doing so much work in the community," said Donna. "We thought well, we live here, we made the choice to live here, we love it here, and we have the opportunity to do this - let's do it!"

When deciding what focus areas to dedicate their donations to, they were interested in the same guidelines: art, children and environmental causes.

"We didn't really sit down and talk it about it together. We sat down and figured it out on our own then we got together and discovered we had very similar ideas," said Blair.

The timing of their donations couldn't have been better as they met criteria that leveraged additional money for each of them from the Vancouver Foundation to be given to a local organization of their choosing.

"We decided to combine the money so that we could place it somewhere together and we ended up choosing the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN) to start their endowment fund," Donna explained. "We considered many organizations and when we met with them it just seemed like an awesome opportunity to help them get started with a fund that will live on forever."

CBEEN is the regional network for environmental education in the Columbia Basin. One of its programs is Wild Voices, a curriculum-linked, place-based environmental education program for K-12 students that enables local specialists to develop programs connected to the local environment. Blair was the first male child care worker in Manitoba and Donna feels a real affinity for this type of educational programming. She has fond memories of outdoor learning from her childhood.

"For a lot of classes, we went outside and I loved doing that



Blair and Donna with their dog Lexi.

kind of thing. Lucky kids to have that opportunity now through CBEEN to go outdoors and learn and become one with nature and hopefully grow up wanting to be part of it and protect it," she said.

Originally from Winnipeg, the couple was living in Calgary when they decided to relocate to the Columbia Valley almost ten years ago and have called it home ever since.

"The idea of legacy is important to us," said Blair. "We don't have children and it was really important to have one little piece of ourselves still here when we're gone, but mainly it's an opportunity to help children."

# IMPACT OF VITAL SIGNS *in our community*



## *Environment—Lake Windermere Ambassadors*

The body of water known as Lake Windermere is considered by many to be the centerpiece of the Columbia Valley’s appeal. What’s in fact a widening of the Columbia River from north of Fairmont to the Athalmer Bridge in Invermere is also an invaluable community asset that the Lake Windermere Ambassadors work to protect and preserve through a number of different stewardship activities.

For 2018 and 2019, the Columbia Valley Community Foundation contributed funding towards two of the Ambassadors’ initiatives, the first being the development of seasonal stewardship guides for lake users. A Winter Stewardship Guide was produced for the 2018-2019 winter season that features a map of the Whiteway, information about events and sponsors, and a stewardship pledge.

“We’re asking people to pledge to use the lake in a respectful way,” said Lake Windermere Ambassadors Program Coordinator Shannon McGinty.

Just over 550 guides were handed out this past winter with 90 people pledging to adopt the Winter Stewardship Pledge. For the 2019 summer season, the Ambassadors will be distributing a Green Boating Guide that covers a range of topics from safety on the water and responsible boating to how to respect wildlife and keep the lake clean. The summer guides will be part of Green Boating Packages that will also include oil spill pads and invasive species information, and be given out to boaters on weekends at the Athalmer Boat Launch.

The Ambassadors’ ongoing Lake Windermere Water Quality Monitoring also received CVCF support for 2019. Each May to September, LWA staff head out onto the lake once a week to conduct water quality tests, bringing 1-2 community volunteers with them who learn about water quality testing techniques and the current ecological status of the lake.

For more information on the stewardship guides and the water quality monitoring, and to volunteer, contact Shannon at [info@lakeambassadors.ca](mailto:info@lakeambassadors.ca) or call (250) 341-6898, or visit [www.lakeambassadors.ca](http://www.lakeambassadors.ca).

2018 Lake Windermere Ambassadors Program  
Co-ordinator, Thea Rodgers, taking a water sample.

## *Food Security – Columbia Valley Food Bank*

A brand new building is helping the Columbia Valley Food Bank move up in the world. Thanks to a large private donation, a sizeable grant from the Columbia Basin Trust and a helping hand from the Columbia Valley Community Foundation, the local charitable organization will be relocating from its dark basement digs beneath the Summit Youth Centre this summer into a bright custom built space that will serve community members in need well into the future.

“It’s going to make such a difference,” said Columbia Valley Food Bank chair Lawrie Mack.

The Albert Cooper Building will be named after the Columbia Valley resident who left a \$750,000 bequest to the food bank several years ago, money that year after year has made up any operational deficit, keeps the food bank financially afloat, and will contribute towards construction costs.

“The District of Invermere of course are playing a huge role in this. They’re giving us the land, and once we’re done the

building, they will maintain it,” Lawrie said.

Construction will begin in May 2019 and end by mid-July with local contractors being used as much as possible. Construction manager, Ken Willimont, who oversaw the construction of the new Radium Community Centre, has offered his services at a greatly reduced rate as have other suppliers with respect to signage, solar panels and building supplies.

The new L-shaped facility is going to be a “marvelous thing”, said Lawrie. It will face the street, be wheelchair accessible, and provide the food bank with 1,500 square feet that will comprise a spacious welcome and customer area, a washroom, and much greater shelving and storage space, including new fridges to offer food bank customers more fresh food supplies.

“It will be such a good step forward,” said Lawrie. “We’ve had so many good partners in getting this going. It’s such a good community.”



Food Bank volunteers (L to R) Jim Neilsen, Gail MacRae, Lawrie Mack and Tom MacRae.

# IMPACT OF VITAL SIGNS *in our community*



## *Belonging and Quality of Life – Volunteer Columbia Valley Website*

Volunteerism is at the heart of every community, and recognizing that the Columbia Valley community has a particularly big heart, Columbia Valley Community Foundation Executive Director Laurie Klassen wanted to help.

“Through a series of interviews with local residents, a clear theme emerged,” she explained. “There is lots of good work happening in the community, but many non-profits were operating with small amounts of volunteers. Volunteer burnout was a common comment.”

The Columbia Valley’s 2016 Vital Signs report revealed a large portion of residents felt an improved sense of belonging was linked to greater access to community information.

This led to Laurie’s realization that local non-profits needed a way to find volunteers and volunteers needed to know where they could help. The idea for Volunteer Columbia Valley was born and the ensuing website was created by Shawn Wernig of Eggplant Studios, a committed community volunteer himself.

“Through the planning and implementation process, we identified 127 nonprofit organizations in the Columbia Valley,” Laurie said. “Over 30 per cent of local organizations are represented on the website and on average there are 15-25 open volunteer positions advertised. And best of all, we have close to 200 registered volunteers.”

A survey was sent out to participating organizations to gauge the effectiveness of the website and respondents unanimously agree it is working.

“Organizations are finding volunteers that share their passions. Our community foundation has even found 5 new volunteers. It is wonderful and our hope is that we have created a long-term legacy of connecting people in our community.”

Visit [www.volunteercv.ca](http://www.volunteercv.ca).

Tess Bekkering (L) and Laurie Klassen (R) ready to sign up organizations on the volunteer website.

## *Health & Wellness – Access the Valley Project*

Access the Valley team members Kate Gibbs and Cassy Campbell are teeming with ideas on how to make the Valley community a more inclusive destination, and support from the Columbia Valley Community Foundation is helping make their ideas a reality.

In its second session for 2019, Access the Valley is a community initiative aiming to provide accessibility information to tourists and residents with mobility restrictions. Kate was born with cerebral palsy and uses either an electric wheelchair to get around independently, or the assistance of another person to help her walk. Cassy’s husband is a wheelchair user after suffering a spinal cord injury in 2015. They both know how aggravating it can be to travel to a new destination with no readily available accessibility information.

“What we thought is we can’t fix where we go, but we can help people who come here,” said Cassy.

In its first session, Access the Valley reviewed over 20 local businesses and venues, complete with pictures, descriptions and videos of accessible features, and uploaded this information to the Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce website.

“Most people are going to end up on the Chamber website if they’re looking for tourist information, so for us it was most obvious to put it there,” Cassy said.

For 2019, Kate will continue with the reviews, with the goal of adding 20-25 more, while Cassy is working on an 8-page information booklet with simple and cost-effective tips on how to be a more inclusive member of the community. Their goal is to print 200 copies and distribute them for free to local businesses and anyone interested.

“I always loved living here just because I’ve gotten so much support from the community from birth” said Kate. “It’s great that I can give back.”

Visit Access the Valley online at [www.cvchamber.ca/access-the-valley-about-us](http://www.cvchamber.ca/access-the-valley-about-us).



(Top) Cassy and Kate at the Invermere Public Library. (Bottom) Kate testing the entry into the great room of the new Radium Hot Springs Centre.

	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Donations	239,642	2,212	241,854	89,879
Grants	0	19,500	19,500	32,233
Investment Income	136,083	41,336	177,419	165,860
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>375,725</b>	<b>63,048</b>	<b>438,733</b>	<b>287,972</b>
<b>CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Community Grants	150,552	0	150,152	83,513
Student Awards	64,219	0	64,219	56,900
<b>TOTAL CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>214,771</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>214,771</b>	<b>140,413</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising		7,337	7,337	2,764
Bank and Donation Charges		(133)	(133)	146
Insurance		2,585	2,585	2,079
Membership and Dues		734	734	859
Office and Meeting Costs		5,688	5,688	14,723
Professional Fees		6,775	6,775	6,288
Rent		5,447	5,447	5,447
Subcontracts		6,128	6,128	4,061
Travel and Meals		109	109	283
Website and Internet		9,855	9,855	10,181
Wages and Benefits		40,579	40,579	27,969
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>85,104</b>	<b>85,104</b>	<b>74,800</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
Contributions				
<b>REVENUE IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$160,954</b>	<b>\$(22,056)</b>	<b>\$138,898</b>	<b>\$72,759</b>

**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.

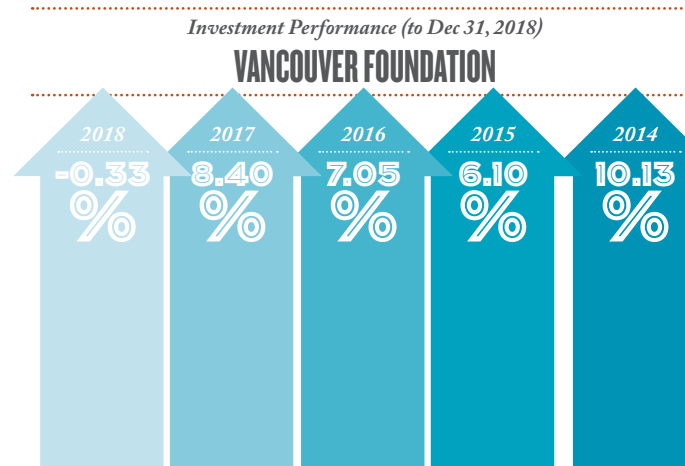
**OPERATING FUNDS** come from non-designated or designated donations, and returns on investments from operating endowment funds are available to the Foundation for its operations.

**ENDOWED FUND BALANCES 2018**

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

*Value represents Original Contribution plus Undistributed Investment Income*

TYPES/NAMES OF FUNDS	Dec 31, 2018
Community Fund	348,434
Kootenay Savings Community Fund	113,795
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	
Columbia Valley Arts & Culture Fund	10,982
Environmental Education Endowment Fund	11,278
Hospice Society of the CV Fund	26,065
Invermere Public Library Endowment Fund	16,995
Schnider Family Legacy Fund	19,558
Radium Hot Springs Public Library Fund	4,010
<b>DONOR ADVISED FUNDS</b>	
Gordon Wilder Memorial Fund	53,099
Our Children's Legacy Fund	86,706
Sherry and Harvey Doerr Family Fund (BC)	102,324
Tom Sanders Memorial Fund	59,386
<b>FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS</b>	
Alan J. Witherspoon Memorial Fine Arts Fund	84,599
Ann Tilley Memorial Fund	7,578
Arnold Ellis Scholarship Fund	1,505,545
Bidder Bursary Fund	10,943
Erwin Kloos Memorial Fund	12,445
Fairmont Family Fund	31,631
Opportunities for Youth Fund	90,122
Wittke Family Fund	6,002
<b>OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND</b>	
Operating Endowment Fund	603,162
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,204,659</b>
<b>FLOW THROUGH FUNDS</b>	
Flow Through Fund	6,997
Greg Constable Toyota Corolla Fund	2,733
John Mason Memorial Fund	8,050



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation began in 2001, with a donation of \$1000.00 from a local resident. Through the continued generosity of our community, the Columbia Valley Community Foundation has a capital base close to \$3.2 million. We invest these gifts to generate earnings and these earnings are the basis of the grants we make on behalf of our donors.

When you place your gifts in our care, we know that you count on the Community Foundation to operate efficiently and invest wisely. Our endowment funds are held with the Vancouver Community Foundation and Columbia Basin Trust. The size of both investment portfolios ensures that our funds are buffered from the volatility of the stock markets. The performance of our investments is carefully monitored to ensure that donor funds are protected and our granting obligations are met annually.

We are confident that the funds you have entrusted to us will continue to grow over time, providing grants to help the causes you care about.

*Yours respectfully,  
Cameron Dow*

A donation from Horseshief Creek Pub "Give Back Sunday" supported the Columbia Valley's Native Dance Group's year-end field trip to Revelstoke.



## DONATING to Your Community Foundation

There are many ways to leave a legacy. What if you could make a difference in your community – not only today, not just for your lifetime, but forever? The Columbia Valley Community Foundation helps donors create that kind of vibrant, ongoing support.

We do this by establishing endowment funds, which create a permanent legacy felt over generations. The principle is never spent, rather, it is invested to create an ongoing investment income stream. This income is granted to the causes and organizations that mean the most to you.

We offer a range of giving options to help you give confidently and efficiently. You can start your own fund dedicated to a cause of your choice or you may choose to give where the needs are greatest. You can give now, or give later through your estate plan.

There are many ways you can make a difference to the causes you cherish. Imagine how this might look, and share your vision with us.

Do something amazing for your community – create an endowed fund in your name, a loved one or for your charitable passion.



*In 2018, dear friends and family created the John Mason Memorial Fund to support Freestyle Panorama Ski Club skiers*

*Leaving a gift in your will is more than a transfer of assets. It is an enduring reflection of the values by which you have lived.*

### 2018

#### Donors

*Thanks to all who have placed their trust in the Columbia Valley Community Foundation.*

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Park Avenue Equities Ltd.  
PLG Holdings Inc.  
SnowSeekers Inc.  
Tetreau Holdings Ltd.  
Vancouver Foundation  
Volleyball Calgary Inc.



## Community Legacy Building

in 2018

our  
**GRANT**  
recipients

QUALIFIED CHARITY OR DONEE / PROJECT PARTNER	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	GRANT \$
COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	Flow-through donation	3,000
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Rotary Club of Invermere	Rotary information sign	2,500
FAMILY DYNAMIX ASSOCIATION	Flow-through donation (Women's Safe Home)	1,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY GREENWAYS TRAIL ALLIANCE	Flow-through donation (Vancouver Foundation Planned Giving Program)	2,500
EDGEWATER RECREATION SOCIETY	Flow-through donation (Vancouver Foundation Planned Giving Program)	2,500
EDGEWATER RECREATION SOCIETY	Return of 2017 grant funds (Project under budget – Frank's Rink sound system)	-720
EDGEWATER RECREATION SOCIETY	Donation from designated fund	567
FRIENDS OF THE INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Donation from designated fund	605
SCHOOL DISTRICT 6	Columbia Valley Native Dance Group Year-end trip	450
COLUMBIA BASIN ALLIANCE FOR LITERACY	Flow-through donation	2,000
COLUMBIA HOUSE ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY	Flow-through donation	25,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	Flow-through donation	5,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY CHRISTMAS BUREAU	Flow-through donation	2,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	Flow-through donation	5,750
COLUMBIA VALLEY FOOD BANK	Flow-through donation	3,000
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Columbia Valley Youth Soccer	Flow-through donation	1,000
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Invermere Public Library	Flow-through donation	5,000
FAMILY DYNAMIX ASSOCIATION	Flow-through donation	20,000
HOSPICE SOCIETY OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	Flow-through donation	2,000
INVERMERE COMPANION ANIMAL NETWORK	Flow-through donation	1,000
SCHOOL DISTRICT 6/Windermere Elementary School	Flow-through donation	2,000
WINDERMERE VALLEY YOUTH CENTRE SOCIETY	Flow-through donation	17,000
WILDSIGHT	Flow-through donation	1,000
AKISQ'NUK FIRST NATION	Columbia Lake Recreation Centre	4,500
COLUMBIA BASIN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NETWORK	Wild voices - Columbia Valley	1,500
COLUMBIA HOUSE ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY	Columbia House healing garden	5,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY FOOD BANK	Construction of new facility	5,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY GREENWAYS TRAIL ALLIANCE	Markin-MacPhail Westside Legacy Trail	1,000
COLUMBIA WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PARTNERS/ Columbia Lake Stewardship Society	Columbia Lake ecosystem monitoring and enhancement	2,100
CONRAD KAIN CENTENNIAL SOCIETY	Bugaboo teen camp 2019	1,000
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Toby Creek Nordic Club	Junior development program	3,300
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/Columbia Valley Youth Soccer	Soccer skills: Youth development program	2,000
EDGEWATER RECREATION SOCIETY	Winter activity program	1,500
LAKE WINDERMERE AMBASSADORS	Community-based watershed monitoring and education program	5,000
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY/Fairmont Lions	Wilder memorial park enhancement	3,400
SCHOOL DISTRICT 6	J. Alfred Laird accessible outdoor learning space	5,000
STEAMBOAT MOUNTAIN MUSIC SOCIETY	8th Annual Steamboat Mountain Music Festival	2,000
WILDSIGHT/Wildsight Invermere	Columbia Valley electric car share	2,500
WINDERMERE VALLEY YOUTH CENTRE SOCIETY	Empowering youth to shop, cook and eat wisely	1,600
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED IN 2018</b>		<b>\$150,552</b>

# Legacy for Environment Education in our Community

## Environmental Education Endowment Fund



While the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN) has been fortunate to receive support from a variety of granting organizations over the past 20 years, Executive Director Duncan Whittick wanted a more predictable funding source to support the organization in the longer term. The Environmental Education Endowment Fund is held in trust for CBEEN by the Columbia Valley Community Foundation, which invests all donations and provides an annual return that supports environmental stewardship and sustainability in the region.

“In setting up the endowment fund, we wanted to focus our efforts on the Columbia Valley because this is where our primary programs originated and where our head office is located,” Duncan said. “The Columbia Valley also has a strong history for supporting environmental education and we know there are very generous donors who live in our valley who may be interested in supporting this type of work.”

The stable funding in perpetuity is attractive to individual donors who know their gift will not only support CBEEN now but well into the future. In its first year in 2018, the fund reached its target of \$10,000 and that target has doubled for 2019.

“While these numbers represent relatively modest contributions, they will help to build the foundation of the fund across the Columbia Valley and around the Columbia Basin. My hope is that if we put effort into this fund, and continue to attract small, medium and larger donations, that over the years we will build our capacity to become an organization that can plan to make a positive impact in the long-term knowing that the funds will be there to support our work over that time.”

CBEEN’s goal is to eventually have 50 per cent of its funding coming from the endowment fund, which will help it overcome the hurdle faced by non-profit organizations: needing to think long term while not knowing where funding will be coming from year to year. Since it established the fund, CBEEN has been contacted by other organizations across the region and in fact across the country seeking more information on how they can set up a similar fund.

“I think that while endowment funds have been around for quite a while,” Duncan said, “organizations are now realizing the true value in what they can offer.”

He is very happy to meet for coffee with anyone considering making any size donation, or better yet, for a conversation somewhere in the valley’s beautiful outdoors. Because CBEEN currently has confirmed support from funders in the short term, his objective is simply to spread the word and have people make a decision in their own time.

“The endowment fund will give our organization the confidence to move forward and do the important work that lies ahead,” he said. “In the realm of environmental stewardship and sustainability, this type of long-term planning is vital.”

To read more about the fund and to donate, visit <https://cbeen.ca/forever>. Contact Executive Director Duncan Whittick at [info@cbeen.org](mailto:info@cbeen.org).







*The Grants Committee initiated the 2018 spring granting for student awards from the Arnold Ellis Scholarship Fund, the Bidder Bursary Fund and the Erwin Kloos Memorial Fund.*

*The Tom Sanders Memorial Fund recipients were recommended by the Kinsmen Club of the Windermere Valley, which carries out its application process in an advisory role to the donor advised fund.*

*"On behalf of myself, thank you Mr. Ellis, truly thank you." Claire George, Arnold Ellis student award recipient*

*Our young people of the Columbia Valley are pursuing ambitious, world-wide studies.*

**WE ARE VERY PROUD.**

## *Arnold Ellis Scholarship Fund*

**\$1,200/Award (2018 Recipients)**

*Alanna Burgess  
Alastair White  
Bjorn Leverkus  
Brooklynne Agnew  
Claire George  
Cole Yasinowski  
Courtney Hoffos  
Devon Persson  
Drew Nikirk  
Emma Norquay  
Jocelyn Taylor  
Justine Swindell  
Kai Striegel*

*Kieran Moore  
Kira Hessel  
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Kylie Steedman  
Leah Downey  
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Lucas Kinnersley  
Mackenzie Rad  
Madison Hromadnik  
Maia Harbich  
Marcia Paget  
Matthew Swallow  
McKenna Nelson*

*Nathan Kopp  
Nicolas Kendler  
Rachel Kanan  
Ryan McIntosh  
Samson Boyer  
Sarah Kloos  
Skylar Zaporosky  
Taylor Hart  
Tori Maybuck  
Thomas Carriere  
Victoria Mailo  
William Bowen*

**\$1,000/Award (2017 Recipients – received award in 2018)**

*Alissa Marchand  
Hillary Nester\*  
Jacob Zehnder*

*Kimberly Thomas  
Mariah Honigman  
Ryley Haynes*

*Ster Paagman*

### *Tom Sanders Memorial*

**\$2,000/Award**

*Benjamin Bradley*

**\$1,000/Award**

*Kyla Smith*

### *Bidder Bursary Award*

**\$400/Award**

*Not awarded*

### *Erwin Kloos Memorial Award*

**\$400/Award**

*Not awarded – Recipient did not attend school*

*Total Student Awards in 2018 \$64, 219*

*\*\*Hillary Nester paid \$380 (balance paid in 2017).*

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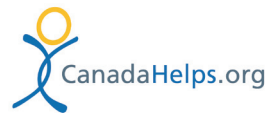
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