

**YOUR COMMUNITY  
MAKES YOU**

**AND YOU MAKE  
YOUR COMMUNITY**

**2017  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**THROUGH YOUR  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

**BRINGING PEOPLE  
AND CAUSES  
TOGETHER**

**TO CREATE  
SMART & CARING  
COMMUNITIES**





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Marielle Brule  
President**

As chair of the board of the Community Foundation, I wish to congratulate our staff, board and volunteers on some significant milestones in the 25th year of the Foundation. We have worked towards our goal of building healthy and vibrant communities in our region and this has stretched our capacity as

well as our ability to envision the future. Together we explored the potential for changes "at home" by learning about how others across Canada approach the unique issues facing them. This has inspired us to think big and believe that as a philanthropic leader we can be a catalyst for change in the communities we serve.

I am proud of our community partners who have joined us in this journey. There is no one answer to the challenges we face, so it takes all of us working together to build a community that thrives. I am privileged to be in a position to see business owners, community leaders and grass roots citizens so deeply committed to their community and taking part in initiatives like:

- Several hundred men and women choosing to give on a quarterly basis and learn about the needs from local charities.
- The city supporting a major community initiative by exploring options of gifting for a Youth Centre.
- Donors making choices to support areas of need in the community.
- The 27 community groups coming together to make a dream of a youth centre much closer to reality.
- Rotary members stepping up to donate to the YES project.
- Youth fundraising to help each other for the betterment of all.
- Neighbours choosing to apply for a grant to share their time and energy together.
- Volunteers coming together to steward the decisions of the YES program.
- 31 community volunteers guiding the granting to worthy charities in Summerland, the Lower Similkameen, Penticton, Princeton, Oliver, and Osoyoos, to ensure local choices for local needs.

"Community" has a very broad and inclusive meaning to me – it is small groups with things in common; it is folks with similar talents; it is a feeling of wanting to belong; it is who we are as members of our towns. Because of the commitment of each of you, we continue to deepen our knowledge and engage our citizens in making our communities thrive.

## BOARD MEMBERS



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## THE LEADING EDGE OF COMMUNITY IMPACT

Canada's first community foundation was the Winnipeg Foundation, created in 1921. The oldest community foundation in the world is the Cleveland Foundation, founded in 1914. In the 104 years since the community philanthropy model was created the core business of community foundations remains largely unchanged:

- We help donors increase their impact by pooling their donations.
- We ensure a legacy impact by preserving the original donation.
- We invest donor gifts and make grants to charities from investment income.

That model has been remarkably successful. The Community Foundation of the South Okanagan | Similkameen has granted \$3.9 million since 1991 and currently manages in excess of \$10 million. Nationally, the 191 community foundations in Canada grant more than \$266 million per year to local charities and manage more than \$5.4 billion in assets.

This business model has been massively successful for our communities, but there is more we can do. The new Penticton Youth Centre is an example of how we can "double our impact" with strategic community investments.

Sparked by a bequest from the estate of Rohan Crompton-Bell, the new Youth Centre is one of the three pillars of the Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) Project, a four year-old program of the Foundation. The initial bequest of \$180,000 has been pooled with other gifts to purchase a 21,000 square foot building at 501 Main Street, with more than \$1 million raised to date.

The youth centre building will become home to Foundry Penticton ([www.foundrybc.ca](http://www.foundrybc.ca)), housed in 6,000 square feet on the first floor. The 2nd floor will be occupied by ARC Programs, YMCA, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. The basement will remain empty in the short term in order to allow for expansion of programs.

### The social benefits of investing in this building:

- Providing youth-serving agencies with a central location for collaborating and working together will improve outcomes for youth in need.
- Providing youth and their families with a single location to access care will simplify and streamline the service they receive.
- Providing young people with a space for healthy events, activities and social interactions will help them feel more connected with each other and the community.

### The financial benefits of owning 501 Main Street:

- The building is self-sustaining with rental income.
- Upon completion of the \$3 million fundraising campaign, the building will generate approximately \$150,000 in net income. This income, like the rest of our investment income, will be used for granting to local charities.

The Board of the Foundation is proud of this significant milestone and the opportunity to create both financial and social benefit by working with many community partners and donors. 501 Main Street will create a legacy of collaboration, caring support, sustainable youth programming, and significant annual granting.

The Community Foundation of the South Okanagan | Similkameen has become the first community foundation in Canada to own a community asset purely for community good.





## 2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

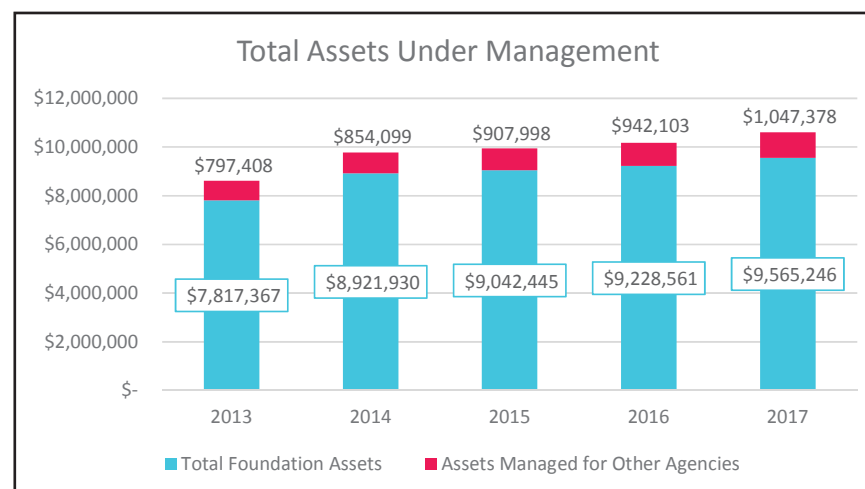
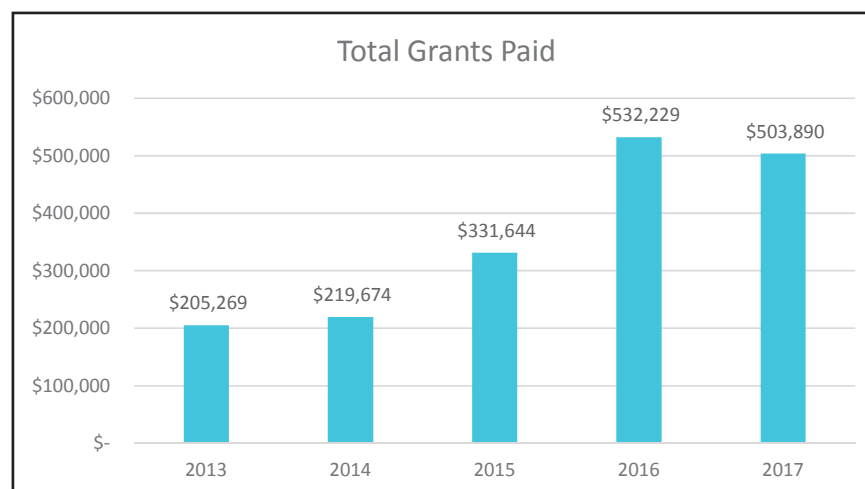
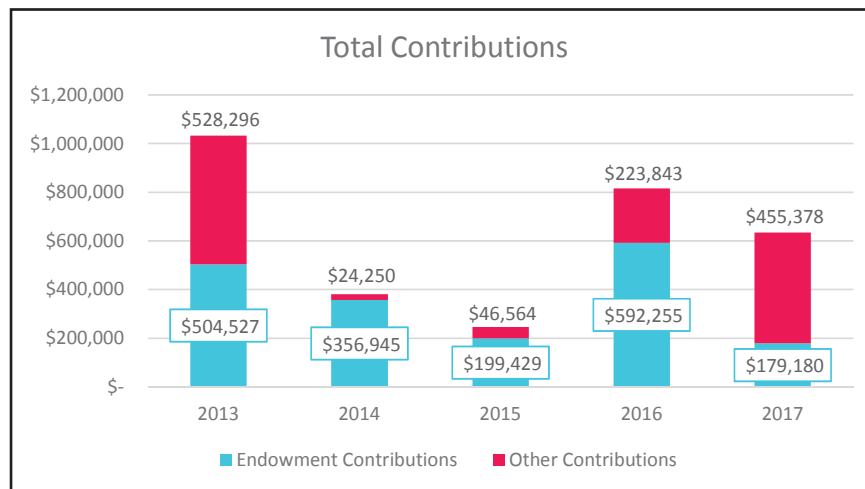
### Summarized Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2017 with comparative information for 2016

	2017	2016
Cash and cash equivalents	111,073	105,207
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	599,977	778,700
Goods and services tax recoverable	2,436	2,636
Investments, measured at fair value	9,565,246	9,228,561
Tangible capital assets	1,347	1,989
Deposits and prepaid expenses	306,222	5,956
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10,586,301</b>	<b>10,123,049</b>
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21,493	17,522
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>21,493</b>	<b>17,522</b>
<b>Net assets:</b>		
Invested in tangible capital assets	1,347	1,989
Unrestricted	105,946	127,018
Endowments	8,010,062	7,900,493
Retained returns from investments	1,496,603	1,421,063
Other restricted	950,850	654,964
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>10,564,808</b>	<b>10,105,527</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>10,586,301</b>	<b>10,123,049</b>

### Summarized Statement of Operations for the year-ended December 31, 2017 with comparative information for 2016

	2017	2016
Investment income	583,603	320,756
Gains on investments	97,248	405,245
Less: investment management fees	(55,736)	(53,096)
Gifts for long term granting	179,180	592,255
Flow through gifts	455,378	223,843
Other income	220,979	168,017
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,480,652</b>	<b>1,657,020</b>
Grants paid	503,890	532,229
Administrative expenses	374,304	251,599
Fundraising expenses	43,177	40,699
Reclassification of endowment funds	100,000	-
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,021,371</b>	<b>824,527</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>459,281</b>	<b>832,493</b>

\*Audited Financial Statements were provided by KPMG



## Foundation Highlights

Since 2009, when the Foundation hired its first full time employee,

- Foundation assets have grown by \$6 million;
- Annual granting has increased by \$300,000 per year;
- Total granting in our history has grown from \$1.5 million to more than \$4.2 million.





# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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### AGENCY GRANTS

- Friends of the Summerland Gardens
- NK'MIP Desert Heritage Society
- Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
- Okanagan College Foundation
- Okanagan Symphony Society - Penticton Branch
- Penticton & District Community Arts Council
- Penticton & District Community Resources Society
- Penticton Art Gallery
- Penticton Public Library
- South Okanagan Secondary School
- South Okanagan Similkameen Mental Wellness Society
- South Okanagan Women in Need
- The Land Conservancy - Okanagan Region
- United Way of the Central Okanagan Similkameen

### DESIGNATED GRANTS

- AlleyCats Alliance Society
- Canadian Freestyle Ski Association
- Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society
- Friends of the Summerland Gardens
- Island Mountain Arts
- Kiwanis Music Festival
- 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 Public Library
- Penticton Secondary School
- Penticton Secondary Schools Bursary
- Committee "Penticton Community Concerts Scholarship"
- School District No. 53 - Okanagan Similkameen
- School District No. 53 - Okanagan

- Similkameen for South Okanagan Secondary School
- School District No. 58 - Nicola
- Similkameen for Princeton Secondary School Bursary
- School District No. 67 - Okanagan Skaha - split between Princess Margaret and Penticton Secondary Schools
- South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation
- South Okanagan Women in Need
- Town of Osoyoos - Pioneer Walkway
- UBC Okanagan
- YES Project

### DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

- Agur Lake
- Alzheimer Society of British Columbia
- Civilian Sponsoring Committee for 232 Bighorn Squadron RCAC
- Dragonfly Pond
- Nature Conservancy of Canada - Southern Interior Region
- Nickel Plate Nordic Centre
- Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
- Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance - Meadowlark Festival
- Oliver & District Heritage Society
- OSNS
- School District No. 67 - Okanagan Skaha
- School District No. 67 - Okanagan
- Skaha for Columbia Elementary Breakfast Program
- School District No. 67 - Okanagan Skaha for Summerland Royalty Pageant
- South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls
- South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program
- South Okanagan Similkameen Mental Wellness Society

- South Okanagan Women in Need
- YES Project

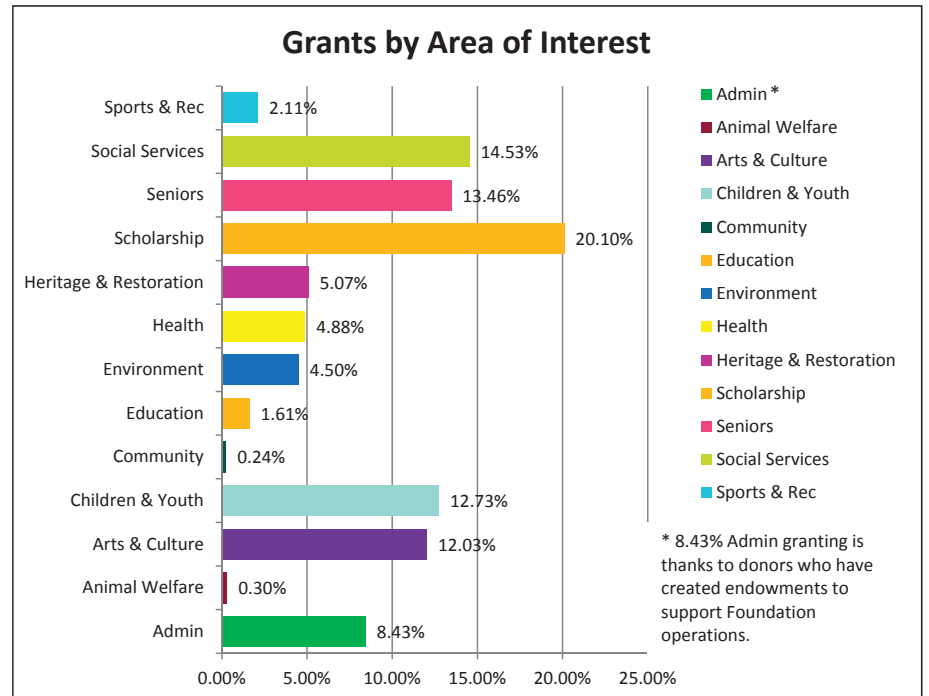
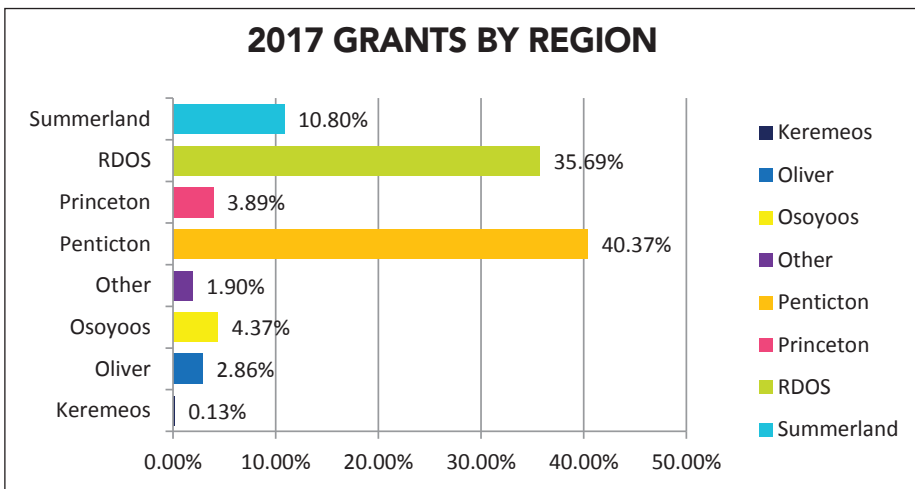
### RESPONSIVE GRANTS

- Accessible Okanagan
- Canadian Red Cross
- Dragonfly Pond
- Erris Volunteer Fire Assoc
- FarmFolk, CityFolk
- Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
- Okanagan College Foundation
- Okanagan Falls Seniors Centre
- Okanagan Historical Society
- Okanagan School of the Arts
- Oonakane Friendship Centre
- OSNS
- Osoyoos Desert Society
- Pathways Addiction Resource Society Penticton & Area Access Centre
- Penticton & District Community Resources Society
- Penticton Recovery Resource Centre
- Princeton Family Resources Society
- Princeton Seniors Drop In Centre
- School District No. 53 - Okanagan Similkameen for Cawston Primary School PAC
- School District No. 53 - Okanagan Similkameen for Tuc El Nuit PAC
- School District No. 67 - Okanagan Skaha for Giant's Head Elementary Breakfast Program
- School District No. 67 - Okanagan Skaha for Okanagan Falls Elementary PAC
- Sing for Your Life
- South Okanagan Seniors Wellness Society
- South Okanagan Women in Need

- SS Sicamous Marine Heritage Society
- Summerland Asset Development Initiative
- Summerland Community Arts Council
- Summerland Food Bank
- The Arthritis Society
- YMCA

### BURSARIES

- Amaya Black
- Brenna Hannon
- Canadian College of Performing Arts - Krista-Marie Goss
- Grant MacEwan University - Madison Terbasket Winner
- Kiara Felts
- MAIWA - Bethany Handfield
- Okanagan College - Laura Doherty
- Okanagan College - Meghan Vetsch
- Okanagan College - Melissa Kruger
- Okanagan College - Morgan Grigg
- Okanagan School of the Arts - Bethany Handfield
- Olds College - Sasha Mandaione
- Simon Fraser University - Emma Thomson
- Thompson Rivers University - Josh Pozzobon
- University of British Columbia (Okanagan) - Carson Stocker
- University of British Columbia (Okanagan) - Emily Bowen
- University of Victoria - Lyndzie Caron
- Wynn Nordlund



## Congratulations to the Community Foundation South Okanagan Similkameen

on their 2017 Annual Report. Local people have supported their Community Foundation for 26 years creating funds for bursaries, charities, community events and so much more.

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## 2017 FUND BALANCES

### Under \$10,000

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  
 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  
 Osoyoos 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 & Debbie Bell 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 and Charles 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  
 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

### \$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  
 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

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

<b>117</b>	
<b>Endowment Funds</b>	
Administrative Funds	6
Agency Funds	18
Community Funds	6
Designated Funds	39
Donor Advised	17
Field of Interest (Discretionary)	29
Term Endowment	2



## NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL GRANTS

In 2017 twenty-four applications from folks across the South Okanagan and Similkameen were awarded a Neighbourhood Small Grant of up to \$500 to build connections and belonging right on the street where they live.

The idea behind the Neighbourhood Small Grants program is to inspire residents who have small but powerful ideas to bring people together and build community. This year, each event was unique, ranging from gatherings of 25 to over 100 people. Each event had lots of different elements, like face painting, live music, and all ages contests and hands-on projects. Events included gatherings: street and beach "meet & greets" or "parties with a purpose"; some shared their skills with gardening & foodie workshops. Others showed their neighbours how to build and install bluebird nesting boxes; while some folks choose to do beautification or clean-up projects in their alleys and common greenspaces and habitat restoration, including the removal of invasive species and replanting. Finally, others celebrated the diversity in their community by culture sharing with a Taiko drumming workshop, feast, and concert.

NSG event highlight: Kaleden Banner Project

In the community of Kaleden, neighbours applied their NSG award toward a day of outdoor activities, including painting banners to commemorate the day. The event took place during a hot afternoon in August at the beach, and the setting where many families who had never met were introduced to each other. By planning an event where all ages and abilities can participate, a banner project was a nice fit for the community.

Neighbours took great interest in each other's banners, offered suggestions, shared paint, and volunteered to help each other. "Expert" volunteers came from the Summerland Art Centre to share their knowledge, resources and equipment, such as stretchers and brushes. Local artists in the community helped other participants who were more hesitant in mixing paints or applying it to their banners. Participants became comfortable with the activities and felt 'freer' in expressing themselves and this showed in the banners that will be hung this spring throughout the community.

People laughed, took risks, worked together, held one another's



banners taut to apply paint and generally had a great time and were amazed at what they created. A senior buddy created a banner with her school aged buddy from the Seniors and Kids program. One neighbour with Parkinson's Disease had helping hands from other participants who helped her paint her banner so that the banner was her creation. "By far the most memorable experience was watching the children and parents complete their banners,

witnessing the joy they took, the conversations that happened among and across the families, most memorably between the 5-year-old and his mother and the senior buddy and the school-aged child" noted one of the project leaders.

"I now know a much broader range of people in the community. Kids from the local school stop me on the street to say hi; parents wave when they drive by or still comment to me at other community events

about how much they enjoyed the experience, and can't wait for the banners to be hung. I would say everyone who participated now knows people they didn't know before because people from all over the community participated in the event."

Who knew there was so much local talent tucked away in the little community of Kaleden?

How do you inspire community and belonging in your neighbourhood?

### Okanagan College Daycare Centre

In 2017, the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen granted just over \$7,000 to the Okanagan College Foundation to help fund the outdoor play area for their onsite daycare, which opened this past September. The Little Learners Academy is operated through the OneSky Community Resources, formerly the Penticton and District Community Resources Society.

The outdoor play areas are currently equipped with grass, toys and play equipment. A comprehensive plan for outdoor play and landscaping will incorporate research findings to enhance the early childhood learning experience.

Registration is open to families in the South Okanagan, including College students and employees. Approximately 25 percent of current families enrolled have a formal connection to Okanagan College - 7 students (3 of which are full time) and 2 staff.

The Community Foundation's Grant Committee reviewed more than 80 applications and this project was near the top of the list," said Aaron McRann, Executive Director of the Community Foundation.

"It resonated because everyone in the region is affected directly or indirectly by the challenges of finding child care and understands the need for quality early childhood education."

"The significance of the new centre goes beyond the boundaries of our campus and will benefit the community and economy," explains Kathy Butler, Executive Director of the Okanagan College Foundation.



"Having a daycare onsite at the College goes beyond just childcare it allows parents to enter or stay in the workforce or focus on their own education," added Butler.

The project also involved students in the Residential Construction and Women in Trades Gateway Programs that were involved in building sheds, mud kitchens, and shelters associated with the outdoor play areas.

### Edith Forster Legacy Fund

Kelly and her mother, Edith, both had a love of animals and particularly, cats.

Kelly always had cats when she was growing up and they often took in stray cats. When Edith passed away in 2017, Kelly knew she wanted to find a way to remember her mother but in a manner that gave back to a cause close to both of their hearts.

Once she settled the estate, it did not seem right that not only was her mother gone but also it felt like she would only live on in Kelly's memories.

She struggled to find a way to commemorate the memories of her beloved mother.

Because Kelly had a close connection to the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen as an employee for the past five years, she was familiar with the idea of legacy giving. She decided to create a legacy fund with the Community Foundation dedicated to Edith's memory to ensure she would live on in the form of supporting animals.

The Edith Forster Legacy Fund is a designated fund meaning that Kelly has given the Foundation direction to take the income earned on her fund and disburse it to local organizations that support animals.

Kelly liked the idea that the fund she set up in her mom's name would be supporting animals and she didn't have the burden of having to decide where the money went, it was pre-designated in her contract which organizations she chose to support. Donors can have as much or as little interaction with their fund and as a donor, each year Kelly will receive a report on how much her fund dispersed and the amount that went to the charities she chose.

Losing a parent is a difficult and emotional process and finding a way to keep their memory alive is even more difficult. For some, supporting a cause that commemorates a person keeps their memory alive.

The Edith Forster Legacy Fund accepts donations on the CFSOS website, meaning any of Edith's family or friends can donate to the fund if they wish.





## SOCIAL GIVING



Some of the 100 Women members at a quarterly event held in June of 2017.



**Check out: [www.100womensouthokanagan.com](http://www.100womensouthokanagan.com)**

In 2013 a group of local women gathered to learn about the 100 Women Who Care concept- pooling their donations together to make a bigger impact to their community. Although group giving is not a new concept it was something new to the Foundation. It has been incredibly successful and they continue to increase their membership each year.

- 150 members and growing!
- Donated over \$60,000 since 2014
- Given to over 25 local charities
- Meet 4 times a year
- Donate \$50 per quarter
- All donations receive a tax receipt



Two of the 100 Men Who Care committee stand with the three recipient charities from a past event.



**Check out: [www.100menpenticton.com](http://www.100menpenticton.com)**

The 100 Men Who Care Penticton have 110 members and have donated over \$43,000 to 21 local organizations.

- Over 100 members and growing!
- Donated over \$43,000
- Given to over 20 local charities
- Meet 4 times a year
- Donate \$100 per quarter
- All donations receive a tax receipt

### Give Where You Live

Whether you live in Osoyoos, Oliver, Penticton, Summerland, the Lower Similkameen, or in the Princeton region, you can give directly to your community's own Community Fund. **Give Where You Live**, means your donation stays right in your community, and local non-profits can continue to fulfil their mission while improving our quality of life. We know you love your community, and you can help make a big difference right where you live.

The community funds are affiliate funds of CFSOS, and like other endowment funds, your donation is 100% permanently invested. The income generated by the capital flows back to the community in the form of grants eligible charities and activities; donations provide lasting support for local needs and priorities that you care about.

Since the establishment of the community funds in 2013, they have grown by the generosity of it's past and present citizens. Many have already given back to the community where they've lived, worked, raised their family, and played. People want to be a part of strengthening their community.

In 2017, donors who gave directly to their Community Fund saw their generosity turn into real impact. Donations to the Oliver Fund supported Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School. The grant helped expand the school's breakfast and lunch program. "Making sure all students have bellies full of quality, healthy food not only means they'll be able to focus and engage far better during class time, it means they'll be happier and healthier too." Wrote a PAC volunteer.



Okanagan Falls Elementary School PAC received a grant to purchase ukulele's to contribute to the school's music program. This grant was made possible through local community funds that support communities like Okanagan Falls.

The Osoyoos Fund supported the Osoyoos Desert Centre for costs towards the Bluebird Viewing Deck. The viewing deck will benefit the community by enriching the experience for guests to observe the bluebirds and learn what they can do to help bluebird populations. The deck is scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2018. We recommend a visit.

Students from the Cawston Primary School benefited from the Lower Similkameen Fund. The school's PAC

purchased a water bottle re-fill station, "On behalf of the students, we would like to thank the Lower Similkameen Community Fund for their financial support in making our school a little bit healthier and kids will go the extra few meters to fill their water bottles from that fountain. Kids love it!"

We encourage you to give directly to your local Community Fund, and watch your gift grown and give back to the community you love, year after year.