



Here at the Foundation, we're having a great start to fall! We welcomed our legacy club members to an afternoon social, 100 Men ventured to a Summerland cidery, 100 Women are set to meet at Match Eatery, the Table Talks initiative is getting underway, and the Foundation Grants cycle is now open and taking applications until mid-October!

A lot of great things are happening around here and we'd love to have you join us in making our communities better places to live, work and play for everyone!

- Aaron McRann, Executive Director

Apply for a Community Foundation Grant Today!



Calling all charities: apply for funding for your organization's current needs – whether that's for projects, programs, capital improvements, equipment, technology upgrades or for operational costs!

In 2022, the Penticton Arts Council applied for operations funding, which has become an investment that keeps on giving. Staff funding boosted their ability to raise far more revenue and lifted their profile by allowing them to attend many community events such as youth week! [Read their story here](#)

Read more stories from charities who received funding last year!

[Students find success at after-school program](#)

[Grant offers second chance at life and recovery.](#)

[Funding ignites local arts community.](#)

[Boost to Summerland Arts Council gift shop](#)

*During this fall cycle, we have more than \$200,000 available! **Application deadline: October 14th.** Visit <https://www.cfso.net/apply-for-a-grant/> for more information and to apply.*

Our Elevator Pitch: Funding Needed for Renos at Youth Centre!



Demand for services has increased dramatically, creating an urgent need for more space and improved accessibility at the Penticton Youth Centre.

Are you a donor who can help 'pitch in' to donate towards creating new meeting space and installing a much-needed elevator? [Contact us here.](#)

Just within the last year:

- 900+ youth accessed 5,000+ services at the Foundry, a 58% increase in demand.
- 200+ youth and families accessed ARC Programs -- ranging from intervention to treatment and rehabilitation.
- 45% of youth clients responded in a survey that if the Centre was unavailable, they wouldn't have received the help they needed, or known where to go to seek help.

**Stay tuned for a new Impact Report for the Penticton Youth Centre.
If you would like to receive a printed copy please [send us an email.](#)**

Spotlight on Princeton's Flood Recovery

It's been almost one year since the devastating floods in Princeton. Recovery work is well underway with more than \$1 million in support provided by donations to the Princeton Flood Relief Fund. Read about the latest community endeavours to lift spirits and continue recovery efforts.



100 Years of Help

St. Paul's United Church is capping off more than 100 years in Princeton with a final gift to the community – a donation of almost \$25,000 to the Princeton Flood Relief Fund. While the doors of St. Paul's United are closed, Ernie Lawrence, the church's last trustee, takes comfort knowing that their donation continues to support the community. [Read the full story here](#)

The Princeton Flood Relief Fund which opened in November 2021, in partnership with the Town of Princeton and the Community Foundation, closed in July 2022.



Homecoming Block Party

After months of rebuilding, cleaning up and overcoming hardships, a couple of Princeton residents brought some cheer into their community with a recent block party, funded through the Neighbourhood Small Grants program.

"Many people are in transition and that's kind of a hopeful thing saying it's a homecoming because some of us have been back on the block for quite a while, and some others aren't there yet," says Todd Davidson who was an event organizer, and one of the dozens of homeowners badly hit by the floods back in November. [Read the full story here](#)



Community Leaders Workshop: Supporting Care for Alcohol Use Disorder in Princeton

We're inviting community leaders in Princeton to **learn about successful treatment approaches** for alcohol use currently being championed by healthcare providers, and **to learn about the important role leaders can play** in helping individuals and a community recover.

Save-the-date: Nov. 16th for this event, co-hosted by the Foundation and the Canadian Alcohol Use Disorder Society.

This treatment approach can eliminate cravings, making a full recovery possible for just about everyone. Read more in [the Similkameen Spotlight](#) or visit the Canadian AUD Society [website](#). **If you are a community leader in Princeton (in health, education, justice, government, traditional/spiritual, or community services) and are interested in attending this free workshop, please [contact us](#).**

Giving to your Community: Legacy Club Event



This year, we partnered up with the Penticton & District Community Arts Council and the Penticton Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts to host an afternoon of art, music and good company. **Our legacy donors enjoyed a first-look of the Aging Well exhibition, performances by three students of the Penticton Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts, and words of wisdom from Legacy Club members, Peter Hay and Dorothea Atwater.**

"It is nice to meet people who share a commitment to the community and to share perspectives," said Lynn and Brian Jackson. "The Leir House was also a great location and we enjoyed visiting with the artists and hearing some musicians."

"It was great to see people that I haven't seen for over two years and everybody was so friendly it made it a great event," adds Merle Waite.

We are grateful for the opportunity to thank our Legacy Club members in-person for their commitment to making a lasting impact on the community. In addition we'd like to thank Bella Vita Flowers, Honey Toast and Wayne & Freda for generously providing florals, treats and beverages for the event.

Are you interesting in becoming a Legacy Club member? Learn more [here](#).

Neighbourhood BBQs and Block Parties



If you've seen a neighbourhood block party pop up around the region, it's likely thanks to funding from **Neighbourhood Small Grants**, a program designed to help neighbours make their communities better places to live. In Oliver, Arbour Lane residents gathered in the sunshine to BBQ and hang out with each other. And everyone went home with a craft and a tub of tulips to brighten their street in the spring. [Read more](#)

Coming to the Table

We're excited to announce that Table Talks, a partnership with the Community Foundation and [IndigenEYEZ](#), is up and running. Our first group of volunteers has just started their training, preparing to host meaningful conversations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

Welcome Cohort #1! [Learn more](#)



Celebrating 20 Years of Giving



Knights of Pythias Penticton

Knights of Pythias Penticton Lodge were [in the news](#) for their recent donation to 9 charities. They've been giving back to the community through the Knights of Pythias Legacy Fund for 20 years! This fund was established after the wind-down of their recycling program which over the years had raised more than \$300,000.

[Read more here.](#)

Join an Event!

*Get together at quarterly **100 Women & 100 Men** socials for food, fun and an opportunity to donate to local charity!*

We are excited to announce that the **next 100 Women event** will be held on **Sept 29th, 5pm – 7pm at Match Eatery at the Casino**. [RSVP for the September 29th event here!](#) If you have any questions, please email 100women@cfso.net.



Thanks to all the women who came to our summer event at Play Winery, with the local CMHA Branch taking home \$3,350, and runners up, the South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation and Canadian Food for Children receiving \$500 each.



100 Men gathered at the Summerland Heritage Cider Company on Sept. 13th for ciders, smoked meat sandwiches, and to give to a good cause. This time a total of \$7,700 was given to three charities: the Speedway Foundation's school breakfast program, South Okanagan Loss Society, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

[Sign up for the next event Nov. 29th, or read more!](#)

Local grants manager selected to run national program

We are thrilled to announce that our Grants Manager, Sarah Trudeau, has been handpicked by Community Foundations Canada to help the run a national grants program.

“We’re so proud that Sarah’s talent has been recognized and that she will be representing the regional and rural perspective on a bigger stage,” says Aaron McRann, executive director.

In this temporary position, Trudeau will continue living in Penticton, with occasional travel to Toronto to help administer federal recovery funding to be distributed across the country.



New Faces



Welcome Kevin Ronaghan, Grants Administrator

"I'm thrilled to be joining the CFSOS team as Grants Administrator. Our community foundation is a vital, innovative and forward-thinking organization, and I'm very pleased to be contributing to its work.

I look forward to helping connect our grantees with financial resources to assist their efforts in building healthy, vibrant and inclusive communities across the South Okanagan Similkameen region."

Words of Wisdom



Past Board members, Kim Lyster (l) and Marielle Brule (r), recently shared what they loved about their volunteer work with the Community Foundation, providing words of wisdom and telling us about their future plans. Read [Kim's story here](#) and [Marielle's story here](#)

Contact us

As your charity experts, we offer a wide variety of ways for people to donate and give back to their community and the region. We also help individuals and organizations fund projects, programs and

events that they care deeply about.
Find out how we can help you make your community a better place to live.
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