

# 20 ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the BC Interior Community Foundation (BCICF), I am pleased to share this 2020 Annual Report. Whether as a Member, Fund-holder or Donor, our supporters come from all walks of life. The thread that binds us is our shared commitment to an improved quality of life for residents throughout communities in the Thompson – Nicola and South Cariboo regions.

Our impacts are broad and significant. For 2020, we dispersed \$336,834 across our communities. Of that total, \$35,890 was allocated to scholarships / bursaries, and, nearly \$67,000 in Community Project Grants. Whether funding educational aspirations or supporting charitable agencies in their program delivery and operations, we are committed to being responsive and equitable.

In addition to our core service delivery in 2020 the BCICF was asked to support the rollout of the federal Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) within our region (adjudicating and distributing nearly \$220,000 in federal grant dollars to help offset impacts from the COVID 19 pandemic). The Stollery Charitable Foundation and Vancouver Foundation also continue to be key partners in funding important local projects. We are grateful for their respective support.

One of the key features of our continued success, is our competitive value for service – only a 1% commission is charged for BCICF administration – and that fee is levied on the annual, earned interest only, never the endowed principal or donations. Value, Integrity and Impact – again, Thank You for the continued support of your Community Foundation!

~ Rob Lemire, President

### — TESTIMONIALS

"The Library Learning Commons project has transformed the school library into an exciting place for reading, writing and learning collaboratively. A variety of moveable furniture and equipment make the space versatile, allowing for multiple configurations for a variety of school and community purposes. This great space promotes a love of exploring, thinking, rethinking, innovating and creating, and encourages critical thinking while also helping students to develop their communication skills for working with others."

~ South Sa-Hali Elementary School Parents Advisory Committee

"I want to say thank you so much for supporting my university education and more broadly the youth in the Kamloops Community. I plan on attending University of British Columbia and will also be playing on the varsity rugby team. This scholarship will go a long way towards paying tuition, allowing me to focus more on athletics and academics. Thank you again."

~ Halle Smith, Don MacKenzie Memorial Fund Scholarship Recipient

"Our child has an invisible disability, which masks so much of the everyday challenges he faces. At 11, he had never been able to go to a sleep over camp due to his impulse issues and developmentally younger abilities. He would cry that he didn't get the same opportunities as his more typical older sister. This was such a cherished opportunity for him! And we have definitely seen his spirits and confidence rise as a result. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

~ Parents of a Zajac Camper

"I am very grateful and thankful for this support to my education. Because of this bursary, I am able to focus more on my studies and less on work. I am looking forward to my first year at university and becoming a teacher. I am one step closer to achieving my education and career goals."

~ Jasmine Carr, Howling Coyote Education Fund Bursary Recipient



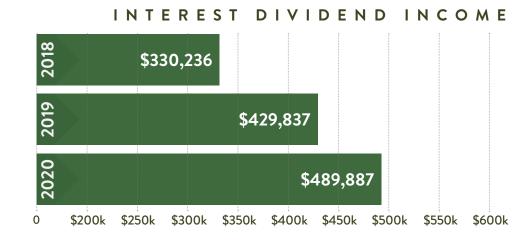


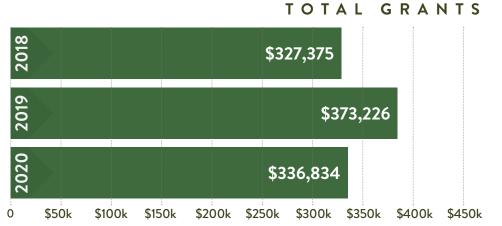






### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS







2018 ~ **\$8,444,744** | 2019 ~ **\$9,357,088** | 2020 ~ **\$9,639,842** 

TOTAL ENDOWED VALUE

BOARD & STAFF

# COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT RECIPIENTS

### BC Wildlife Park

Grant to assist with the construction of a large animal quarantine building, part of the Fawcett Family Wildlife Centre

### Big Little Science Centre

Grant to assist with a dedicated presentation space at their new facility

Thompson Valley Chapter – Funding for materials for arts & crafts

### Grasslands Conservation Council of BC

Grant funding for printing "Grasslands BC" Publication

### Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada

Funding to assist with the Kamloops Diabetic Clinics TD1 Mentorship program and "Bag of Hope" kits in the Kamloops region

### Kamloops Child Development Centre

Grant for purchase of equipment and toys for the newly developed space

### Kamloops Music Collective

Grant to assist with the purchase of a digital scenic backdrop for musical theatre

### Kamloops Food Policy Council

Grant to assist with the restoration of the irrigation system

### Kamloops Hospice Association

Funding to assist with the purchase of materials and supplies for the Willow Tree Children's Grief Group

### Lillooet Area Library Association

Funding to go towards the Art Makerspace program - materials and supplies

### Minerva BC

Grant to support the virtual conference 2020

### Pregnancy Care Centre of Kamloops

Funding to assist the Holistic Wellness Initiative

### Zajac Ranch for Children

Funds to sponsor one camper from the Interior Region to attend the 2020 camp

# Art with Impact Canada

To host a virtual Movies for Mental Health Online (M4MHO) workshop to support mental wellness for TRU Students/Kamloops Area Residents

### Barriere Recreation Society / District of Barriere

Assistance to paint the floor of the curling ice rink

### Junior Achievement BC

Funding for Bright Futures for Kamloops Youth – program materials and student kits

### Kamloops Arts Council

Grant to assist with rental and promotions of the annual Christmas at the Courthouse and Small/Works during Covid-19

### Logan Lake Wellness, Health & Youth Society

Grant funding for their 2021 Spring Break Camp to assist with materials and supplies

# The Mustard Seed Kamloops

Funding for their Advocate Program to assist with direct program cost such as bus passes, and ID cards

### Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge

Grant to purchase a heated automatic water trough system for the Infirmary Building

Beverly Bullock Outdoor Education Fund

Brandon Kirk Hein Memorial Fund

The Edith Noble Memorial Fund

Friends of Errol Wild Fund

The Heritage Fair Fund

Interior Savings Community Builder Fund
The Jacob Befurt Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jesstin Zulinick Memorial Fund John Willoughby Scholarship Fund

Kamloops Minor Baseball – "Diamonds & Dreams" Fund

The Kamloops Seniors Citizens Housing Society Fund

The Kamloops Seniors Citizens Housing Society Palliative Care Fund

The Kirsten Fund

The Koslowski/Scarborough Fund

Lore Dominik Endowment Fund

Merlin Books Fund Merritt Community Fund

Murray Family Fund

NorKam 2011 Grad Fund

NorKam 2013 Grad Fund

NorKam IB Financial Assistance Fund

The Pat Behe and Stan Bennett First Nations Education Fund

Pat Richardson Bursary Fund

Peter Collins Memorial Fund Peter G. Botta Memorial Fund

Richard Dickens Music Scholarship Fund

Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic Women's League Fund

Sk'elep School of Excellance Scholarship Bursary Fund Sons of Norway, Leif Erikson Lodge Fund

St. Andrew's Caledonian Society Fund

The Stollery Charitable Foundation Fund

Vincent Spina Scholarship Fund Wally Denault Memorial Scholarship Fund

Women Helping Women

Youth and Education Field of Interest Fund

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