COMMUNITY FOUNDATION south okanagan | similkameen

2018 Annual Report

2018 Neighbourhood Small Grants

"The most memorable experience is seeing all our neighbours, with smiling, happy faces enjoying themselves. Everyone seemed to have a great time and were grateful of the opportunity to meet – many meeting for the first time."

-2018 Project Leader

Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSG) is a grassroots grant-making program that empowers neighbours, through sharing knowledge and skills, to make neighbourhoods a better place to live.

In 2018, the Community Foundation South Okanagan Similkameen awarded \$500 grants to 30 neighbourhoods throughout the RDOS. Hundreds of neighbours across 10 communities gathered to host a project or party with a purpose: to increase belonging and strengthen connections between neighbours.

The four goals of Neighbourhood Small Grants are:

- 1. To connect and engage neighbours.
- 2. Encourage neighbours to share skills and exchange knowledge.
- 3. Respecting and celebrating diversity.
- 4. Increase people's sense of belonging and responsibility.

Goal #1: Connecting and Engaging Neighbours:

"We played a host of games where teams were formed and people worked together to reach a common goal. Teams were made up of people who knew each other and others who had never met before." (2018 Project Leader)

When community members are connected, they build a network of mutual support that increases their resilience and ability to respond or adapt to change and diversity.

Goal #2 Sharing Skills and Knowledge:

"I learned that communication, giving clear directions, delegating and being patient were important during all aspects of helping to organize the project. Providing

encouragement and guidance along the way was crucial and being appreciative at the end was imperative. (2018 Project Leader)

Sharing knowledge and learning new skills increases feelings of value, connection, and accomplishment.

Goal #3 Respecting and Celebrating Diversity

"Our event brought our three refugee families together with the community at large. We dined on fine ethnic foods and got more familiar with each other and our respective cultures but for me, the most memorable moment was when the children 10-15 went swimming in the lake, most wearing street clothes. (2018 Project Leader)

Inclusive and accessible community gatherings help foster mutual respect, crosscultural understanding, and a sense of belonging for all neighbours.

Goal #4 Increase Sense of Belonging and Social Responsibility

Marron Valley NSG 2018

"Our street has definitely increased neighbour engagement and support. There have been several instances where neighbours needed support due to health or loss and we all commented on the street members are there for each other. It is now a real neighborhood street...not just a collection of houses."

Neighbourhood Small Grants are meant to create a sense of belonging in neighbourhoods and communities. We encourage you to get to know your neighbours by:



1. Spending time together through frequent social gatherings.

- 2. Creating opportunity for regular mutual acts of care.
- 3. Working together for a common purpose.

Neighbourhood Small Grants is a program of the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen in partnership with the Vancouver Foundation.

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A Message From the President

How do you feel you belong?

Colleen Pennington

It is a question many people ask themselves, as they struggle to find a space that makes them feel valued and welcome...sometimes within their own family, and often in their own community.

We have asked many people in our own communities this question and explored how they feel about the health and well-being of their surroundings. You can find the outcomes in our 2018 Vital Signs Report. We surveyed citizens for feedback and took the information we received to help guide the Foundation's focus and granting in each community in the valley.

I am proud to see the committees in Oliver, Osoyoos, Lower Similkameen Valley, Princeton and Summerland step forward to support finding a way to build sustainable sources of funding with endowment funds that will be guided by their needs right at home. Contributing to the health of where you live is very rewarding and builds enthusiasm and happiness.

One of the facts noted in the survey is that we have over 10,000 young people in our school district. It has been a privilege to be part of a movement to help youth in Penticton by convening local groups who will provide support and service in



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the Youth Centre, which the Foundation purchased in early 2018. Through the generous donations and support of the City of Penticton, local philanthropists, businesses, non-profits and youth themselves, the opening of a Youth Centre became a reality. The Youth Centre will be operated by local professionals with the support of government funding. The Youth Centre demonstrates how creating a co-operative environment can be the catalyst for in bringing healthcare to our young citizens.

There are things that each of us can engage in to help us feel connected to each other, and that connection will help others as well - together we can really make a positive change in our communities.

I encourage each of you to be creative and innovative to improve the community where you work and live. Our communities have complex problems, but we can imagine a better future.

Do 3 things: Be Brave. Be Generous. Be Innovative.

Sarah Trudeau

Manager of Grants &

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Congratulations to the Community Foundation South Okanagan Similkameen

on their 2018 Annual Report. Local people have supported their Community Foundation for 27 years creating funds for bursaries, charities, community events and so much more.

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On The Table

Last September, the Community Foundation joined other foundations across BC to celebrate Vancouver Foundation's 75th anniversary by organizing a series of On The Table conversations. On The Table (OTT) encourages community connections by gathering people together in a fun and meaningful way and asking "what's on your mind?" We all have thoughts about community and belonging, yet how often do we just talk about our dreams to build deeper connections to each other and our community?

With the support of the CFSOS community committees, three OTT events were held in the South Okanagan. People gathered at True Grain in Summerland, the Grist Mill in rural Keremeos, and in a private home in Oliver. Other participant's simply spearheaded spontaneous OTT conversations during their lunchbreak or around the office watercooler.

To help break the ice, OTT events organizers received a host-bag containing a deck of cards with community-minded questions. Questions to inspire discussion include:

How well do you know your neighbours? What could you do to make your community a better place? And, what would get you more involved in your community? The success of OTT is measured in the cross-pollination of ideas, meeting new community members, and increasing ties across neighbourhoods and organizations.

OTT conversations can be held anywhere and with anyone.

If you would like to host an On The Table event in September 2019 contact CFSOS and receive your own OTT host-bag.









Meet 100 Men Member John Partington

John Partington was born and raised in Penticton so when he heard about 100 Men Who Care he knew he had to get involved. The long-time resident moved away for a few years in his twenties, but came back in his early thirties.

John joined 100 Men in 2019 after one of his customers invited him to join. "As soon as I found out about it I jumped on," said John. "I just thought, when I heard about it, that it was a great concept. I like the idea of being able to pool together a bit more money. I make contributions on my own as well, but they're kind of small. \$500 here or there, but if we can put together \$10,000 then that's great!"

100 Men Who Care – Penticton has been operating since June 2016 and has now raised more than \$72,000 for local charities. The Community Foundation started 100 Men to encourage philanthropy in the community, support local charities in novel ways, and allow people to pool their resources to have greater impact.

John particularly enjoys the

presentations from local charities. "Its stuff that I didn't know a lot of before that people are doing and I'm really glad to hear about it," said John.

100 Men Who Care-Penticton now has 108 members with approximately 70 attending each event. The group meets 4 times per year and members are encouraged to make a financial commitment for the entire year. Members donate \$100 at each meeting with 80% of the total going to the charity with the most votes.





Meet 100 Women Member Laura Perrin

Laura Perrin, has been a member of 100 Women South Okanagan since 2015. Laura heard about the 100 Women group through her friend Sandra Kurys, who had been a member since 2014 and encouraged her to check out the group.

The group meets four times a year, where members can nominate an organization to present to the group, three members names are drawn and the charities they nominate present at the upcoming event. Guests are always welcome to attend and experience how the meetings work before making a commitment.

The cost is a one-time commitment fee of \$100, which goes into the 100 Women Who Care South Okanagan endowment fund, held with the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen. Its \$50 per quarter (four times a year) and the women are encouraged to pay all four quarters at once to reduce administration.

"My first meeting really impacted me, said Laura. "I was overwhelmed with a lot of emotion. Being able to see first hand the impact a donation can make for a charity was wonderful to experience," said Laura.

Although not all 250 members are currently active there is a large number of women who have been part of the group since the beginning.

"I have enjoyed watching it grow, not just in members, but in the changes to the structure of how its run to best benefit everyone involved. And of course making new friends," added Laura.

The unique aspect about 100 Women

is the opportunity to learn about the different organizations in our community, what they do and the services they offer.

What keeps Laura involved is "The friendships, seeing everyone smiling, and finding out about opportunities that impact the community."

"Some things [organizations] I have heard about -I have gone on to volunteer or donate to outside of 100 Women," added Laura.

Since 2014, 100 Women South Okanagan has donated over \$85,000 to 41 local charities in the South Okanagan Similkameen.

For more information visit: www.100womensouthokanagan. com or visit their Facebook page: @100WomenSouthOK

100 WOMEN





2018 Financial Statements

Summarized Balanced Sheet as at December 31, 2018

with comparative information for 2017

| | 2018 | 2017 | | | Te | tal Cant | , i hu ti o n | | |
|--|----------------|------------|------------------------|---------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 211,085 | 111,073 | - | | 10 | tal Cont | ributions | 5 | |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents | 441,023 | 599,977 | \$900,000 \$800,000 | | | | \$223,843 | | \$621,498 |
| Accounts Receivable | 31,865 | 2,436 | \$700,000 | | | | | \$455,378 | |
| Investments, measured at fair value | 8,934,052 | 9,565,246 | \$600,000 | | | | | \$455,578 | _ |
| Tangible capital assets | 2,953,912 | 1,347 | \$500,000 | \$24,25 | 50 | | | | |
| Deposits and prepaid expenses | 13,834 | 306,222 | \$400,000 \$300,000 | _ | | T | Árna arr | | |
| Total assets | 12,585,771 | 10,586,301 | \$200,000 | \$356,9 | and the second se | | \$592,255 | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 35,416 | 21,493 | \$100,000 \$- | | \$199 | ,429 | | \$179,180 | \$135,727 |
| Security deposits | 10,412 | - | | 2014 | 20 | 15 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Mortgage for 501 Main Street | 1,872,015 | - | | | Endowment 0 | Contributions | Other | Contributions | |
| Total Liabilities | 1,917,843 | 21,493 | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | Т | otal Gra | nts Paid | | |
| Invested in tangible capital assets | 1,081,897 | 1,347 | \$700,000 | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 210,956 | 105,946 | \$600,000 | | | | | | \$598,889 |
| Restricted funds | | | | | | | \$532,229 | \$503,890 | |
| Endowments | 8,164,154 | 8,010,062 | \$500,000 | | | | | | |
| Retained returns from investments | 772,359 | 1,496,603 | \$400,000 | - | \$331 | ,644 | | | |
| Other Restricted | 438,562 | | \$300,000 | \$219,6 | 74 | | - | _ | |
| Total Net Assets | 10,667,928 | 10,564,808 | \$200,000 | | ст. | | - | | _ |
| Total Liabilities And Net Assets | 12,585,771 | 10,586,301 | \$100,000 | | | - | _ | _ | |
| | | | \$- | | | | | | |
| Summarized Statement of Operations: year-end with comparative information for 2017 | ing December 3 | 1,2018 | <i>.</i> | 2014 | 20 | 15 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |

| | 2018 | 2017 | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| Investment income | 449,071 | 583,603 | | Total Assets Under Management | | | | | |
| Gains (losses) on investments | (512,630) | 97,248 | \$12,000,000 | | | | \$1,047,378 | \$978,036 | |
| Less: investment management fees | (49,082) | (55,736) | \$10,000,000 | \$854,099 | \$907,998 | \$942,103 | | | |
| Gifts for long term granting | 135,727 | 179,180 | će 000 000 | | | | | | |
| Flow through gifts | 621,498 | 455,378 | \$8,000,000 | | | | | | |
| Rental revenue | 226,317 | - | \$6,000,000 | | - | | Determination 1 | \$10,005,949 | |
| Other income | 420,695 | 220,979 | \$4,000,000 | \$8,921,930 | \$9,042,445 | \$9,228,561 | \$9,565,246 | \$10,005,949 | |
| Total assets | 12,585,771 | 1,480,652 | \$2,000,000 | | | | _ | | |
| Grants paid | 598,889 | 503,890 | \$- | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2019 | |
| Gains (losses) on investments | 353,992 | 374,304 | | 2014 | | 2016 | | 2018 | |
| Less: investment management fees | 14, 563 | 43,177 | | Total Foundat | ion Assets | Assets Manageo | l for Other Agenc | ies | |
| Gifts for long term granting | 221,032 | - | | | | | A 1°, 1, | | |
| Total assets | 1,188,476 | 1,021,371 | | | | F | Audit complete | а ву кРМС | |
| Excess of revenue over expenses | 103,120 | 459,281 | | | | | | | |

Foundation Highlights

- First Community Foundation (under \$100 million in assets) to own real estate
- Over 40 volunteers throughout out region
- More than \$4 million in grants since 1991



Agency Grants

BC Schizophrenia Society -Penticton Fund NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre Legacy Fund Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs Fund Okanagan College Endowment Fund **Okanagan Regional Library Fund** Okanagan Symphony Society -Penticton Branch Fund Oliver & District Heritage Society Fund PDCRS Fund Penticton & District Community Arts Council Fund Penticton Art Gallery Legacy Fund Penticton Public Library Fund SO Secondary School Enrichment Fund SOS Brain Injury Fund South Okanagan Women in Need Agency Fund Summerland Ornamental Gardens Sustaining Fund The Land Conservancy -

Okanagan Region Fund United Way Tomorrow Fund

Designated Grants

AlleyCats Alliance Society Canadian Freestyle Ski Association Friends of the Summerland Gardens Island Mountain Arts Knights of Pythias MS Society Okanagan College Foundation Okanagan Nation Family Intervention and Services Society Okanagan Parks Society Okanagan School of the Arts Okanagan Symphony Society Penticton Academy of Music

Penticton Kiwanis Music Festival Penticton Public Library Penticton Secondary Schools **Bursary Committee** Penticton Community **Concerts Scholarship** Penticton Soupateria Society "Music Under the K" Bursary Pat Clarke Memorial Bursary Princeton Secondary School Bursary South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation South Okanagan Women in Need Summerland Cat Sanctuary Society - Critteraid Town of Osoyoos - Pioneer Walkway UBC Okanagan for the "Frances Harris Fine Arts Scholarship" YES Project

Donor Advised Grants

Agur Lake Camp Society The Kidney Foundation of Canada -BC & Yukon Branch Alzheimer Society of British Columbia Civilian Sponsoring Committee for 232 **Bighorn Squadron RCAC** Dragonfly Pond **Kidsport Summerland** Nature Conservancy of Canada -Southern Interior Region Nickel Plate Nordic Centre Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs Okanagan College - Child Care Centre Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance - Meadowlark Festival Oliver Parks & Recreation - Skate Park Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society

Columbia Elementary Breakfast Program South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls South Okanagan Secondary School for the "Murray Family Bursary" South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program South Okanagan Women in Need Society Foundry Penticton

Discretionary Grants

Agur Lake Camp Society Canadian Mental Health Association -South Okanagan Similkameen Cawston Community Hall Society Desert Valley Hospice Society Dragonfly Pond Family Society Hedley Seniors' Centre Society Kaleden Volunteer Fire Association NeighbourLink Summerland Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs **Okanagan Falls Seniors Activity Centre** Okanagan School of the Arts Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society Osoyoos Museum Society Pathways Addiction Resource Society Penticton & Area Access Centre Penticton & District Community Arts Council **OneSky Community Resources Society** Penticton Art Gallery Penticton Public Library Penticton Recovery Resource Centre Giant's Head Elementary Breakfast Program Middle School Breakfast Program

Princess Margaret Secondary School Cafeteria and Feeding/Teaching **Kids** Program South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls South Okanagan Children's Charity South Okanagan RECOPE Society South Okanagan Seniors Wellness Society Summerland Community Arts Council Summerland Food Bank The Arthritis Society BC & Yukon Division The Okanagan Indian Educational **Resources Society** Vermillion Forks Elementary School YMCA

Bursaries

Alexandria Johnstone Arianna Johnstone Elizabeth Bent Josephine Kay Kale Lawrence Laxmi Dangol Seanna Zintel Petra Holler **Jena Riches** Amanda Watt Laura Doherty Micaela Humeny Sasha Mandaione Lara Payne Autumn Cork-Evans Kaya Colangeli Payton Pozzobon Simonka Slizek Lyndzie Caron Melissa Michels Wynn Nordlund



2018 Grants by Field of Interest

RDOS 34% Princeton

1%

2018 Grants by Charity Region



Under \$10,000 Value

Alanna Matthew Memorial Fund B2B Fund Crompton Bell Endowment Fund **Directors Legacy Fund** Drapeau Wealth Management Legacy Fund Friends of the Gardens Fund Henderson Family SOPAC Building Fund Leonard Futter Fund Magdus & Roy Ornamental Gardens Legacy Fund Margaret Neuhaus Fund Marjery Punnett Bursary Fund Marjorie Maclean Fund Merle Waite Endowment Fund Music Under the K Fund Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs Fund Okanagan Nation Women's Emergency Fund Okanagan Regional Library Fund Penticton Public Art Fund SOS Brain Injury Fund Toni & Bernie Cattani Legacy Fund for the Arts Winkelaar Family Fund Wood Family Fund

\$10,000 - \$20,000

100 Men Penticton Legacy Fund 100 Women Who Care Fund 1996 BC Festival of the Arts Fund BC Schizophrenia Society - Penticton Fund Canadian Federation of University Women Fund Charlotte Campbell Memorial Fund Children's Trust Fund Critteraid Legacy Fund Debbie Nelson Fund Edith Forster Legacy Fund Frances Harris Fund Francis & Marion Kanuit Fund George & Eva Kassa Legacy Fund Hugh & Eva Cleland Fund Ina May Scott Fund Irvine & Doreen Adams Memorial Fund Kampman Family Fund Knights of Pythias - Fund #1 L&R Supplementary Bursary Fund Lan & Pearl Fruno Legacy Fund Lynn & Brian Jackson Endowment for Fine Arts Meiklejohn Family Fund Oliver & District Heritage Society Fund **Oliver Community Fund** Osovoos Community Fund Pat Clarke Memorial Bursary Fund

Penticton & District Community Arts Council Fund Penticton Women In Business Fund Philip Locke Penticton & District Building Fund Princeton & District Legacy Fund Rita Fawcett Memorial Fund Ron Bell & Family Fund Schellenberg Family SOPAC Fund Scott & Helen Perry Bursary Fund SO Boundary Labour Council Fund South Okanagan Research & Capacity Building **Endowment Fund** South Okanagan Women in Need Agency Fund Summerland Community Fund Summerland Ornamental Gardens Sustaining Fund Thea Haubrich Legacy Fund

\$20,000 - \$50,000

2004 BC Seniors Games Legacy Fund Irene & Charles Armstrong Bursary Fund Bjerkan Family Fund Brule Windeler Legacy Fund Colin & Lois Pritchard Foundation Fund COP Centennial Legacy Fund Culver Family Bursary Fund Greenwood Forest Products Legacy Fund Harman Community Development Fund Harold & Donna Schellenberg Legacy Fund HSBC Fund for Youth John Pankiw Family Fund Kristi's "Supporting the Dream" Fund Lower Similkameen Community Fund MS Anonymous Fund Neil and Shirley Murray Family Fund Okanagan Similkameen Concert Society Fund Patricia & Murray Craig Memorial Endowment Fund Penticton Auto Dealers Fund Penticton Oldtimers Hockey Club Legacy Fund Richard & Rose Cooper Fund Rotary Club of Penticton Legacy Fund Sharon Amos Legacy Fund for the Arts SO Secondary School Enrichment Fund SOSCP Legacy Fund South Okanagan Aboriginal Education Fund The Land Conservancy-Okanagan Region Fund Trehearne Family Fund

2018 Fund Balances

\$50,000 - \$100,000

Harold & Flora Hoey Fund Knights of Pythias Lodge #49 Fund 2 Oliver Rotary Endowment Fund PDCRS Fund Ramada Inn Viticulture Fund Susan & Thomas Kelly Fund Tony & Judy Lloyd Family Fund

\$100,000 - \$500,000

1995 Summer Games Legacy Fund Barbara Pearce Summerland Community Fund Bob & Frances Garland Fund **Business Gives Back Fund** Environmental Legacy Fund Erwin & Lilli Schneider Memorial Fund Harold & Irene Myers Family Fund John & Doreen Wisenden Fund MacFarlane Fund NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre Legacy Fund Okanagan College Endowment Fund Okanagan Fest-Of-Ale Legacy Fund Okanagan Symphony Society-Penticton Branch Fund Penticton & District Fund Penticton Art Gallery Legacy Fund Penticton Public Library Fund Summerland Credit Union Fund United Way Tomorrow Fund

Over \$500,000 Value

City of Penticton Trust Fund Dr. John and Kathy Scarfo Fund Lancey Family Fund Penny Lane Community Legacy Fund

117 Endowment Funds

Administrative Funds 6 Agency Funds 18 Community Funds 6 Designated Funds 39 Donor Advised 17 Field of Interest (Discretionary) 29 Term Endowment 2

Meals on Wheels Deliver More than Just Food

Located beside the hospital cafeteria, a corner office is bustling with five volunteers, soon to be many more, preparing meals ready to go out with volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels Program. Approximately 100 frozen meals and 75 hot meals are delivered three days a week in Penticton and area through the program. The delivery service is open to anyone needing a meal but most of the deliveries are to seniors. This completely volunteer run program is a well-oiled machine with each volunteer moving about the kitchen in unison, knowing exactly what their job is, where they stand and when to start the next task.

Each of the three days of the week there are different volunteers, except Judy Jeffries who is the program coordinator and the breakfast coordinator. Meals on Wheels also provides breakfast to three elementary schools: Columbia, Westbench and Queen's Park.

Every client's needs are different but they have the option of three hot meals per week along with two frozen meals that can be eaten on days when no hot meals are not delivered. The cost is a sliding scale and they pay as much as they can afford."With the drop

in temperatures, this past winter people's heat bills increased so we saw more requests for meals, both frozen and hot, said Jeffries.

All meals are prepared by the hospital and are packaged and delivered by the Meals on Wheels volunteers. The hot meals are prepared Monday, Wednesday and Friday and delivered in styrofoam containers. The containers only last about 3-4 years, "but we make them last longer," laughs Jeffries.

In 2019, the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen provided a grant to purchase new styrofoam containers for the program to replace the ones that were no longer usable." Our program is volunteer run and relies on donations to keep the program going," added Jeffries.

"Sometimes our drivers are the only people our clients see in a week," said Jeffries. "They not only drop off food but they also check in to see how they (clients) are doing and often report back if they see something needs to be addressed," added Jeffries.

"We like to say we are feeding people at the beginning



of their lives (Breakfast program) and at the and at the end of their lives (Meals on Wheels)," added Jeffries.

What happens when you plant seeds of hope in a community that cares?

What if those seeds take the form of a \$180,000 donation for youth and that donation inspires others to collaborate, dream, plan and act to create something special?

While the possibilities in this thought experiment are endless, the reality is five years of successful youth engagement through the YES Project, becoming the eighth location in BC for a Foundry youth service centre, and converting a 21,000 square foot downtown building into an amazingly in1pressive youth service and activity hub.

Anyone who comes and sees the Youth Centre will be impressed, but the numbers behind it tell a pretty compelling story as well. Here's a breakdown:

- \$180,000 Initial estate gift
- \$180,000 Matching gift from United Way
- \$150,000 Rotary Oub of Penticton
- \$400,000 City of Penticton

- \$600,000 Provincial funding
- \$200,000 Anonymous donor
- \$350,000 Hundreds of local donors
- 65Youth Advisors
- 500+ Youth Participants
- 20 community agencies actively collaborating
- 21,000 square foot permanent and self-sustaining youth services hub at 501 Main Street

The YES Project was originally created as a community development project of the Community Foundation with three specific goals: better and more accessible activities for youth; giving Penticton youth a voice and

> platform to express their needs; and opening a youth centre. It has been our honour and pleasure to have been the

backbone organization for this project, but we must acknowledge the many agencies and individuals (both adults and youth) who have made this project possible. Commtmity development projects carmot succeed without broad community support.

With the purchase of the building, and the mid-2019 opening of Foundry Penticton on the main floor, the YES Project will begin transitioning away from the Community Foundation to be incorporated directly into the work of the organizations

that specialize in serving our youth. The Community Foundation will proudly maintain ownership of the building on behalf of the community.

Thank you to the hundreds of donors, volunteers, and community champions that have helped make this project a reality.

Community Funds



Community Funds are established for donors like you who want to increase their charitable giving in the community where they love to live and play. When you **Give Where You Live**, your donation will stay in your community and it will give back to local charities year after year.

SUMMERLAND COMMUNITY FUND

Donors who gave to the **Summerland Fund** helped support programing at the South Okanagan Recope Society. Recope supports over seven-hundred clients a month by providing safe, affordable, rehabilitative fitness programming for people with medical challenges. Offering aquatic therapy, one individual spoke of the benefits, "This program has kept me moving, which is a very important factor of life and health."

OLIVER COMMUNITY FUND

SORCO/ Raptor Rehab Centre received a grant from the **Oliver Fund** to help with construction costs two two flight pens. The newly built pens will help staff and volunteers treat over 150 injured or orphaned birds every year. SORCO is dedicated to rehabilitating injured birds of prey for release back into the wild, and to educating the public on the important role raptors play in maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

SOYOOS COMMUNITY FUND

Donors who gave to the **Osoyoos Fund** provided funding to the Osoyoos Museum Society for technology upgrades to deliver enhanced learning opportunities and services to the 2500+ local and visiting guests. The upgrades will increase access to information and artifacts important to the community when discovering the history of Osoyoos.

LOWER SIMILKAMEEN COMMUNITY FUND

The **Lower Similkameen Fund** supported kitchen renovations at

the Hedley Seniors Centre. Their team of committed volunteers opens the centre every morning for coffee and host several community gatherings and dinners throughout the year. "Our kitchen is a better place to make and serve our famous Pancake Breakfast to the public, thank you CFSOS", wrote the Treasurer to the Foundation. Take note readers, the HSC pancake breakfast is held every second Sunday of the month.



Residents who gave to the **Princeton and District Fund** supported the Vermillion Forks Elementary School After School Homework and Recreation Club program. Students who participated in the program saw an increase in their grades, as well as, gained greater confidence in their social and behavioural skills. "Thank you for the grant to the after school club. I like how we get to finish homework and play fun games in the gym", wrote one student from VFES.

Giving where you live, creates a lasting impact for present and future generations. Thanks to those who are working for and believing in their community's future. If you would like to give directly to your community fund, contact CFSOS today.



Merle Waite – Legacy Club Member

Merle Waite is a quiet, kindhearted woman from Penticton who made an important decision to create lasting impact in the community.

Since moving to Penticton, Merle has done some casual work and has spent time volunteering at community events such as Ironman, Festof-Ale, and with charities like Critter-aid, and the Soupeteria. Merle has also rescued 4 cats and 2 dogs from the SPCA.

Merle's biggest passions are gardening and animals. In fact,

it is because of her deep love of animals that she always knew she would support animal welfare charities in her will.

"I was always planning to leave money to support animals," said Waite."I spoke with the Community Foundation staff and felt the best way to do that was to create an endowment fund so that it continues rather than being a one time donation," added Waite.

There are several ways to create an endowment fund from one's Will, with the most common method being to designate the Community Foundation as a beneficiary in the Will.

"It's good to have a written contract in place so that it's not something you're thinking about," said Waite. The Community Foundation is now very clear about Merle's wishes for her fund and will work to honour her wishes forever. Legacy

Merle Waite, Legacy Club Member